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## CHRISTMAS ECHOES.

This year's was the first Christmas service held in the new church at Mohadi, and it was marked with a mingling of joy and of thanksgiving on the part of the worshippers here. The attendance was much swelled by the presence of Hindu people from the surrounding villages. The house was filled and there were groups standing outside the doors and windows. One feature of the program was the singing of Christmas songs by some Hindu children who are being taught in our village Sunday Schools which our people here conduct on Saturdays. It was impressive to witness this singing of the Christian message, so well, by these Hindu children, to their parents who were sitting in the audience listening intently.

Christmas at Dhamtari was observed by the several institutions in special programs a few days before Christmas day. Then on Christmas eve, a large congregation assembled in the church to listen to a program of talks and singing. On Christmas morning probably the biggest local audience ever assembled in the church paid remarkably good attention to another special Christmas service, in which many people took part. These were indeed occasions when the significance of Christ's birth received great emphasis.

J. N. KAUFMAN.

The regular Christmas service was held and the Balodgahan church was filled to capacity by our Indian brethren and sisters, and their friends and relatives. During the holiday season programs were given by the Girls' School, the village Boys' School, and the children; and many relatives came from villages to visit their relatives.

A group of Indian Brethren sang Christmas Carols on front of homes, in the village streets, and in the mission compounds during Christmas night. It was very encouraging to hear them sing the songs of Zion where once some of them sang heathen songs.

GEO. J. LAPP.

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Christmas is a time of great rejoicing in the widows' home. At this time they receive their regular clothing which includes a sari bought in Dhamtari, and two garments made by the sisters in America. This provides new clothes for Christmas and the coming year.

Then usually their children come home to spend Christmas with their mothers. Some of these are girls from the Industrial school at Ghatula, some are girls from the boarding here in Balodgahan, and others are boys from the Dhamtari boarding. Then many Hindu relatives come,—brothers, sisters, sons, or daughters. The mothers receive news that has accumulated for the year, for which they are glad; and this occasion is used for a real meeting.

The women were permitted to have their relatives come and enjoy this time with them. In case of a Hindu relative, the widow, (Christian), gave the food to be cooked to the relatives, and they prepared it and fed her. The Hindu would be outcasted if she would eat anything cooked by a Christian.

While it is a time of social visiting yet these Hindu relatives go to church and hear the beautiful Christmas story. They see what Christianity has done and it does make an impression on them. Now, will you pray that these who have heard may consider, and that thru this contact many may be brought to the feet of Jesus.

IDA BEARE.

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As usual, the leper men, (at Shantipur), serenaded us at the bungalow at two o'clock Christmas morning, by singing Christmas songs. The message of the birth of

Christ makes people sing everywhere. The leper men sang so much that night and all Christmas day that they became exceedingly hoarse. One man said if he must lose his voice from leprosy anyhow, he would rather lose it singing Christmas songs.

J. D. GRABER.

#### ANNUAL JALSA AND CONFERENCE.

For the first time in the history of our church, the annual jalsa, Sunday School Conference, and Church Conference were held at the Ghatula station. The Spirit of God was working in our midst, and especially were we made glad to see the number of promising young men who allowed themselves to be used to His Glory. The conference sermon was given by our Indian minister, Isabax, emphasizing the importance of preaching the Gospel, which fact was also re-echoed, in many of the testimonies of the conference delegates. Bro. Graber gave several evening messages,—stirring and practical,—after a season of refreshment in song service. The conference was closed by a parting message from Bro. G. J. Lapp. He reminded us that there was a time when there were no "old" members in our Indian conference, but that this is no longer true,—we have a number of well tried and experienced members who could be called "old", and the future of our church is passing into the hands of our boys and girls.

ESTHER VOGT.

#### ADDED TO THE CHURCH.

On Sunday, December, 13th, the Sundarganj congregation observed communion. At the same time baptismal services were held. Eight precious young souls were baptised and received into the church. Six others were received from other churches. Of these six, three came from the Society of Friends, who do not observe baptism, hence were baptised at this time. We rejoice for the additions to the church.

J. N. K.

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On December, 20th, (at Shantipur), a class of 17 was received into church fellowship by baptism. Of these fifteen were lepers, and two were boys from the home for healthy children of lepers.

