

INDIA MISSION NEWS.

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A Happy and Prosperous New Year to All.

The missionaries left their work and stations several times in December to attend the Missionaries' Annual Business Meeting, Holiday Evangelistic Meetings, and S. S. and Church Conferences.

Due to press of work, the station items were not available and will not appear in this number of the news letter. Some touring has been done from Ghatula and Sankra and the work is encouraging in the villages. Scriptures are being sold, tracts distributed, sick people treated and the Gospel message is finding its way into the hearts of many. While on tour the first evening in camp, a tiger carried away a cow from near Bro. Lapp's tent. Effort was made to kill the tiger and the noise of jungle beaters drove him near one of the hunters but the confusion caused by a village man led the tiger to hide behind thick bushes, and he finally ran away from the hunters. His fierce growl told his location.

Mary Good's and Lois Lapp's sailing date has been changed frequently by the ship Company. The latest is January, 12th. We shall feel their absence from our Circle very much. Our prayers go with them.

Bro. and Sister Graber and Sisters Kanagy and Hartzler landed in Bombay, Dec., 29th and arrived in Dhamtari Dec., 31st. Evangelistic meetings and Conferences being in session, no one from here met them at Bombay but arrangements were made to have friends there meet them and assist them. G. J. Lapp and E. E. Miller met them at Raipur in two motors and thus made it possible for them to be present at the last session of our Evangelistic meetings which were held at Balodgahan. Here in the Church they were welcomed by all the missionaries and their children (save Sister Lapp who was caring for Lois at the bungalow. Lois was having malaria fever) and about 600 Indian Christians. They seemed as happy to be in India as we all are to have them. They report a very pleasant voyage all the way.

After a few remarks by each of them we listened to the last of a series of seven most helpful and heart searching ser-

mons given by Jno. R. Netram an Indian Evangelist from Northern India. He has a message and is a power for much good. The meetings were well attended and interest good. Without any outward demonstrations the spirit was quietly at work. Jno. R. Netram's life and experience and vision back of his message made his efforts among us a great blessing. He is out in Evangelistic work among the more educated classes continually, often not seeing his family for 3 months at a time. Through such men India will come to know Jesus as her Saviour.

The Business Meeting was held in the Sunderganj Church at Dhamtari, Dec., 8—11. All the missionaries and their children were able to attend. The first day was given over to special talks and intercession.

This meeting goes on record as one of the best, possibly the best ever held. A fine spirit of devotion and consecration prevailed throughout.

The messages given intensified the desire to re-consecrate our lives and to put forth more effort to live and uphold the ideals of Jesus among a dying people. Each talk was burdened for the welfare of the work of our Mission.

The hard problems faced; the constructive work done in every department during the year, and the burden for the development, spiritual welfare and the extension of the work in the future explained the anxious, tired look of the Mission family.

A feeling of desperation was very marked. Desperate to meet the demands made upon us by the development of a growing Christian Community without sufficient missionaries and means to meet these demands. Desperate to enter the many open doors about us. These opportunities may not always be ours if we neglect now.

The Tiesen family from the Gen. Conf. Men. Mission spent several days at the hospital for treatment and operations. Mrs. Tiesen had tonsils removed. Dr. Troyer also removed Barbara and Mary Esch's tonsils. All are doing nicely.

The BIG Day, Christmas, was celebrated at each station with special programs and services. Several Hindus and Mohamedans took part in the Christmas Eve program at Sunderganj by singing Christian Hymns.

S. S. Conference was held at the Bethel Church Balodgahan December, 27th.

The Entire Conference Organization was in the hands of our Indian brothers and was carried on very successfully.

The burden of discussion was how to improve our S. Schools. Great emphasis was put on the selection of proper teachers and their training. Training was considered from two angles, that of the teachers' meeting and that of a separate class in the S. S. for probable teachers.

The following statistics reveal growth.

	1925	1924		1925	1924
Station S. Schools	13	14	No. Station S. School		
Village S. Schools	62	57	Teachers	105	109
Total	75	71	No. Village	86	79
Ave. Attendance			Total No.	191	188
Station	1112	968	Station enrollment	1432	1371
Village	1591	1182	Station Collection Rs.	221	224
Total Average	2703	2150			

Church Conference was held at Balodgahan January, 1st and 2nd. 58 delegates responded to roll call. The remaining two were present later. Bro. Friesen preached the Conference sermon. Subject "Press forward."

The ordination of Indian brethren to the ministry was discussed and met favourably but with the desire to wait another year.

The Conference expressed a strong desire to extend their Home Mission work.

The increased ability of Indian Christians to take intelligent part in discussing Church Problems is very encouraging.

A genuine spirit of mutual helpfulness prevailed throughout the Conference session.

God answers prayer. Last year this Conference set a day apart for special prayer for new missionaries. This year they are among our number having arrived the day before Conference.

CHURCH CONFERENCE STATISTICS.

Membership close of year	1925	1162.	1924	1139.
Children	"	749.	"	722.
Total Christian Community close of year	"	1911.	"	1861.
No. Ordained Indians	"	7.	"	7.
Collections	"	Rs. 2255.	"	Rs. 1971.

Several resolutions from Business Meeting.

That we ask the Home Board to send one or two Board Members to visit and inspect the work of the India Mission and convey to America the needs and visions of the Mission in India.

That we ask the Board to send six new missionaries in 1926 among whom one should be a trained nurse for the Leper Asylum. This request is urgent.

That we express to the Brethren Albrecht and Ressler our appreciation of their continued interest and faithful service for the Cause of Christ in India among the various Congregations of the Homeland.

That due to shortage of workers we request the Board that Bro. and Sister Kaufman and Sister Sarah Lapp return to India at the expiration of their furlough without delay.

Subjects for Intercession.

1. The growing children in our Christian Community—that they may receive the care they need physically and spiritually.
2. The New Missionaries—that they may secure the proper adjustment to their new life in India.
3. That the matter of ordination of Indian Ministers be a subject of earnest intercession for the coming year.

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Mary Good and Lois Lapp sailed on the S. S. City of Benares from Calcutta direct to N. Y. January 15th.

The new missionaries are all working diligently at the language and making good progress. They like all foreigners find it difficult to pronounce some of the peculiar sounds of the Hindi Language but by repeated attempts will master their task.

Brother Graber has been suffering from catarrh since landing in India but is improving under the Doctor's care. The others are all enjoying good health.

Born to Dr. and Mina Esch a baby girl Clara Beatrice, January, 27th.

The last remittance from the Board was sold in Calcutta at 271 rupees for \$ 100.

Balodgahan.

Brother Brunk spent several days touring in the Kanker State with a number of his evangelists. He returned early because of sickness, having a hard attack of stomach trouble and severe headache. He is recovering nicely now.

The Girls' School was closed two weeks for the Christmas vacation and opened January 6th with an enrollment of 238.

The stones for the floor of the new Church arrived and are being made smooth by women from the Widows' Home. Benches are also in making by carpenters.

Recent rain stopped the rice threshing but made it possible for the farmers to plow down the rice stubble.

Brother Saul and wife have been transferred from Mahodi to Chikhli to work with Brother Anandsingh and wife. Pray for them.

Medical.

Sickness in the homes of the Bible women of this station has hindered the evangelistic work somewhat.

Anirautine one of Ghatula's Bible Women is at the hospital. January 19th she became the happy mother of a fine baby boy.

January 11th the work on the new hospital walls began again and is progressing nicely. The foundation had been laid last hot season.

Sankra.

Five families of the Zion Congregation have been working on a new canal in the Bilaspur District since January 1st.

Brother Friesen and some of his evangelists spent a very profitable time in the out-station Tengna, the second week of the month. They found many interested in the Gospel.

The following week Sister Wenger joined the family and all spent a pleasant time in two villages about five and seven miles from Sankra. Many are interested and a few are seriously counting the cost. They need the prayers of God's people to be able to decide for the right.

The last week of the month will be spent in the out-station Nawagaon. The people of this village have promised to build a school and furnish one teacher if the Mission will help them by furnishing another teacher. A grand opportunity for the Mission.

Shantipur.

The untainted girls have been moved to their new Home in Shantipur and are doing well in the school.

The school for the untainted children has been moved to the new school house which has been finished lately.

The brethren in Shantipur have decided to conduct three village S. Schools every Sunday for the coming year in the nearby villages. So far they have been having good attendance.

January 21st Brother Ajal of Maradeo Congregation was married to Sister Rajola of Shantipur Congregation. The wedding took place in the Church at Shantipur. The following day they went to their new home in Maradeo where Brother Ajal is serving as assistant manager of the farm for the malguzar.

Three girls who have been taking treatment for leprosy in the Leper Asylum for some months are to be placed in the untainted home now where they will be kept under further observation. They have been symptom-free for some time.

Ghatula.

The Marais of this district are being held each week at the respective market places. A marai is the annual religious ceremony that locates the market places for another year. The heathen practices at such times are heart rending. Here the village people do special homage to their tribal or village gods by bringing the idols

to the bazars or market places and by carrying flags fastened to long bamboos. They dance as they parade around the market place. Some become drunk and others so frantic that they thrust irons through their tongues and cheeks.

Heathenism in the raw may be seen at a marai.

It was hard to finally bid farewell to Lois.

Brother Lapp accompanied her and Sister Good to Calcutta.

Mahodi.

Born to Brother Jalal Masih and Sister Sukwaro December 28th a baby girl and a boy. Twins are more rare in India and not welcome among non-Christians. These parents are very happy.

Brother Smucker and his Christian Workers have spent several weeks on tour preaching the Word and selling books (Scripture Portions and other Christian Literature).

One night at 10 p. m. when all had retired they were awakened by a crowd of about 20 people who had come from a village some distance away to hear God's word. In conversation they learned there were others in that village who also wanted to hear. It being late and far to go they were asked if the next evening would be convenient to have the missionary and his helpers come. They were happy and returned. At the appointed time the next evening a very attentive crowd of about 200 people listened an hour and a half and wanted more but the speakers' throats gave way and had to stop. Open air preaching in an Indian village with all its dust and smoke is hard on throats.

A man was drowned in a nearby pond while getting out ducks that had been killed by a forest officer. The tank was full of grass and water weeds which made the man helpless. The officer who sent the man into the tank may have to bear some of the damages under the circumstances.

Dhamtari.

Brother Netram an Evangelist recently held a meeting in the town hall in Dhamtari in which he gave an address suited to the educated non-Christians of Dhamtari. The interest was keen and more meetings of the kind may be held later in the year.

A group of the larger orphanage boys are helping at brick-laying in building the new Mission Hospital at the Medical Station.

The Congregation at Dhamtari has arranged to take into its own charge the care of the cemetery at Dhamtari.

Miss Gordon one of the Secretaries of the National Christian Council visited the Mission January 6-9, in the interests of Rural Education. Her visit was most helpful.

R. N. K. Biswas, Head Master of the English High School was very sick for two weeks. He is now nicely recovering.

Brother Millers recently spent a week visiting friends in the Gen. Conference Mennonite Mission.

Building work at the Sunderganj Church has been shut down for the last three months due to lack of funds to go on. The need is urgent.

SUBJECTS FOR INTERCESSION.

1. That the message presented to the people in Kankar State may be effective and that their hearts may be opened to receive the Gospel.
2. That the love of God may really have first place in the hearts of those who have fallen and now wish to renew their covenant.
3. That the missionaries who are on preaching tours among the villages may be given power to so present the Gospel that souls be won into the Kingdom.
4. That the remaining money for the completion of the Sunderganj Church be forthcoming soon.

"India is a land of opportunities. One need not live with the former missionaries very long until one realizes that they are undertaking more and harder tasks than they are physically able to endure.

We find Hindi an interesting language to study but will not be attained without effort and hard work on our part.

The Indian living under very ordinary conditions is a happy individual. One is impressed with the fact that it takes very little to make him comfortable and even enjoy life.

Pray for us that we may be faithful ambassadors in this needy country."

New Missionaries.

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It will be gratifying to you to know that the Missionaries were able to give more time and thought to preaching in the villages this year than in some previous years.

The weather has been favourable but is beginning to be hot during the day in tents. The days are hot and the nights cold. This is conducive to sickness and many people are down with fevers and colds.

The new missionaries' luggage arrived. All were anxiously awaiting its arrival. The 3 boxes of clothing sent by the Ohio Sewing Circles for the Girls' Orphanage and the Apple Butter sent by Brother J. M. Smucker for all the missionaries came at the same time. We are indeed very grateful to all concerned for these gifts. They are a great help to us and are highly appreciated.

In a recent meeting of the men of the Sunderganj Congregation it was decided to send a petition to Government to have the saloon in Dhamtari discontinued. Government has helped in one such case and it is hoped they will do so again.

Sixteen boys of the Orphanage are applicants for Church membership. They will be received into Church after more further instructions.

Forty eight boys of the Dhamtari Primary School recently passed the Government examination in gardening. These boys are the first in the district to take and pass such an examination.

Several days ago one of the orphan boys had his tonsils removed. Dr. Troyer reported the operation as a hard one. The boy is recovering nicely and is happy.

On the evening of February 21st, 26 Christian teachers and missionaries were entertained in a Hindu home by several Hindu teachers. The tasty well done meal, was prepared and served strictly according to high caste Hindu customs. Eighteen different dishes were served among which was no meat—our hosts being vegetarians.

The sky over head, the well swept earthen floor with a design of pink and white suitable for the occasion, the

folded rugs for chairs, the clean green banana leaves for plates, sewn up leaves from trees for cups, and fingers for cutlery, all made a beautiful Oriental dining effect. The bare footed, scantily clad waiters served the meal with perfect ease and quietness, in perfect order and with all the etiquette any meal could claim in a well ordered American home.

February 18th the women at Sunderganj had their Sewing Circle. The 21st about 60 women met and discussed "Woman's place in the development and welfare of the Church." Several splendid talks were given by the women which were most helpful.

Brother Millers and Sister Stalter visited friends of the General Conference Mennonite Mission February 18th-20th.

The Inspector of Industrial Schools of the Central Provinces recently visited the Mission Carpentry School. He spoke well of the work.

The Governor of the Central Provinces visited Dhamtari early in February. Two of the missionaries had interviews with him. He desires to visit the Mission on his next trip through Dhamtari in 1927.

Sister Troyer was sick with fever for eight days. At the same time Nortell Troyer was down with measles. Both are recovering. About ten days later his little sister started with them.

Dasri bai from Chhati one of the Bible-women, was at the hospital about a week having a touch of pneumonia. She is well again and returned to her home and work.

Ghatula station was favoured with visits from several of the missionaries during the month. The Auditing Committee went to do its work and also visited one of Brother Lapp's schools.

Brother Millers and sister Hartzler and Kanagy spent a day there. This was the first visit to this place for the new missionaries.

Brother Friesens went to Ghatula over February 21st for Communion Services and also visited one of the schools. Brother Lapp has spent some time in the village preaching. Brother Grabers enjoy Ghatula and its scenery. The following is from their pen; Quite often

in the evening, after our language study for the day is laid aside, we climb one of the beautiful hills rising out of India's plain, and there from among rocks and trees, look down upon a mountain hemmed valley with its tiny mud-banked fields, winding paths, jungle, mango groves, and villages, almost hidden from view by the trees. It is a beautiful sight and we think, could God's wonderful creation truly reveal Him, not one in the many villages but would know Him to the saving of his soul. But God has not saved anyone thru communion with nature. We might drive thru village after village and find none who have come to the knowledge of the Truth. Is India a land of opportunity? Yes.

We appreciate the permanence in which the Mission has been established, we appreciate the fact that village evangelists and Bible-women find the people willing to listen to the Gospel and not least do we appreciate that God is calling in this day His people to be servants upon whom His hand may rest in approval, "and the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned unto the Lord."

Brother Smucker and family with Bible-women and evangelists spent the greater part of the month on tour. They have been very successful in selling Bibles, scripture portions and other Christian Literature. They have also treated many sick people in the afternoons besides preaching in the villages, mornings and evenings. The first six days they preached to 1919 people in eleven different villages at 45 meetings. 175 books were sold. The women made their visits after the men had gone. After a very fine meeting in one village and having sold more books at that place than there were listeners, they had walked about a mile when two men were running after Brother Smucker to buy more books. They gladly stopped and sold more books.

The rain made camp life unpleasant for a day however the general health of the camp was good. The Camp consisted of 20 people (Missionaries, children, Bible-women, Evangelists, helpers and cartmen) besides 3 carts, 1 tonga and a motor.

Brother Brunk spent 10 interesting days of this month with his evangelists in further preaching in Kanker State. Most of their time was spent in part of the State where the Gospel had never been preached.

In one bazaar (open market) crowds of people thronged to hear their message in spite of heathen ceremonies going on at the time. The good seed needs to be sown in this field but where is the Missionary?

Active arrangements are being made on the Balodgahan farm to rent out most of the land in order to relieve the missionary to give more of his time to evangelistic work.

The Congregation at Balodgahan is buying some land on which they hope to place an Indian Minister who will give his time in serving this Congregation.

One of the orphan girls died from pneumonia after two weeks of illness.

Brother Friesens accompanied by Sister Stalter and their Christian workers spent the first week of the month in village preaching. This month is being spent in touring through the jungle and reaching villages where no missionary had ever been. The people all give them a hearty welcome and listen to the word attentively. In that district are many lepers. Some go to the dispensary for treatment but are unwilling to go to the Leper Asylum to live.

Sister Esch and baby returned home at Shantipur February 7th where they received a warm welcome by all their station people.

John Haider, deacon at Sunderganj, preached to the Lepers February 14th.

SUBJECTS FOR INTERCESSION.

1. That the way may open, and the missionary become available for opening work in Kanker State.
2. That the message taught in the various villages may find a lodging place in the hearts of the hearers and bear fruit.
3. That the meetings held at different Congregations may result in a closer walk with God.
4. For ability to understand the mind and motives of Indian people so as to accurately evaluate the actions and standards of Indian Christians in guiding the Church.

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One of the special features of March was the Dedication of the New Church at Shantipur March 7th at 3:00 P. M. Ever since the Lepers were moved to their new home in November 1924 they held their services out doors under a thatched roof that was only a partial protection from rain and heat. During the heavy rains, services frequently could not be held. We all rejoice with Bro. Eschs who live and work there and with the suffering Lepers that they have a nice comfortable place of worship. A very appropriate and well prepared program for the occasion was given. All the Missionaries but four were privileged to attend. After the program, the missionaries and Indian people spent a pleasant social hour together outside the Church.

The Queen's Hill School at Mt. Hermon Darjeeling where the Lapp, Troyer and Lehman children attend opened March 11th. This school now occupies its beautiful new building about 4 miles from the old location. It is situated in an ideal spot amidst God's wonderful scenery.