J. D. G.

#### EVANGELISTIC TOURS.

From every district come remarks that this year the people of the villages listen to the message of Christ with more interest and inquiry than was the case the past few years.

Sister Sara Lapp with her Bible women spent some time on tour before the Christmas season.

Bro. Beare with the Gospel Team assisted for a number of days in the Sankra District with the result that many inquirers were found, and one soul has asked for baptism. Also the members of the Gospel Team were encouraged and brought face to face with deeper conviction for the work to which they were called.

From Mohadi we made a tour of a number of villages in December. We found a number of people with open minds and friendly attitudes but the same bonds of Caste and family systems still prevail, and it takes a complete surrender on the part of the seeker to get loose from these.

Brother Brunk also reports good interest in his tours about Dondi.

#### A GIFT TO THE LEPER ASYLUM.

Deepchand, a very wealthy and very fat cloth merchant of Dhamtari, who used to supply large quantities of cloth to the home, died recently. As is the custom among rich Brahmins, gifts are very lavishly distributed on such occasions. Enough rice and pulse with spices and all accessories included were sent out to Shantipur to feed the whole institution for a whole day. This food arrived just before Christmas so we were enabled to have a very good Christmas dinner for all our people.

J. D. G.

#### CONFERENCES.

A number of workers from this station, (Balodgahan), attended a rural conference held in Dhamtari, at which time Rev. J. Z. Hodge, Secy. of the National Christian Council gave addresses on subjects related to the welfare of the rural Christian Community. There is developing a strong feeling in India that the Christian Community needs to become more sound economically as well as spiritually, to be able to become a Spiritual force in India during these troublous times.

G. J. L.

On January 12th there will be held a conference for all Indian Workers in Mission to Leper Homes in the Hindi speaking area. David and Bujbal from Shantipur are planning to attend. The meeting will be held at Chandkhuri Leper Home near Bilaspur.

J. D. G.

#### NOTES.

The number of inmates at the Leper Home have been gradually on the increase for the past year and we have just recently passed the 200 mark.

J. D. G.

Sister Lapp went to Calcutta the fore part of December to meet Harriet and do some necessary shopping.

G. J. L.

Arthur Smucker recently suffered from an attack of the "flu" but is well again.

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## FIRST INDIAN PASTOR.

On Sunday, Jan. 10, Bro. John Haidar, for many years a faithful deacon in the Sunderganj Congregation, was ordained to the ministry after having been unanimously chosen by the Congregation. He was chosen pastor of the Sunderganj Congregation, and this makes him the first Indian pastor in connection with the Mennonite Church in India. We greatly rejoice in this step.

J. N. KAUFMAN.

## SIX PARTIES TOURING.

We have just completed a good tour of three weeks into real new territory. We were blessed with the evidence of the presence and help of God during the whole time.

A. C. BRUNK, *Dondi*.

Concerning the Gospel team, Bro. Beare writes that when they were at Bagdai they found some of the villagers very attentive. Also, that the new Gospel Team namely Bro. Hostetler, Sukhlal, Preamsingh, Parsadi and Archand, who were chosen for 1932 will go out from the first of February.

On Jan. 11, two of our evangelists and one Bible woman, (of Ghatula), left for Gatasilli to work with the Christian family stationed there, in touring among the surrounding villages. On the same morning the remaining workers, two evangelists, and two Bible women, and Bro. Vogt went southwest to work for three weeks in Kanker State.

ESTHER VOGT.

On 7/1/32 we went to Bagdai on tour. We found the people interested but in a rather passive way. Those we were praying for and with whom Bro. Friesen had worked in former years we found to be very cold when Jesus was mentioned. This we directly trace to a Brahmin who attached himself to the man most responsible and would not let him by himself for a minute during our entire stay. We are still praying for them even tho we have moved our camp to another village.

R. R. SMUCKER, *Sankr*

Two Bible women, myself and a few others were on tour a few weeks southeast about nine miles from here. We visited ten different villages in and around our camping places, and made many acquaintances.

The people of Tuma were very friendly with us, and many came to our tents, some for medicine and others to visit. We had very good meetings among them, and several, although illiterate learnt to sing some songs very well, especially some of the children. One song in their own dialect, "Come Jesus and Live in My Heart; I will give Thee Place", they liked especially well, and we could hear them sing it as they went about their work, going after water, or in their grain stack yards.

We trust the Lord will bless the seed sown. May they ask the Lord from their hearts for Him to live in them.

SARAH LAPP, *Balodgahan.*

For the last four weeks we have been working in district, some distance from Mohadi, with Korgaon as the center. We can truly testify that the Lord has been with us, and has touched the hearts of a number of young and middle aged persons of that village. We will probably have more to say about this in the next issue of the "News". One of our workers has a deep conviction that there should be work done here indefinitely, and so has already given some advance money on a plot of land, in this village, which he expects to farm, and thru this get

closer to the people in working as a farmer-preacher among them. All of our party have the same conviction on this, as our brother has. He will at the same time be a teacher and help to the new converts who will likely be baptized soon.

LLOY A. KNISS, *Mohadi.*

#### GROUND BROKEN FOR ACADEMY.

We had the, "Ground Breaking", ceremony for the first building of the academy on the afternoon of Jan. 1, 1932. Our feeling was well expressed in the words, "Hitherto hath the Lord led us". The work is now going forward and we hope to occupy the bungalow by July 1, 1932.

Bro. Kaufman has taken up his work as head of the academy Bible department from the first of the year. The co-ordinated direction which he will be able to give to this department should prove a blessing not only to the Bible teaching but to the whole spiritual atmosphere of the school. The school rejoices in the appointment of Bro. Kaufman to this work.

The boys in the Agriculture class spent all of Saturday learning sugar-cane harvesting first hand in Bro. Bishwas' village. Bro. Bishwas has three acres of sugar-cane and expects to receive Rs. 3000 for the sale of his crop.

ERNEST E. MILLER, *Dhamtari.*

#### FROM OUR MEDICAL WORKERS.

About two weeks ago the vice president of the Dhamtari Municipality had a large bladder stone removed, in the hospital. Our ward rooms are not suited to all classes of people so we have allowed him to use two ordinary rooms. He is recovering nicely.

Two brothers from the senior hostel, whose home is at Champa in the General Conference Mission, contracted chicken pox and were brought to the medical station for isolation. We were fortunate in having a place for them away from the other patients. Today they were happy to have their mother come to see them.

Our three compounders finished their training last July, but for various reasons we were unable to have their Commencement exercises. We now hope to have them Jan. 30. MARY J. HOLSOPPLE, *Dhamtari*.

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Dr. Troyer writes concerning the Kurud work.—The Sunday School which was opened on Jan. 3, is very encouraging. The attendance has more than doubled and the attention is very good. We also opened a weekly medical clinic here by which we hope to fee our Sunday School.

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The Indian nurse at Balodgahan has been suffering from some form of malaria.

I have just moved to Balodgahan again. Am again taking up the medical work here. I was called to two different villages on Saturday to see patients. In one village a man who has decided to become a Christian, came with his Bible and song book and asked me to give the people a short message before I left the village. He is anxious that more from his village decide for Christ. MARY ALICE WENGER, *Balodgahan*.

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Bro. Brunk writes that the scarcity of money among the people has effected the medical work at Dondi a bit, but that they have still been able to help many in real need.

#### SCHOOL AT THE HILLS.

For nine months of the year we missionary children are away from home, at school in the mountains. The school term extends from the beginning or middle of March to the end of November or beginning of December. The two schools our mission patronizes, are Woodstock in Landour, and Queen's Hill in Darjeeling. At the former five will be attending this year, and at the latter four. Besides these, there will be little ones attending the Kindergartens of both places, as long as their pa-

rents are able to be with them. Here we enjoy the fine characteristic of school children. We are in good care and receive help, not only mentally, but great help spiritually. It is with mingled feelings that we leave for school, but it is with pure joy that we return home when the nine months are over.

HARRIET LAPP, *Balodgahan*.

#### GENERAL NOTES.

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It is three months since I began language study. The pandit comes five days a week for two hour periods. I have missed a number of days because of visits to the different stations, and the special meetings during this time. I am hoping to study more regularly from now until I go to the hills to Language School.