The Himalayan (American) School at Naini Tal, where the Esch, Friesen and Smucker children attend, opened March 22nd.

Bro. Smucker and family spent 5½ weeks touring and preaching in the villages. Over 800 Scripture portions and other literature were sold. They met two sons and a daughter of a neighboring Native State's King and sold each of them a Bible. At their request a meeting was held in the palace. He, who can tour the villages and bring the Gospel message to those who know not Christ, has many interesting experiences and golden opportunities to witness for Him.

The New railway, that is being built from the Dhamtari line on toward Sihawa, has reached Mahodi and is being pushed at the rate of from one half to three quarters mile per day.

Cattle pox, a cattle disease, carried off many animals in Mahodi. Hindu people offered sacrifices and cried to their local god to drive away this disease. When the

disease let up they spent a day in rejoicing and dancing to celebrate the fact that their petitions had been heard.

Sankra Station had a rather unusual visitor this month. A Captain of the Royal Artillery of the North West frontier travelled three days to reach the railroad and then travelled six days by rail to spend his vacation hunting in the Sankra jungle. Bro. Friesen, on returning from an evangelistic tour, found him sick in his small tent and invited him to the bungalow. After spending three days there he was well enough to return to his work.

Bro. Friesen was obliged to make a trip to Calcutta to fill appointments with the Dentist and Oculist.

The Friesen boys are busy getting ready for school and are looking forward to another good school year.

Plans were made to visit several more villages before the heat would become too great.

The Ghatula Missionaries all attended the Dedication Services at Shantipur. They left for Dhamtari immediately after their own S. School and Church Services, stopping along the road to eat their noon day lunch. On the way up they drove over a Cobra snake about 5 ft. long; (The Cobra is a deadly poisonous snake) a fine antlered spotted deer crossed the road ahead of the motor; and further on an antelope crossed the road.

At 8:00 that evening they started for home again. The sky was very cloudy and there was much lightning. About 4 miles from Dhamtari the car refused to move. The faulty place was repaired and in half an hour they were on their way. 25 miles from Dhamtari a heavy shower came up. Fortunately at this place there was a forest bungalow where they could stay while a severe electrical storm passed by. The storm was very local. 5 miles further it was dusty. They arrived home shortly after midnight, glad to have reached the end of their journey.

The Inspector of Schools examined the 4th class boys of the Ghatula and the Kaspur village schools. He was well pleased with the work at both places.

Communion services were held at the Shantipur Church on 14th March. At the same service eleven people were baptized. Among these were a number of untainted children of lepers. A communion and baptismal service with the lepers is always pathetic and inspiring.

The Hindu makes much ado about his feasts, fasts and numerous holidays. He is careful to observe all these according to his religion even though the many observances of these days may be one of the greatest causes of his poverty. There are 28 holidays that he faithfully observes every year.

Holi (pronounced like Holy but directly opposite in meaning and practice) is one of their most horrible holidays.

This year it came on February 28th. Some years it comes in March. At this time the Hindus worship fire. They throw sweet smelling objects into the fire to produce a sweet odor by which the surrounding air is to be purified.

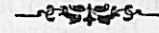
All the people of a house may assemble or all the people of a village. They gather wood, start a fire, march around it, throw sweet smelling perfumes into the fire and sing lewd songs. If practiced in the home the songs are not lewd. Originally the songs were good but at present decent folks will not be seen out on the streets this day. Children and grownups take much delight in covering passers by with a deep purple color thrown from a bamboo squirt-gun.

The history connected with this holiday is as follows: Many many years ago a prominent father worshipped one god and his son another. The father tried to force the son to worship as he did but without effect. The father had a sister named "Holi" who was supposed to be free from the effects of fire so the father told his sister Holi to take his son and sit in fire believing the son would be consumed but the sister not.

She did as her brother requested but she was consumed by the fire and the son was untouched.

On this holiday *Holi* is cursed. The day is observed in remembrance of her.

FOR INTERCESSION.



1. Recent nationalistic movements in India have directed people in India to a study of Christ as a man. Please pray that these may learn to know him as the Son of God and their personal Saviour.
2. That the teachers in the Mission Schools may have a vision of their unique opportunity to present Christ to their pupils and the communities supporting their schools.
3. That the problem of the care for missionaries' children while at school in India may be satisfactorily solved.
4. That every Christian in India may become a full witnessing Christian drawing people to Christ.
5. That the knowledge of the heinousness of sin be given to people so that they may repent and confess Christ as their Saviour from sin.

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An encouraging feature of the work of the Mission during the last month has been the series of services held in every congregation during Passion Week. These services usually consisted of a series of talks to deepen the spiritual life of the members and to induce voluntary evangelistic work by them.

The singing of hymns connected with Christ's Passion and Resurrection was also a prominent part of these services. It has been found that the Mission needs to make larger provision for the active part which an Indian congregation can take in religious services.

In some of the congregations the people went to the cemetery early on Easter morning and had a sunrise service of prayer and praise in which hymns connected with the resurrection were a prominent part.

News has been received that Sister Sarah Lapp and Bro. and Sister J. N. Kaufman will not return to India at the expiration of their furloughs. Within the next ten months four of the missionaries now on the field will need to proceed on furlough. The four new missionaries now studying language will be ready in about six months from now to take over only part of the work now carried by the four soon to go on furlough.

This means that the work of three missionaries will have to be merely "carried on" by missionaries who already have more than can be done properly and that at least one evangelistic station will have to be temporarily closed down.

Dhamtari.

The enrollment at the beginning of the new term in the English school totals 235 boys. This is an increase of seventy boys over last year. During the last five years the enrollment of this school has increased from forty five to two hundred and thirty five boys. The buildings are now crowded to the uttermost.

The annual promotion examinations are now in progress in this school. In this connection it is interesting to note that 165 boys of whom 87 are Hindus and 13 are Mohammedans are taking the annual Bible examinations. All boys who pass this examination successfully are given copies of the Bible. All the boys have taken a keen interest in the Bible classes during the year. This has proven a great evangelistic opportunity.

The Central Provinces Government has just granted Rs. 169/- for incidental expenses in connection with the Manual Training Department of the Middle School.

All the girls appearing for the Government Primary School final examination passed successfully. The Inspectress commended very highly the work of this school.

Shantipur.

The congregation at this place very much appreciates their new place of worship. During the past year services were held in a temporary shed with a grass roof and four open sides. The new Church is a simple but beautiful building and serves the purpose very well.

Bro. Jadhavrao, the singing evangelist, gave us one service during Passion week. He sang the life of Christ and his rendition was very appealing and enjoyed by the congregation.

The Leper Asylum was favoured by a visit from Lt., Col., Stiles-Webb, the Health Commissioner of the Central Provinces, on the 12th of April. He has charge of all Leper Work in the Central Provinces which is either carried on or subsidized by Government. He took a keen interest in the work of the Asylum especially in the anti-leprous treatment given the inmates. He showed Government's keen appreciation of the work of missionaries in caring for lepers.

We rejoice because of news received from the Board that there are good prospects to have a nurse sent by the Church in America whose work will be in the Leper Asylum. Please pray that the proper person may be appointed for this work of great opportunity.

Our folks at the hills at Naini Tal report rather cold weather with frequent snow and hail. This is rather hard on those not accustomed to it. The children going to school there report a good school year begun.

Mahodi.

The twin children of Bro. and Sister Madari recently died within the duration of a week. Successive attacks of high fever proved too much for these children. The parents have been plunged into deepest grief but now rejoice that they are with Christ who can care for them better than they.

The bungalow at this station now has an entire galvanized iron roof due to the generosity of the Willow Springs Congregation of Tiskalwa, Illinois.

Evangelistic work has not been carried on with its usual zest at this station during the last month because of severe sickness among the workers.

Meradeo.

Communion services were held with this congregation on April, 11th. This congregation is small and cared for largely by an Indian deacon. The communion service was well attended and much appreciated by all present.

Ghatula.

Government has agreed to register officially the Kuspur Village School and seems greatly pleased that the Mission is making an effort to help these backward people. The people of this village are very primitive. The annual examination held by the Government Inspector showed satisfactory results.

The Brethren Esch and Friesen came to Ghatula on the eighth of April and in company with Bro. and Sister Graber and Bro. Lapp paid a visit to Borai to see if it would be possible to make it a future outpost for the Mission. We are hoping to purchase a site and a small bungalow from Government with the money sent for an outstation. Sister Graber called it, "a veritable fairy land", because of the many banyan and large low hanging mango trees. On the return journey they stopped at a place eighteen miles south of Ghatula where there is a high plateau from which an excellent view of the immense jungles between Ghatula and Borai may be had.

During this hot season the congregation at Ghatula is left by itself under the leadership of our worthy deacon Bro. Mukut who not only ministers to them spiritually on Sunday but also directs the evangelistic work and the necessary building repairs during the week. This helps the congregation to realize its own personal responsibility when asked to carry on the work during the absence of the missionary.

Balodgahan.

An epidemic of small pox is now raging in the village. This has made it difficult to carry on the work of the station. Church services and other gatherings necessarily had to be closed.

Bro. and Sister Brunk have just returned from their month's leave at the hills. They report a restful time but it is always straining to come from the hills when the heat of the plains has already begun.

Sankara.

Two more lepers have come to us for treatment. They travelled about twenty miles in an ox-cart to be treated. In order to get permanent relief they will need to come for treatment twice a week for a few years. They say they would rather do this than go to the Leper Asylum. It is only when such people are compelled to go into institutions made for them that the country can be rid of this dread disease.