DORA SHANTZ, *Shantipur*.

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Bro. Lapp writes that he with several others have attended a large fair in Kanker State on the 21st of Jan. and held an open air Evangelistic service with a large crowd. He has also been going to the different local churches here for communion and baptismal services.

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On the 24th of January the Balodgahan congregation observed communion and had a baptismal service at which two women of the widows' Home who formerly came from villages, were baptized. GEO. H. BEARE.

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Sister Vogt relates.—The other night I was awakened by the shouting of the night watchman and another close-by neighbor. 'It must be an animal close-by', I thought. Soon a patter of feet was heard on the veranda and I supposed a dog was seeking a place of refuge. 'No, Memsahib, that wasn't a dog. It was a leopard himself who came on the veranda. He sat out under a tree in the yard for a while too,' I was told later.

One of our oldest (boarding) boys who is learning mason work has not been well for several weeks. He is starting with tuberculosis and has been moved to one of the hospital wards for treatment.

Our house father, Bro. Martin and some of the boys are conducting a village Sunday School in Mujhgahan. We feel this is important, not only as a means of spreading the Gospel, but it also gives the boys training and experience in evangelistic work.

S. J. HOSTETLER, *Dhamta*

Bro. Brunk reports that some new adults have entered the night school he is conducting at Dondi station: also that the threshing season has interfered some with the attendance.

One of the boarding girls is to be married the end of the month. She will live in Sankra. The Sunday School has been re-organized for the year and a number of the boarding girls have again been placed as teachers. This gives them valuable training.

FANNIE LAPP, *Balodgahan*.

A brother and sister of Sankra Congregation will be married on 30[1]32. Another engagement ceremony will be performed for two others of our small congregation.

Brother and sister Bisakhu rejoice over the birth of a new son in their home and Bro. and sister John Kisu, our compounder and nurse, similarly rejoice over the birth of their second son.

R. R. SMUCKER, *Sankra*.

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## VILLAGE WORKERS FIND GOOD INTEREST.

**Gospel Team**—We began our work for the year in a small village called Muskera near the outstation, Chikli. We spent ten days there also visiting some of the surrounding villages in the daytime. Each evening we had a meeting in Muskera. The people showed very good interest and were attentive. There are two men in the village, and one in a nearby village who showed signs of being ready to accept Christ. We worked with them personally and in much prayer, but they were still unwilling to yield caste when we left, but we feel that we should continue to pray and to work with them, at any opportunity. We ask you to help by prayer to bring them to Christ. It was the greatest joy and fascination to work with Christ among those people and we look forward to our next place of work ten miles west of Dhamtari. S. JAY HOSTETLER.

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**Ghatula**—This year we had the privilege and pleasure of touring in the eastern part of Kanker State. In all the villages visited we found only one village in which the people remembered of a missionary coming there to preach. The man, now gray headed, who remembered the missionary, said, "When I was young a tall missionary came here in an ox cart and called the people together and preached to them like you do." Everywhere we went people listened eagerly and bought many Gospel portions and song books, and tracts. In the first part of March we are planning to go back.

M. C. VOGT.

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**Sankra**—Touring season is on and many people are being reached. Pray that they may not remain only listeners but that they become brethren. Two Brahmin boys want baptism. They give satisfactory answers and seem to have a conviction for sin. We wanted the



oldest boy to take baptism when he came in with the men from tour. He wanted first to go and bring in his younger brother, then both be baptized together. The boys should come any day now. Let us trust the Lord will so bless and strengthen them that the devil cannot overpower them again.

R. R. SMUCKER.

#### LEPER HOME ACTIVITIES.

On Feb. the 11th Mr. and Mrs. Rice of Damoh, C. P. visited the Leper Home.

Brick making and field repair work are in full progress at the home again. We find these work programs of great benefit, both physically and mentally, to the inmates of our institution. The threshing of the rice crop was finished recently, and a total of seven *garas* was realized. A *gara* is a cartload.

On Feb. 13th Darbari and Rambati were married in the Leper Home Church. Darbari was an inmate of the home for two years, and was subsequently declared symptom-free. He completed four years of training in the Dhamtari Carpentry school and has learned his trade well. Rambati was an inmate of our home for healthy children of lepers. The Leper Home and the efficacy of treatments has indeed made a difference in the life of Darbari!

Instead of the regular Wednesday afternoon meeting in the church we have begun early morning worship periods. We like the idea of meeting together for a period of worship and praise as an institution before going to work for the day.

Groups of Leper men and women have been taken to surrounding villages for singing evangelism on an occasional evening. The singing was exceedingly well received by the village population; in fact it was hard to bring the programs to a close, so insistent were they that we should sing some more. Besides being an effective method of evangelism it is a splendid activity for leper men and women who had gotten the idea that because of the disease they can no longer be of any use or service in this life.

J. D. GRABER.

#### NEW PASTOR'S CHARGE.

On January 10th Bro. John Haidar, for many years a deacon in the Sunderganj Congregation, was ordained to the ministry. He also has been chosen by the congregation as pastor and has entered upon his responsible duties with the well wishes and prayers of the entire brotherhood.

As pastor of the congregation Bro. Haidar also becomes the manager of the evangelistic work under the direction of the Evangelistic Samaj in the Dhamtari area. This included the sub-station of Potiadih about two miles from Dhamtari.

To help him in the Administrative work of the congregation which consists of 428 members, Bro. Haidar has a church council consisting of twenty members. These have been carefully selected both from the viewpoint of representation as well as of the desire and readiness of each one to see to it that the rules of the conference are faithfully lived and taught. J. N. KAUFMAN.

#### THE NEW OUTSTATION.

Bro. Raghua who has bought a farm in the village of Korgaon is now engaged in building a house and getting his fields ready to sow the coming season. As you probably know, he is one of our evangelists. He seems to be keeping the good will of the people of that village. They come to his house nightly to hear and help sing Christian songs and bhajans sometimes staying up to midnight. These days since it is hotter people retire very late in the night. Raghua's ultimate object is to become an evangelist working without receiving wages from the mission, as soon as he can become established. It is thought that an evangelist will be able to do much more among village people by being independent so far as his making a living is concerned. That is, by not receiving pay for preaching. This principle will of course not work for full time workers.

Korgaon is thus becoming another outstation of Mohadi by the voluntary transfer of one of our preachers. During the rainy season this family will be more or less

isolated physically and therefore will meet some hardships not experienced by those at the main stations. Will you pray for those of this village who have promised to give themselves to Jesus ?

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#### SHANTI BAI CALLED HOME.

We were all saddened by the ordeal thru which Jaggu, our carpenter at Mohadi, was called to pass when God called home his beloved wife, the mother of three small children. Her name was Shanti, the Hindi word for peace. Her name must have truly described what was in her soul. So far as we know she always lived a consistent Christian life. She was loved and respected by the members of our congregation. We know of cases where she suffered slander or injustice, but her spirit of forgiveness overcame her enemies. She was always willing to abide by the rules of the church and by the Scriptures. Once when she was approached about a wrong she had fallen into, she broke into tears and promised to do better. She was human as we all are but she always endeavored to do the right thing. She was teaching in a government girls' school to help make a living for the family, which included both parents of her husband. In the village where she was teaching she voluntarily conducted a mission Sunday School. The Hindu girls of the village reflect Shanti's teachings and influence and will likely never forget her. May they be led farther on till they too meet Jesus.

Our hearts go out for the three little daughters who were left behind without their mother. The father is unable to care for them materially, but there is no money or earthly friend that can take the place of a mother. Pray for those left behind.

LLOY A. KNISS.

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From Bro. Graber. We are sailing from Bombay on the M. V. Victoria of the Lloyd Triestino Line, on March 10th, and from Southampton for New York on April 13th, on the S. S. Europa of the North German Lloyd Lines.

#### THAT I MAY WIN SOULS.

(The title for the following write-up was chosen by the editor after reading the article. The writer is one of the Christian compounders trained in our mission hospital.)

I have been a student in the Mission Elementary and High Schools almost from 1921 to 1929 and have enjoyed a student life. I beg to state that I have studied up to non-matric class.

Because of my failure I made up my mind to join in the medical line. It is a pleasure to be able to say that I was made a candidate as a compounder in the mission Christian Hospital, Dhamtari.