Darjeeling.

The weather in Darjeeling has been ideal thus far. This has been called the rainiest hill station in India but this year so far has been the driest one. The snowy range has been in view almost every morning and sometime could be seen for the entire day.

The missionaries at this station have very much appreciated a short visit and several temperance talks by Mrs. Price, the National President of the W. C. T. U. for India and Burma.

A number of missionaries of the Bengali speaking area are studying in the Bengali Language School for missionaries in Darjeeling. Several students of this school of the Australian Baptist Mission have delivered helpful messages at the Sunday morning services at the Union Chapel.

The Convention for the deepening of spiritual life will begin on May 19, and continue until the 23rd. All day prayer services are being held each Friday previous to this Convention and we believe that we will receive blessings in these meetings.

ITEMS FOR INTERCESSION.

That people in the villages who are seriously counting the cost may have the necessary courage to accept Christ.

That the Christians at Mahodi may be faithful during the coming six months when there will be no missionary at the station.

That two families of the oil-maker caste who desire to become Christians may have the courage to do so bravely and not fear their caste people.

That the Managing Committee of the Mission may have special leading in the distribution and appointment of missionaries to care for work for which there are too few missionaries available.

That God may set apart and appoint the proper people in America to take up his work in the India field.

“Each system must be judged by its output, its fruit. The outcome is the criterion. What are we trying to produce? The ends of the different systems of thought and faith may be summed up as follows: Greece said, ‘Be moderate—know thyself’; Rome said, ‘Be strong—Order thyself’; Confucianism says, ‘Be superior—correct thyself’; Shintoism says, ‘Be loyal—suppress thyself’; Buddhism says, ‘Be disillusioned—annihilate thyself’; Hinduism says, ‘Be separate—Merge thyself’; Mohamedanism says, ‘Be submissive—assert thyself’; Judaism says, ‘Be holy—conform thyself’; Modern Materialism says, ‘Be industrious—enjoy thyself’; Modern Dilettanteism says, ‘Be broad—cultivate thyself’; Christianity says, ‘Be Christlike—give thyself’.

If the end and motive of Christianity and therefore of Christian Missions, is to produce Christlike character, I have no apology for being a Christian missionary, for I know nothing higher for God or man than to be Christlike.”

E. Stanley Jones. From 'Christ of the Indian Road'.

INDIA MISSION NEWS.

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During the month of May eight missionaries remained on the plains to care for the work during the severely hot weather. The remaining fourteen are at hill stations at Kodaikanal, Mussoorie, Naini Tal, and Darjeeling.

During the hot weather some of the inmates of the Charitable Institutions go to relatives or acquaintances to visit for a little while. The decrease in numbers in the institutions during this time and the closing of schools makes the work of management lighter when some of the missionaries are away.

Communal riots in Calcutta have now died out. India's capacity for self-government has not been shown up to the best advantage by the fact that Hindu-Muslim unity was only strong enough to make common cause against what were considered common disadvantages. The Christian community in India has fortunately remained aloof from these quarrels.

News from the conventions and conferences of missionaries at the different hill stations during this hot season indicates that any missionaries or Missions that might have been inclined to place little weight on the sacrificial atonement of Christ, are considering matters in a new light, again giving the proper place to this cardinal doctrine in the Plan of Salvation. A swing-back from too liberal attitudes is becoming evident.

The heat on the plains this year while severe was not as acute as in some years. Occasional showers kept the temperature down somewhat. It is to be hoped that this will not mean either lack or improper distribution of rain during the monsoon as this invariably means scarcity of food and even famine.

An epidemic of small-pox which had broken out at Balodgahan has now subsided and at this writing none are

sick. Measles are in epidemic form in some of the charitable institutions.

Severe wind storms at Dhamtari have proven quite destructive recently. Some trees in the Mission compounds have been blown down and a few houses were unroofed.

The Troyer children had to remain out of school for five weeks at Darjeeling because of chicken-pox.

The new school building to accommodate the Queen's Hill High School for Girls was formally declared open for school purposes on May, 26. This service was impressive. About one hundred and fifty pupils are now enrolled in this school. Three new American teachers have come on the staff this year. A number of cottages built near this building and which can be rented by missionaries make it very convenient for missionary parents who desire to have their children live with them while they attend school and the parents are spending their hill vacations here in Darjeeling. The children go into the school as boarding pupils when the parents return to their Mission stations.

The Himalayan School at Naini Tal is to be merged with the Wood Stock School at Landour. The Wood Stock School is to adopt the American curriculum which is in vogue in the Himalayan School. This amalgamation of these two schools considerably increases the facilities of the two schools in training missionary children. Dr. Munroe a prominent American Educator has recently visited India and studied the educational institutions for American children and advised this merging of the two schools.

The missionaries at Kodaikanal write as follows about that hill-station; "This hill-station is unique for the number of American missionaries who congregate here during the hot season months and for the splendid fellowship that exists. The life of the station centers around the American school. This school with an American curriculum and an American staff has continued for the last twenty years. American missionaries come here from a great distance to take advantage of the opportunities this school offers. Not less than four hundred missionaries are here during the regular season.

This entire week there will be conferences here on various phases of Mission work in South India. The Mission work in this section is much older than in central India and has consequently developed further along many lines. We therefore look forward to receiving many suggestions from these meetings which will help us in our problems at Dhamtari".

The Bible School will open for its new year about June, 15th. Students from the different Mission stations will gather at that time and one sister Mission will also send students.

In the Sihawa district Civil and Forest officers recently held a meeting with the village people and discussed village and forest problems with them.

Mauhodi Evangelistic station is now without a resident missionary because of lack of missionaries. To leave a young congregation without missionary help is most unfortunate.

Our new missionaries are enjoying their language study at Landour where a number of missionaries attend the Language School for Hindi learning missionaries. They will probably take their first year examinations next October. They have all worked hard at the language and made good progress.

An attempt will be made to give our village school teachers in some schools a course of training this year with a view to making our village schools evangelistically more effective. A course for boys who are expecting to take up Christian school teaching in village schools and a short course for masters already teaching have been prepared.

FOR INTERCESSION.

That the work in our Mission Hospital and dispensaries may be the means of impressing the love of Christ on people. Especially that the evangelists in connection with these institutions may so present the Gospel that people may be won for Christ.

That the missionaries in example and precept may be "living witnesses known and read of all men" in presenting the entire Gospel of Christ and be solid in the Faith.

That Mauhodi Evangelistic station may be kept and especially cared for during the temporary absence of missionaries.

TWO HINDU HOLIDAYS.

During the month of May the two following Hindu holidays have been observed.

Ekkti is a holiday on which the goddess Parvati is worshiped. Parvati is the goddess who is supposed to be able to fulfil man's desires. These desires are held to be four: Wealth, Religion, Desire, Salvation. Girls and women are especially enjoined to worship Parvati on this day. Alms are given to Brahmins on this day and farmers arrange their work for the year.

Gangadashura is also observed during May and on this holiday the Ganges River is worshiped. Bathing in Ganges water is held to be the proper method for absolution from sin. On this day alms are given to the poor and, if near enough, worshipers bathe in the Ganges and if not, a few drops are poured on the head from such water which can be bought in the bazaar. It is supposed by Hindus that King Bhagirath for the sake of the salvation of his ancestors brought the Ganges from heaven to earth.



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March and April mark the time when the hill schools open and many mothers accompany their children to these schools. Many other missionaries leave the plains at this time and seek relief in the cooler climate of the hill stations. God has made wonderful provision whereby His children can be helped, by creating the mountains in a hot and trying climate like India.

June marks the time when the monsoons begin and missionaries return to their work on the plains. The monsoon is late this year and most of the missionaries will return into the heat before the rains have properly begun.

Bro. and Sister Lapp returned from Darjeeling June 8, when the thermometer was registering 113° Fahr. It is necessary for them to return early enough to get their car to Ghatula before the monsoon begins as it is impossible for them to go back and forth in it after that until about December, 1.

Bible School opened June, 21, with an enrollment of fourteen including three deacons from other stations. These are Persadi from Meradeo, Budbal from Shantipur, and Sadharam from Sankara. These felt they needed further Bible study to do their work more effectively.

The Ghatula village Primary School has outlived its opposition and now has an enrollment of eighty.

The new railway is nearing completion and now comes to within five miles from Ghatula. It will not be closer than this to the Ghatula station. It is built for carrying freight only but passes will be issued to missionaries to ride on it in case of necessity. In connection with this railway, there will also be a telephone line and the Ghatula missionaries can send messages to Dhamtari in emergency cases.

The Sankara Christian workers took two weeks' vacation during the latter half of May. They were in need of this vacation and were glad to have it while it was so hot.

Three Christian workers beside the deacon are attending the Bible School from Sankara this year.

Bro. Friesen has had very interesting experiences and good meetings in the villages this hot season. The people in the villages are listening eagerly to the Gospel and some seem to be real earnest inquirers.

A telephone line has been completed between Sankara and Shantipur. This puts Sankara Station into communication with all the bungalows now having telephones.

Sister Friesen, with baby Grace and little Paul, left for Naini Tal on June, 26, where she will stay with the children of the Mission at the Himalayan school and relieve Sister Esch who returns with Bro. Esch and baby early in July.

One of the orphanage girls has been down with Pneumonia for several weeks. She is recovering very slowly. She is still very weak. We know that God has heard our prayers in her behalf for which we are thankful.