By coming in this line I thought that I can preach more to the people about Jesus Christ. I am in the service for the last three years and am thankful for the Spiritual help I have received since I am in the medical line.

I was sent to Mohadi mission Station to work in the dispensary for a couple of months.

I can truthfully witness that as a compounder I have been greatly helped spiritually and what I have received I have to pass on to others that my unsaved Indian friends may find their Savior.

It has deepened my conviction that I should spend my life in seeking to bring souls to Christ. Whether employed by the mission or not, I shall not cease to pray for and seek to save the lost. It has been an inspiration to me to spend my life in winning my Indian brothers to Christ. I want to more fully consecrate my life to the Lord's service. Pray for me that I may win the souls, among whom I work, to the Lord.

SIM KUSHAL MASRAM, *Compounder.*

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Bro. Lapps move to Shantipur around the first of March to take Bro. and Sister Graber's place.

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The attendance in the Kurud Sunday School has dropped off in Feb. due to the harvesting of winter crops. Those that come show a good interest. The medical work is on a gradual increase.

G. D. T.

## GENERAL NOTES.

Corrugated iron roofing has been put on some of the Girls' Boarding rooms this month.

One girl was married on Feb. 12th and another girl left to be married in Shantipur. She and her husband are both untainted children of lepers. F. L.

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Bro. Beare has taken over the pastorate of the Balodgahan Congregation and Bro. Sukhlal has an evangelistic district with workers and is also in the Gospel team, and is out on tour most of the time. G. J. L.

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On Feb. 28th Bro. Graber preached for the Mohadi Congregation. Bro. Beare conducted the devotional. Sister Beare had part in the Sunday School, and Sister Graber, in the Young People's Meeting. Our congregation greatly enjoyed the help given.

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The night school at Dondi has been interfered with by a Ramlila in the village. This is a company acting out the Ramayan.

The building work on the dispensary, the ward, and the nurse's home is in progress. A. C. B.

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In the Shantipur Sunday School elections A. David was elected Superintendent for a year, with Sukhlal Secretary, and Sarah Bai Chorister.

On Feb. 4th Deacon Malawa of Balodgahan preached at Shantipur. The devotional was conducted by Bro. Beare. J. D. G.

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On Mar. 2nd Sister Kniss, Sister Troyer, their children, and Harriette Lapp, left for Darjeeling. School was to open a few days later. The Landour group will leave sometime before the middle of March.

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## THE RESURRECTION.

Jesus came to earth and first sought out the way thru the briars, thorns, filth and dangers, and passed thru without a stain or a hurt. Then He came and washed us of the filth, and cured us of the venom of sin that clung to us as we tried to find the way alone, only to lose it; then revived us again setting us aright and, behold, now He comes and thru the power of His resurrection leads us over the same road He travelled before us, and if we will, He will take us thru without receiving even a stain as we pass along. He not only lived to show us the way. He not only died to wash away our sin. HE AROSE to live and to give us victory over sin.

## BALODGAHAN VILLAGE NEWS.

During Passion Week Sunrise meetings were conducted every morning and the attendance was good, especially so on Good Friday. Many Hindus were present at the meetings.

The large village tank is made with a gate so that it can be drained in order to give it the yearly cleaning, which it received again lately. This supplies clean water for the year. This tank plays a large part in the economics of the village.

Many people of the village have been given larger home sites. Before some of them had hardly enough room to take one step on their own yard. They are building their new houses on the new plots which will afford them room for a small garden besides. The object of this rearrangement is to help better the social conditions of the villagers.

Many of our people are being helped by employment at digging murrum, ( a metal subsoil ), and making crushed rock for the Academy buildings at Dhamtari.

### CHANGES FROM LANGUAGE STUDY.

Language study continues without many exciting changes. Yesterday while the pandit observed a Hindu holiday I had a change too. In the morning I helped give the leper treatments at the Dispensary here at Shantipur. Then I went in to Dhamtari with the doctor. In the afternoon we accompanied him to the Kurud clinic. Then today Dr. Troyer and Miss Holsopple went to Balodgahan to do five tonsilectomies. It was a real recreation to help in medical work again.

There had been nine new admissions into the Lepet Asylum during the past two weeks. Many of these are treatable cases. We pray they may also receive Spiritual help by their stay here.