The two girls who have been in the nurses training in the Bilaspur Hospital for the last two years are home for a month's vacation. They did good work in helping to nurse the Pneumonia patient. Nurses are needed every where in the Mission and when they have completed their course in training there will be many opportunities for service for them.

At present many of the girls are visiting at the homes of their relatives or friends.

Sister Stalter has been having fever and found the hot season very hard and trying.

Passages have been booked on the S. S. China of the P. and O. line for Sisters Stalter and Wenger to sail from Bombay, August 14. They are due in London Sep. 2, and leave South Hampton Sept. 4, on the S. S. Belgenland of the Red Star Line, and due in New York about September, 11.

The work these two sisters leave will suffer until some one is ready to take their places.

Bro. Friesens are looking after the work in Shantipur during Bro. Esch's absence. They find much to do the days they spend there every week. Many of the cases they treat are so terrible they can not be described. One man's leg was amputated the day after he arrived. Most of the bones of the foot were exposed and full of worms before the operation. It is difficult to know how he could have lived. Indian people seem to have a greater capacity for enduring pain than Western people.

Margum, the matron, in the Leper Asylum had a sore eye for a week. She has lost her sight in this eye and it may have to be removed.

The Boys' Primary School opened at Dhamtari June, 28, with an enrollment of one hundred and sixty five.

Bro. Smucker left for Naini Tal on June, 19, where he will spend a month with his family.

Sister Wenger spent some time at Sankara away from her work for health reasons.

A prayer meeting was conducted daily for two weeks in the Sunderganj church for the purpose of deepening the spiritual life and arousing conviction for the need of purity in the Church. Interest was good and attendance fair.

Bro. Millers are visiting Mennonite Mission stations in South India on their return home from Kodai Kanal where they have been for the last few months.

Many people in Dhamtari and surrounding villages were sick with influenza. It was especially difficult for small children to survive this epidemic during the severe heat, and many died.

Sukhma Bai, one of the Bible women, and her little baby both died from the flue.

Dr. Troyer left for Darjeeling June, 10th. He will spend a month there with his family. On their return they will leave Dana and Nortell in school.

Dr. Esch went from Naini Tal to attend a meeting of the School Board of the Wood Stock School. On this trip he also visited our new missionaries who are attending the Language School at that place.

The Mussoorie School plans to adopt the American course of study and is putting forth effort to make the school an ideal place for the education of American missionaries' children. The Himalayan School at Naini Tal closes at the end of this school year. The pupils will go to the school at Mussoorie next year. The latter school has a good record for the past as to scholastic standing and the spiritual atmosphere which pervades it.

The new missionaries are making splendid progress with the language and are keeping a very keen interest in the work of the Mission even while studying.

Dr. Stanley Jones gave several very inspiring addresses to the missionaries in Naini Tal on, "The power of the living Christ in the Life of the missionary". The necessity of the missionary living his message was emphasized. This can only be done by the life that is fully controlled by Christ.

Dr. Pengwern Jones also gave several most helpful addresses on "The Cross of Christ and its message". He stressed the fact that Jesus who lives in the believer is the One who was crucified and now lives again and that his atonement means victory over sin and death for the believer.

ITEMS FOR INTERCESSION.

1. That those in the villages who are earnestly seeking for light, and who are convinced that Christianity is the true religion may accept Christ. A Hindu in a village recently said in a public meeting before his caste fellows, "Hinduism pulls us down, Christianity pulls us up".
2. That all foreign missionaries of all lands may realize more fully the ideals of Jesus in their every day lives and work. That they may get the message of love across to men in a more effective way.

INDIA MISSION NEWS.

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It is with pleasure and gratitude that we arrange to let this issue of the India Mission News present a description of most of our Mission Schools. We do this not to describe any particular educational method but to show that our schools are effective in bringing the Gospel to the children in our mission area. The Gospel of Christ effectively taught and correctly lived by consecrated school teachers can be an invincible force of evangelism for Christ with which scarcely any other avenue of evangelism can be compared. The rigid caste system prevailing among the adults of India makes them much less susceptible to the Gospel than in many other mission fields and this makes work with children essential.

The following are notes from a number of the schools in the Mission:—

In the village of Gopalpuri the wife of the Christian Head Master of the Mission village school recently died. She had been a faithful Bible Woman for years, and had ministered to the wants of many people in the village. When she died the Government surveyor of this and surrounding villages inquired of the missionary responsible for the school why not all Christian people were like this woman, who had died. He said if all were like she all would want to be Christians.

In the village Mission school at Bagtari the village landlord recently had occasion to do some marketing in the town of Raipur about forty miles from his village. Not being able to go to do this himself he asked one of the Christian families in the village to do this work for him. The purchases amounted to about forty dollars. When asked why he asked the Christians to do this and not some of his Hindu relatives he replied, "The Christians are the only ones I can trust and I wish Hinduism could produce a moral standard such as Christianity does."

In the village of Bhatgaon the village farmers have been compelled to pay 33 % interest when borrowing money. The money lenders of Dhamtari and those in the village

would not loan money for less than this rate. Government had opened a Cooperative Credit Loan Association in the village where money could be borrowed for 8%. The missionary responsible for the Mission school informed the farmers about this new loan association sponsored by Government to let farmers have money at reasonable rates and introduced them to the Secretary of the Association in Dhamtari where they secured loans.

One of the village farmers asked the missionary how much of the money involved in the different rates of interest was given by Government to the missionary. When told that no money was received he replied "That is the way of the Christians."

In the Mission Girls' School at Balodgahan the entire staff of teachers is Christian. All the children numbering two hundred and twenty six are Christian or come from Christian homes or are in Christian institutions. Non-Christians used to attend this school but the non-Christian parents of the village no longer send their children for fear they might become Christians. Very few girls of non-Christian homes in Balodgahan or surrounding villages are in school. In this village a Christian family went back to Hinduism not long ago. When this occurred the children were taken from the school. The little girls cried bitterly when taken from the school by their parents.

In the English School at Dhamtari it has been found that boys can not live study and play together long without becoming more alike in thought, habits and characteristics generally. Therefore in any institution whose first objective is the promotion and development of character, the maintenance of the proper Christian atmosphere is most essential. In the High School this always gives us a great deal of concern because as only about one half of the two hundred and thirty boys are Christians. We try to maintain this Christian atmosphere by having all the main places on the staff occupied by good Christian masters and by depending on the Christian boys for leadership in the various activities of the school. At the best this is difficult, but if we succeed the school will be a silent but powerful force for Christ because of its unique opportunity in teaching and training the boys of the better families of Dhamtari. This is practically the only point of contact the Mission has with these families.

If you ask if we are succeeding we can give no real proof but we submit the following evidences that God is

blessing our work. 1. The non-Christians of Dhamtari are saying that the school is becoming too Christian. We welcome this criticism because we consider it an indication of progress. 2. A group of ten Non-Christian boys of high caste began to attend a Sunday School class regularly in the Junior Department of our Sunday School. 3. Brahmin members of the staff who three years ago would not eat even sweets with us now eat sandwiches with us in our homes. They do not hesitate now to sit at meals with Christian masters in Christian homes. There are still many unaccomplished tasks however. Will you please pray definitely for the work.

In the school of untainted leper children at Shantipur there are now 31 pupils enrolled. There were no failures in the last examinations. Three boys passed from the fourth class. Of these one has entered the carpentry school and two have entered the English Middle School at Dhamtari. Of boys who have been previously enrolled in this school there are now in the English Middle School five boys, in the Carpentry School one boy, and one boy in a smithy school in Jubbulpore. Please pray that these may become strong workers for Christ.

The Balodgahan boys Mission School has an enrollment of forty four boys, all but seven of whom are sons of Christians. More Non-Christian children used to attend but several who attended this school became Christians and were baptized and after this many Non-Christian parents withdrew their children. Bible instruction is always given in the school. All the teachers are Christians. Please pray that more Non-Christians may become willing to send their children to school.

In the Mission Village School at Meradeo, there have been serious controversies between the Christian teachers. These differences had been frequently adjusted but always broke out afresh. Some of the Non-Christians in the village told the Head Master that they appreciated the work of the Mission in conducting a school for their children and were glad that the Christian teachers quarrelled among themselves as this made their religion less effective in drawing children from Hinduism. The quarrelling teacher has been removed and we hope to make the Christianity of the masters now there as dangerous for Hinduism as possible. Might this be an interesting bit of news for quarrelling Churches in America?

The Mission Primary School at Sankara was started only four years ago. The enrollment has now come up to fifty. The entire staff is Christian. All are members of our own Church except two and these have now also expressed a desire to unite with our own Church. All the children come from Christian homes. A half hour of Bible teaching is given in the school every day. The school has proven a great blessing to the Christian community.

In the Boys' Primary School at Dhamtari the boys who are inmates of the Boys' Orphanage attend. The Government curriculum has been followed closely in the past and Government recently revised this curriculum so as to include more practical subjects and some manual training. At first the boys demurred at this saying that they had come to school to learn and not to work.

After considerable persuasion and some compulsion the boys were willing to take the garden course provided in the new curriculum. Rope and mat making and housebuilding are also taught in the school. The Christian boys and two Non-Christian boys have taken keen interest in their school gardens and have promised to invest their own money this year and give half the proceeds for the India home Mission.

GENERAL NEWS.

Sister Esch had been ill for some time after returning from the hills but is now better. Baby Esch also was not well for sometime but is well again.

SUBJECTS FOR INTERCESSION.