DORA SHANTZ.

### GIRLS' SCHOOL BUSY.

The School girls have had a busy week attending the Passion Week services at the church at 6 o'clock in the morning, and taking annual promotion examinations from 7 o'clock. They are also preparing an Easter program to give in the church. These meetings are largely attended by non-Christians and the girls are eager to bring them the message of the risen Lord whom they have learned to love so much.

M. M. GOOD.

### FROM MEDICAL STATION.

A special committee is working on plans and policies for the future of our hospital work here. Pray that we may be led to plan the work in such a way that in case we as a mission should be required to leave the work, it could still be carried on efficiently.

In five weeks we have had four funerals from the hospital and its small Christian community. The first one was noted in last month's News. One was a young man from the boarding. The other two were babies, one a child of our Indian doctor, and the other of one of our compounders. They were one month and two and a half months of age respectively. These things are hard for loving ones to understand and harder to bear, but unlike the Hindus, we can say that we expect to see them again.

MARY J. HOLSOPPLE.

### ACADEMY NEWS.

Nine boys from the senior high school class went to Raipur to take their Government Matriculation Examinations. The School had a program in which boys and teachers took part on the morning of their departure. It was in the nature of a small "Commencement". The serious attitude toward these examinations is indicated by the Church Pastor's call for special prayer on Sunday morning on behalf of the success of the candidates.

The Senior Hostel boys gave a Khana, (feed), to their fathers and guardians last week. There were some good stunts, games and speeches. It helped to cement the friendship between sons and fathers.

The boys of the normal class are spending the last week of their term in touring some of the nearby villages, observing village conditions and holding religious meetings. Their tour will be in charge of Bro. Bishwas who is teaching agriculture and village problems in the school.

Eight masons, five carpenters and a gang of fifty coolies and rejas are busy getting bricks and mortar together at the new bungalow. The walls have risen to a height above the doors and windows. ERNEST E. MILLER.

### TEACHING IN THE BIBLE DEPARTMENT.

The school management has assigned me to teach Scripture in the middle school department. There are about 90 boys ranging from 10 to 15 years old. Sixty boys are in the first class, and the rest, thirty, are in the second standard. The first class has two sections of thirty boys each. The A section has entirely Christian boys and section B Non-Christians.

In the previous years I used to follow Clayton's and Miss Pelly's book prepared for Indian pupils. But this year I teach according to the syllabus prepared by the local missionary committee. This syllabus contains partly the Life of our Lord Jesus Christ, the story of the Jewish Kings and prophets, Temperance Lessons, The names of the Old and New Testaments, and the Causes of the Downfall of India from a Moral Point of View. It also contains several important chapters to be committed to memory.

With the exception of a few, the boys, both Christians and non-Christians take much interest in the Scriptures taught to them. This year they have learned by heart the names of the O. T. books; the 15th, 23rd, 91st, 96th, and 103rd Psalms; Matt. 5th, 1-12; 1 Cor. 13th; Phil. 4th, 8-9; and many other things besides. One boy named Ahmed, (Mohammedan), would learn and commit to memory and reproduce anything taught in the class. It is easier to teach the Mohammedan boys than the Hindus. Hindus would not listen to the parts where they came across the killing of fish and animals for meat. They would at once raise a dozen questions saying that it is sin to take the life of lower animals and birds. But the boys who attended the school after a course of years have learned many things about Jesus, His disciples, and Christianity. You would, with exceptions of a few, find them very friendly and obliging. Our aim is that they should learn to love our Lord Jesus and believe on him as their Savior and Redeemer. Up to this date none of them has done so, but nevertheless we pray for their souls.

I believe that the school gives us the best and golden opportunities to impart religious education regularly to the non-Christian boys. We are trying our best to change their thoughts, habits, and beliefs. Time will show that the precious seeds sown in their hearts will surely germinate to grow and bring fruits. G. I. BAKHSH.

#### TOURING NEWS.

The Bible women, an unordained evangelist, and myself had been on tour about ten weeks in all, this tour season, and met thousands of people and visited in 70 different villages mostly in Kanker State south of here.

We met many people who said, "Never before had any one visited in our villages", and many said that they had never heard of Jesus before.