That some of our brethren in the Indian Church who are tempted to drink intoxicating liquor may have power to resist this temptation.

That a desire to keep the sabbath day holy may pervade the Indian Church.

That the average Church goer may have a deeper experience of God's grace.

That the Bible Women may have vision and power.

That the schools of the Mission may be the means of bringing the children attending them to a saving knowledge and acceptance of Christ our Lord.

INDIA MISSION NEWS.

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Medical work among an ignorant, superstitious, Non-Christian people, who do not know the beginning of sanitation and of prevention of diseases, is different from doing medical work in a well equipped, up-to-date hospital, where all the laws of the country assist the doctor in conquering in his fight against disease. Most frequently Drs. in India are called for help when nothing more can be done for the patient and under such circumstances must work up a reputation for their Christian Mission Hospital among an indifferent people. They deserve our sympathies and prayers as they faithfully make Christ known to those to whom they minister.

The following are actual cases showing the great evangelistic effectiveness of medical missionary work:—

1. Medical work overcomes hostilities and prejudice and thus opens the way for the Gospel. For a number of years we have had much opposition in preaching the Gospel in the village of Jamgaon. About a year ago one of the Brahmans of this village had a very sick child. He had been to different Indian doctors but his child received no help. A friend of his who knew the mission dispensary and the missionary, suggested to him that he take the child to the mission dispensary. Here the child received careful medical attention and got well in a very short time. Since that time we have frequently been called to this village for medical help and advice and the door for preaching the Gospel is also open, and former hostilities and prejudice have been removed.

2. The other day a man came to the motor on his hands and knees, begging for money. His legs below the knees were as tho they had never developed and would fall

most any way. Whether he has always been in this condition or whether he in an attempt to please his gods walked in this way until his lower limbs became useless we do not know. It is needless to say our hearts went out to him in pity for both, his physical and spiritual condition. This is only one example from many thousands. May we all do our bit for the suffering Indians.

3. Some few years ago one of the missionaries needed help on a dark rainy night. He was on a cycle trying to get to Mahodi and had lost his way. He finally saw a light and went straight for this light, thru ricebanks, mud and water till he got to the village, carrying his cycle. He could get no one there to help him carry his cycle or to show him the way, altho Mahodi was only three miles away. In place of helping him they even told him Mahodi was in an entirely different direction.

Two years later while we were at Mahodi a case came to the bungalow. This was the son of the shopkeeper of the place where they had treated Brother Kaufman so rudely. We helped the lad a lot and won them for warm friends. Later on he insisted that we visit the town and come and see him. He fed us all manner of good things. This thing was noised abroad in that town and the men say that the attitude of the place is different now. They can now preach and teach there with good interest manifested, whereas several years ago they had quit going there entirely because they felt other places were willing to listen more attentively than they. We like to think that medical work had some thing to do with this changed attitude.

4. A certain man was bitten by a snake. He was nearly dead when Sister Smucker was called. Brother Smucker was gone from home at the time. She hurried out and by giving large doses of medicine and by working with him she managed to help him enough so he pulled thru. He was unconscious when she arrived and remained that way for some time. He eventually entirely recovered. He and his sister and mother then thought seriously of accepting Christ, the missionary having had splendid opportunities of telling of Jesus, the Saviour, and of His love. The man expressed

his desire to become a Christian and we started to teach him. In the meantime also talked with his mother and sister. When the village people learned that they were considering becoming Christians they became alarmed and raised an awful fuss. A deputation even went to see the Malguzar, the owner of the village, to see if he could not do something about it. They evidently scared the young man and his mother for he ran off and would not show up for several weeks. Later on he came back but his mind had been changed in the meantime. However he is still very friendly and we hope yet to win him for Christ.

5. It is the custom of our hospital to have prayer before operations. We are able to point to a number of cases where the patients or their friends or both have stated that our God saved their lives. We believe this is one way which helps to bring the heathen closer to us and to our God.

Several years ago a man came to the hospital critically ill. He was given the best we had. We prayed for him in his room, and when he was able to listen, the evangelist daily told him Bible stories. He became well and says, in all sincerity, that our God saved his life. Since that time if any one is sick in his village he tries to persuade them to come to the hospital and he has brought many patients. Although he has not openly accepted Christianity he is very receptive to the Gospel teachings. He is also a very influential man in his village so we always have a hearty welcome when we go there.

6. One village man whose son had terrible boils on his head stayed in the Ghatula dispensary for a number of weeks and finally was converted through daily hearing the Gospel.

The people of the surrounding villages have volunteered material aid for the dispensary at Ghatula. They also put in a special request that their children attending the mission school at Ghatula have regular medical inspections and be given medical aid if necessary. In case the child has some ailment which needs special treatment the parents are to be consulted as to method and expense. Through the medical dispensary the attitude of the people has changed a great deal.

This is very largely due to the faithful efficient help of Sonai Bai the trained Indian nurse who has received her training in a mission training school in North India and serves the people from an evangelistic standpoint.

7. I was called to help a poor widow whose husband had died a few months ago. They live in the village of Chitod. Her life was saved. The caretaker of the Leper Asylum and some other helpers, and myself hold a village Sunday school at Chitod. This woman has invited us to hold the Sunday school at her house, and we now have a number of attentive listeners there every week.

Durjan one of the men in this Sunday school said a few weeks ago "I have left idolatry since I know Jesus. I will never go back to it again, Jesus satisfies my soul." He was saved through medical work as thousands of other out-castes have been.

Most of the Lepers who came to the Asylum are converted after some time as a result of medical, Evangelistic work.

Col. Frazer, Civil Surgeon at Raipur died recently of Cholera. He contracted the disease from one of his patients. The patient got well, the Dr. died. Col. Frazer was a good friend of the Mission and was liked by all the Indian people. He was one of the doctors who helped in Brother M. C. Lapp's sickness.

Two girls from the Girls' Orphanage are now in Nurses' training at the Bilaspur Mission Hospital. The last report comes "The girls are both doing very well, they are mighty dear girls".

One boy is in Nagpur preparing to be a doctor.

No one appreciates more than the missionaries the medical help of the doctors and nurses. Some of us living in out-of-the-way places sometimes find it difficult to receive their skilled help because of our distance away from them. But in times of illness we appreciate more than words can

tell their interest and sympathetic service. This is especially true in the cases of those who have been severely stricken at times. With the new European ward at the medical station any sick missionary can at once be taken away from his work and responsibility and be cared for in a quiet, light, roomy building where every facility for medical service and one's own comfort are available. We are also interested in keeping well and their service in this respect is invaluable. Some of us untrained missionaries are responsible for more or less medical work in our stations and we appreciate the help we receive from our doctors. They are willing at all times to be consulted and give us their valuable information and advice which means a great deal to us.

NEEDS.

1. Prayers of the Christian people at home that we may be instrumental in bringing Christ to the people who come to us for physical help.

2. More wholly consecrated Christian helpers and workers to do Evangelistic work among those who were treated.

3. A lady doctor to work among the women of Dhamtari. Many a man would rather let his wife die than to have a male doctor come to see her, so therefore many of these Zenana women must go without medical help. A lady doctor could do much to relieve this situation as well as open the way for the Gospel message.

THE WORK OF A NURSE IN THE LEPER ASYLUM.

At present there is no competent trained help for the doctor in charge except the caretaker who does the dispensing of ordinary medicines and cares for the sick in a general way. The work of a nurse would be; (1) make frequent visits among those with large wounds and ulcers that need daily dressing; (2) see that these are properly dressed, and that those who are in need of special medical help receive the proper help at the proper time. (She would need to do very little of this dressing herself but would have to be present to see that her assistants would do the work properly.

There are girls and boys in the Home who can do nearly all of this work if they have some one to tell them how to do it and keep them at it regularly); (3) to assist in giving treatments and making microscopic examinations; (4) Make out reports of examinations especially of the girls and women; (5) carry on the treatments herself in the absence of the doctor in charge, (Training for giving injections etc. can all be received here in India); (6) to assist in operations, etc., when necessary. Kindly note that the danger of infection from working with Lepers is practically nil, for all who know the disease and the work know what simple precautions to take to avoid infection. Also that those working among the lepers become very much attached to them and generally love their work after a time.

FACTS.

Below is the medical staff for the field of the American Mennonite Mission with a population of approx. 1,000,000.

Three European missionary doctors.

Four Indian Government Sub-assistant doctors.

Three Indian Sub-assistant doctors who have retired from service.

One European missionary trained nurse.

One " " " " on furlough.

One " " " " under appointment.

Two Indian, Christian, " "

SUBJECTS FOR INTERCESSION.

1. That Sister Miriam Detweiler of Telford, Pa. may be fully restored to health and able to come to India in the near future.

2. That the boys and girls in training for medical work may be living witnesses daily for their Master.

INDIA MISSION NEWS.

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Reports of flooded areas and damages done by floods come from many parts of India, yet in this locality there has been shortage of rain. The scant rainfall in June and July caused much anxiety but later there was sufficient to insure the rice crop. One more good shower will mean a very good rice harvest.

Six of our missionaries and eight from neighboring missions took the Hindi Oral Language Examination September 16th at Dhamtari. All passed.

Mr. and Mrs. Plumley, dear friends of the mission, have been in our midst the past month.

Preparations are being made for the arrival of the missionary party that leaves N. Y. October 1st.

We have an abundance of deacons in our little congregation at Ghatula. The brethren Sadhuram from Shankara, Buddal from Shantipur, and Parsadi from Maradeo are here as special students in the Bible and their help in the Church is greatly appreciated. They have grown older in experience as well as years and their judgement is mature and well worth having in case of Church administration. They take their turns in the regular Sunday services which are held.

The little Ghatula congregation had a grant of land deeded to them by the village owner of Sihawa, (a widow), as a thank offering to the mission for helping her to retain her villages after the death of her husband. The congregation realizes an annual income from the land which it rents out year by year.

The congregation is small but working, maintaining twelve village Sunday Schools and all the other activities that go with the regular work of the Church.

The Bible school examinations were held and all students passed and are now working on the course offered during the second semester.

Malaria is claiming a number as victims in the station but so far none have been seriously ill.

Balodgahan Church is finished inside including benches. We are grateful for the splendid prospect for a good rice harvest. One widow from the Widows' Home and also the weaving teacher in the Home were married. Two more babies were admitted into our Home, one little boy, whose mother died, and a little girl who was not wanted. We now have eight babies in the Home.

At present there are two Christian workers in the hospital at the Medical Station as patients. Both are suffering from asthma. They are both working at out stations so have brought their families to live with them here.

It is interesting to note the difference in general attitude and mode of living as regards cleanliness, proper cooking, home life, caring for the sick, etc., between the Christians and Hindus as we have them side by side in the hospital from time to time. The Christian calmly does what he can to relieve the suffering of his loved one while the Hindu leaving the sick writhing in pain helplessly wrings his hands, calling "Ram Ram."

We can not but feel that the attitude of the Christians in such experiences has a great influence over the Hindus.

Two little boys were very happy to be allowed to go back from the Leper Asylum to the Untainted Home recently. They are sons of lepers and had begun to develop the disease. About 18 months ago they were transferred to the Leper Asylum where they took treatment and are now proving "Symptom free" after repeated examination. One other boy we hope to be able to transfer soon.

Our weekly prayer meeting with the lepers is proving a great blessing to many. It is an inspiration to hear the afflicted lepers repeat scripture texts, sing and pray, as well as testify to the blessings they are daily receiving from Jesus the friend of the lepers.

We were happy to receive recently a special donation of \$ 100- from friends in Elkhart for special things for the lepers. With this amount we can purchase a few lights for our Church and a few cows to furnish milk for the sick. May God bless those who continually remember us.

Brother Friesen left on the 13th, Naini Tal to join his family there for a short vacation. He will stay till school is over then accompany the party home.

A property has recently been purchased in the town of Balod, (8 miles west of Sankra) a rather important town, it being the head of the Tahsil (same as a country seat in America). The Methodist mission formerly had a worker in that town but they were not able to hold it on account of financial stress so the district is given over to our mission.

The Property acquired consists of a large stone building formerly used for a school house. There is a nice compound with a good well and garden plot.

The plan is to locate workers there and the place is large enough to accommodate two families besides a nice hall for services. The mission will get possession of the property by Jan. 1st, 1927.

A weekly clinic is being held at Pairi, 14 miles northwest of Sankra, largely for the benefit of the numerous lepers that are found in that district. At present there is an attendance of 20 or more lepers

who take the treatment regularly. About the same number of patients suffering with other troubles are usually present. So we have a congregation of about 50 to whom to preach the Gospel every week. There is promise of many more coming after the rains. This work is opening a very large field of Evangelistic opportunity in that densely populated area.

The General Conference Mennonite Mission has sent five teachers to attend a Normal Class carried on at Dhamtari. The Missions of the Mid-India area are trying to make their schools more Evangelistic by making them more effective as expressors of the Gospel by service.

A class of boys in the Primary school has this year been able to see the benefits of transplanting instead of broadcasting rice. They have some fields of each kind of sowing and the transplanted rice is a much better crop than the other. This should be some help to those boys at self-support when they leave the Orphanage.

An experiment at filling a silo with Lucerne will be tried by one of the classes of the boys' Primary school this year. If this proves successful it will be a great boon to cattle feeders in India and should make darning a profitable occupation for some of our poor Christian people. This experiment is giving the boys a good training while it is an object lesson to others.

One girl was married from the Girls' Orphanage last week. A number more will be married in the near future. It is a pleasure to see new Christian homes established. Christian homes are among our greatest evangelizing forces.

Some piping has recently been completed in the orphanage now making it possible to get water from within the orphanage. Previously it was necessary to carry all the water from the outside.

Beginning with the new term of this school year a vocational Section was opened in connection with our English Middle School for those boys who can not come up to the standard required in the regular literary course. Fourteen Christian boys are in this class, the curriculum of which is limited mostly to the three R's, and work in agriculture, book-binding, carpentry, weaving and cycle repairing. We are hoping that the experiment will prove successful in helping to fit these boys to live. Government has very kindly granted an increase in the quota of Christian boys allowed in our Carpentry School, so that now ten students may be enrolled. This provides for five new boys every year. This school continues to make a worthy contribution to the economic improvement of our Christian Community.

There is much sickness in the various paras these days. Fever, colds and coughs are the order of the day.

Health in Boys Orphanage is excellent. Out of 160 boys never more than six or seven were sick with fever at any one time. All have

entirely recovered except one who still has little fever. We think this is a very good record for the boys.

Brother Kesus lost their little baby this past month. The doctor and Sister Smucker worked hard to save the child but they were called too late.

A class is being organized and after due instruction about fifteen or 20 applicants will receive baptism and admission into the visible Church here at Dhamtari. This class is entirely within the Christian community.

Subjects for intercession.

For wisdom to guide the boys of our Indian Church into true Christian manhood.

For patience and strength to live quietly before the educated non-Christians a Christlike life.

That more definite Evangelization may result from the daily contact of the hospital staff with those who are in physical need.

That the coming Christian Workers' Normal may result in resolutions by our Christian workers to live more exemplary devoted lives before our weaker Christians and the Heathen around them.

For a deepening of spiritual life in a few weak members.

That the word may have a powerful influence on the hearts of the village children who attend the station school.

For a young Mohammedan who is reading English with a special class in connection with the Bible school.

For those who admit they are not enjoying their Christian life as they once did.

That a greater burden for the lost be laid on the heart of every follower of Christ.

For the children in the baby Home that they may grow up to be loyal disciples of Jesus.

That the new outstation may be a means of great blessing to many, and that not many years hence may find a strong Christian Congregation worshipping in that place.

For further conviction on the part of the christians against drink.

For a firm understanding of and conviction against idol worship.

That the class of applicants under instruction for baptism may realize the meaning of such a step and be true, firm, honest Christians.

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From the thirteenth to the nineteenth of October all the Christian teachers of our primary schools were assembled at Dhamtari for a week of Normal work.

In this an attempt was made to study conditions in the villages where the schools are conducted with a view to determine what can be done to give the Gospel to people by helpful service in improving their condition.

It was generally agreed that our schools were entirely too much engaged in fitting pupils for higher schools and not sufficiently engaged in fitting pupils for life.

How to present the Gospel so as to make it understood by the average villager was discussed at considerable length.

A class on how to teach the Bible Lessons in the schools was conducted daily and the nature of the susceptibility of children to religious teaching was thoroughly considered.

The cold season came very suddenly and abruptly this year which has caused very much sickness. Fevers and colds have kept many in their beds the last 15 days.

Whitewashing and preparations for the arrival of the missionary party at Dhamtari November 4th, is the order of the day.

The workers have all returned from the Normal refreshed and happy to go to work again.

The clinic for Lepers at Pairi continues to increase. This week there were thirty, eleven of them new ones. Many other patients were also waiting for us.

The Friesen family arrived from Naini Tal with the school children October 23rd. All are happy to be home again in the work.

October 20th. Preparatory service for communion was held in Balodgahan Church and all expressed a readiness and a desire to partake of the sacred emblems. Over 300 communed October 31st.

During the month two old women died in the Widows' Home. One had lately been admitted. She requested bap-

tism and was under instruction but not baptised. Rice harvest has begun. The crop is very good.

Sister Brunk was very sick with sore throat, fever and cold and was in bed ten days. She is again able to be about her work.

Sister Kanagy moved to Balodgahan October 23rd where she has taken charge of the Girls' School. She is busy and happy in her work.

One of the orphan girls was married October 29th. Her husband is a second generation Christian. He and his father are both earning good wages at blacksmithing. We wish for them a happy Christian home.

The girls are cutting the rice of their fields.

Sister Hartzler moved to the Medical Station October 23. She is very busy and enjoying her work.

Brother Baldu, one of the Christian men is recovering from gastro-Enterostomy performed by Drs. Esch and Troyer October 25th. The doctors are well pleased with his condition so far and commend him for his patience.

An old, gray haired, thin weak, Hindu woman, came to the Medical Station recently from a neighbouring village. Her daughter had turned her out and she has not had sufficient food for some time. She desires to stay and become a Christian. Even though a Hindu she eats food from any ones hands.

Mr. and Mrs. Antrim, neighboring missionaries, brought their two children to the European ward. They have whooping cough and are threatened with pneumonia.

Communion Service was held in the Shantipur Church October 3rd. Every member living out-side the Leper Asylum and also every member from the women's side of the Asylum were present. This is a record for attendance and all seem to have received a greater blessing by being able to meet with the congregation than by being served in their homes.

Brother Bujbal the deacon, who is taking 6 months' work in the Bible School, was able to be present at this service. The Bible school had 10 days vacation between terms.

David, Sarah, Mary and Nellie Esch returned home from Naini Tal October 23rd. All are well and children as well as parents are happy to again be a united family.

One of the older women in the Asylum who is no longer able to leave her bed, and who will probably live only a short time, says she is ready to meet her Master. She has requested song and prayer frequently the last few days. Her son, aged 9 years, is in the Boys' Home. She left seven rupees, about \$ 2, with Sister Esch to be given him when he is older.

Picture of the Carpentry school boys receiving support from America were taken and will soon be ready for distribution to individuals making up these boys' support.

How is the rice crop? Ask the farmer and a broad smile is your answer.

American housewives are not the only ones who have a real house cleaning time.

The teachers and evangelists had a conjoint Normal this year. The teachers' part closed October 19th and the Evangelists' part closed October 27th. Conjoint meetings were held every day for an hour. Brother Esch had charge of this hour. Special effort was made to make it more inspirational and devotional than before. Interest was good. All seem to have enjoyed the Normal very much. 45 Evangelists and Bible women and 54 teachers attended.

Various live topics connected with the work were discussed daily for an hour. These also were very helpful.

Thieves broke into a poor, Christian widow's house at Dhamtari one night and cruelly murdered her. She worked daily to support herself and little girl. At the time she had about \$11 or thirty-four rupees in the house, money from the sale of land they owned when her husband lived. This must have been the motive of the robbery since the few brass dishes in her home were untouched. The little girl was unharmed. The guilty one is still at large but one man is suspicioned and being watched.

Communion was observed at the Sundargunj Church October 24th. At this time 302 took part in the Lord's Supper. Several were sick and had to be served in their homes.

The Diwali—A Big Hindu Holiday.

This holiday comes the latter part of October or beginning of November. It is in progress at this writing and will continue for ten days.

Educated Brahmins give the following as to the historical, social and religious significance of the day. Lakshmi the goddess of wealth is worshiped. King Bali was dethroned and put out of his kingdom and sent to America on this day. At the same time God is supposed to have killed Narkasur a usurper of the throne. Ramchandra a god of the Hindus was then seated on the throne of Bali by divine intervention when he returned from a journey to Ceylon.

To celebrate this event every year at this time houses and shops are cleaned and where possible whitewashed or covered with a new coat of earth. From a sanitary stand point this is most desirable as otherwise houses in some quarters get very little other cleaning during the year.

During this time little lights are made of earth and filled with vegetable oil and put in lines and tiers in front of houses in the evening and for just a few days of the year houses in villages give the appearance of being electrically lighted.

Merchants and bankers make this time the closing and opening of their fiscal year and the balancing of credits and accounts and getting new stock into stores is the order of the day. In the evening of the principal day invitations are sent out to neighbors and customers to come and take "pan supari" (beetle nut leaf) to chew at the homes of the hosts. Social intercourse is indulged in that would not be undertaken at any other time of year.

Bankers wash their rupees in milk and worship them at this time. Artisans worship their tools. Government prohibits gambling except for three days during this time of year. Drinking and carousing are the order of the day in some quarters at this time of the year.

Subjects for Intercession.

1. That the Indian Christians may receive a greater vision of what it means to be a Christian; that they might grasp more of the spiritual reality of being the "Redeemed of the Lord."
2. That the Business Meeting to be held the early part of December might be a time of spiritual help and inspiration to the missionaries and that through the work of "the Jalsa" during the Christmas holidays many of the Indian Church problems might be found nearer solution.
3. For the missionaries and workers who go out on tour during the cold season months.
4. For several people of the Balodgahan congregation who have denied their Lord but now want to repent and be readmitted into the Church.
5. For special meetings and special efforts which the Balodgahan congregation is going to make in order to make the Gospel known and if possible gather some precious souls into the kingdom.
6. Last Sunday one brother who had been put out of Church for drinking made his confession and was admitted into membership. Pray for him that he may not again fall into temptation.
7. That the work done by the teachers, Evangelists and Bible women may be richly blessed. That His kingdom may be increased through the power of His Word.

Mrs Lapp

INDIA MISSION NEWS.

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The missionaries at Dhamtari extended a hearty welcome to the missionary party who arrived the evening of November 4th. The reception took place at Bro. Smucker's bungalow the following day at 4 P. M. All the missionaries and their children were present save Bro. Friesen, Kathryn Kaufman and those in school at Darjeeling. Light refreshment were served and some time spent in devotion and short talks by those who just arrived.

Bro. Beares are living with Bro. Brunks at Balodgahan. Bro. Knisses are living with Bro. Lehmans in the South Sunderganj bungalow. Both families are busy studying the language and gradually becoming acquainted with the people, customs and surroundings of this place. Contact with the Indian people is helpful to language study.

Sister Sarah Lapp spent four days with G. J. Lapps at Ghatula before taking up the work in the Girls' Orphanage at Balodgahan where she was welcomed by all both Indian and American.

Bro. Kaufman spent about 12 days with Bro. Millers while they moved their goods to Mahodi and visited a number of the different missionaries. They are almost settled at Mahodi now.

November 28th Harriett Lapp, the Troyer boys, Carolyn and Waldo Lehman returned home from school at Darjeeling. These were happy meetings.

Thanksgiving services were held at each Church Nov. 11th. The offering was for Home Mission work. These meetings are most impressive. Bro. Sukhau of the General Conference Mission preached the Thanksgiving sermon at Ghatula. His text was Mal. 3:10.

Communion services were held at Ghatula November 21st and at Sankra November 28th with Bro. Friesen in charge.

November 14th over 900 people collected in the Balodgahan Church for a Dedication Service. Bro. Kaufman

preached the Dedicatory Sermon, after which Bro. Friesen preached an ordination sermon. He and Dr. Esch then ordained Bro. Shiwarasingh, as a deacon, to serve the Balodgahan Congregation.

In the afternoon of November 11th Bro. Dukalu, a Bible school student and Sister Phulmani were married at Ghatula. November 9th Bro. Zavier, a carpenter, married Sister Lydia one of the teachers of the Girls school at Balodgahan.

The Smucker family spent almost a week out preaching in the villages. People are busy harvesting the big rice crop and could only be found at home very early mornings and late evenings. Small-pox too was ranging in surrounding villages which hindered the work some. They toured in the territory of one of the Home Missions where books are being sold regularly and could not sell so many now. Ernest went down with measles and the family returned home two days earlier on his account. People are interested. One village desires the mission to open a school.

Several of the Christian men and women of the Balodgahan Congregation held meetings in the villages for one week. Attention and attendance were good. Several others have expressed a desire to unite with the Church.

Bro. Friesen attended the Saugor Convention early in November. Many spirit filled men and women were there and the convention was a blessing to all present.

The general health is good throughout the mission. Punai Bai, one of the Maradeo Bible women, is in the hospital with a tiny baby girl. Bro. Raghuwa, one of the Bible School students, was brought up to hospital from Ghatula, very sick with black water fever. Special prayer was offered for Raghuwa which God has heard. He is improving nicely.

The Hindu does not know that trust and confidence in a living God and repeats uselessly "Ram Ram"; when Non-Christian patients do not desire public prayer they are remembered in private devotion.

One of the Sankra Christians, working in the Adamabad dam about 8 miles from Sankra, returned home one night and found his daughter very ill and his step-daughter a corpse.

Two days later the daughter too was buried. The cause of their deaths was malignant malaria. This is a loud call to the Christian community.

Measels have broken out at nearly every station. Several missionary and many Indian children are having them.

During the 10 Diwali holidays over 100 boys from the English School together with some of the teachers and several of the missionaries were camping out by the side of a lake near Sankra Station. There was play, plenty of outdoor exercise and daily classes in Bible study. A number of the missionaries kindly loaned their tents for the boys to live in. Every one testified to a very pleasant and profitable time.

The Kratz Memorial Building is about to become useful not alone as a building for teaching manual training. During the coming Annual Business Meeting it will serve as a cook house and dining-room to the 53 missionaries and children.

Both the teachers and pupils in the Eby Memorial Girls' School are getting ready for their Christmas program. All take special interest in the yearly event and do their work with great interest.

Phuleshar Bai, one of the teachers, has been unable to attend school for a week on account of malaria fever. The Christmas spirit is afloat everywhere. Boys and girls, pupils and teachers, everywhere are practicing for this Great Day. Those in the Orphanages, who have parents, are counting the day till they can go home for vacation.

Minnie Kanagy writes as follows about her school :—

"We find the Indian girls very much like American girls. Some are bright, keen, and very active in school and others are dull and find it very difficult to learn. Sometimes there are those who are quite naughty but who after all in the majority of cases are like children the world over. Most of them enjoy outdoor sports very much but just now when the days are short they have little time for play. They are a very interesting group and to work with them and to help them in their search of knowledge and the higher things in life is a glorious work of ours.

Subjects for Intercession.

1. That the girls, who are in the mission schools and are being taught a higher, and a nobler Christian life may grow up to be faithful women in the Master's Service.
2. That those who are in charge of the girls may be blessed with sufficient strength and wisdom to direct their lives and to instill in their hearts a desire to live a pure and helpful Christian life.
3. That the Christian girls in the orphanage may realize their need of a deeper spiritual life.
4. That God's blessing might attend the efforts of the missionaries in their first year's language study.
5. That the doctors and nurses may have wisdom and strength for each duty; also for the necessary funds to complete and equip the new Hospital Building.
6. That Bro. Shiwarasingh may be filled with the Holy Spirit for his new work.
7. That those who are seeking to become open followers of Christ may give their whole hearts to Him.