In a few villages the people were afraid of us, and hid in their houses when they saw us come, thinking we were connected with government, but when they heard us singing outside they returned out. We told them we came to tell them about a Savior and not to beg. Then they sat down and listened attentively. Very many

came for medicine. Poor people have no access to a doctor as so many live so far away from the mission dispensaries, so they just suffer and many die from neglect.

The work surely is needy. When one comes into contact with the many people who know nothing of Jesus as the only Way, the Truth, and the Life, one can say with Jesus, "The harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers are few." Then He tells us to pray the Lord of harvest that he will send forth labourers into His harvest, Matt. 9:37-38.

SARAH LAPP.

The two Brahmin boys who manifested signs of repentance and a conviction of sin some weeks ago, so far have not accepted baptism. The elder one has been away on a trip, so we hear. We are beginning to wonder if the trip was voluntary or if it was a forced one. Stranger things than that have happened.

On a more recent tour a man was greatly drawn. After becoming thoroly convicted of sin he would not come to talk any more. Last evening he sat very quietly but left before the meeting was over. The Devil knew we had planned to talk with him after the meeting and to take an answer one way or another. R. R. SMUCKER.

At Kamaipur is a family of four adults who want to unite with the Christian Church. Of course we have learned that we must not be too sure of the faithfulness of their word at times, for there are so many things to become blocks in the way of those who seek Christ in this land. We trust however that they will fully yield themselves to God's will within the next few days. Another family in this village had decided to become Christians, but when the Malguzar, (Landlord), found it out he called this man to his house and frightened and threatened him so that he fearing too much earthly loss at the landlord's hands left his seeking after that Savior who promised safety to his soul. There is also another couple in this same village who are special seekers, but we have not yet had much opportunity to speak with them definitely about it. The landlord has forbidden his villagers to listen any more to these Christians, and so in order to talk with any of these it is necessary for us to be secret as

far as this one village headman is concerned. ARE YOU PRAYING for such as these? If not then I want to ask—Do you think that you are fulfilling your responsibility?

LLOY A. KNISS.

#### GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Recently lepers began to come to the Mohadi Dispensary for treatment. As this district is not known as a leprosy district, we have not had any lepers to treat, and we thought that there were very few, but since one or two began attending and telling the others also, the number increased to twelve patients in a few weeks' time.

Bro. Smucker writes, "We are glad to be able to say that Sister Smucker is busy at her work again, due to the Lord specially blessing her, that she could go on tour and work as of old. We praise God and also thank our U. S. friends who prayed for her recovery."

A large gathering tendered their farewell to Bro. and Sister Graber, on Mar. 4, at which time the lepers and untainted children of the home gave them valuable presents as remembrances and a token of their love and appreciation.

Communion services begin with Good Friday at Maradeo and Shantipur, and Easter Sunday at Dhamtari, and lasting thru the month of April.

Harriette Lapp reports a busy time in school, and that the other children of our missionaries are also feeling more at home in the school than when they first went.

Special Easter services were conducted in the Sunderganj Church which were well attended. The meaning of Christ's death and resurrection was brought anew to the people.

The mangoes bloomed profusely this year. Although the blossoms did not all mature yet many of the trees are very full of small fruits. It will ripen in May. J. N. K.

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## SPENDING THE SUMMER VACATION.

(Note.— This young man who has gone thru our high school expresses the attitude of a goodly number of our young men in the church. *Editor.*)

Before presenting an account of our plan for summer vacation, we express our gratitude to God for his kind mercies and blessings.

After completing our year's work we are all free for a couple of months. To all of us it is a time to make our choice as to what we should do with our vacation. We have decided to follow the Lord Jesus, and instead of spending the time leisurely, we thought it better to utilize it in His service.

We are very fortunate, for the Evangelistic Samaj has, through the leading of God, chosen us for this great work, (for a period of a month). We are all interested in the service of our Lord, and are planning to start on our respective tours among the non-Christians. We have formed two Gospel Teams, each consisting of four young men. One of these teams is going to Sankra and the other to Ghatula. It is very interesting to state that every one of us is willing to participate whole-heartedly, and that the Samaj has granted some money to meet the expenses.

Our task and aim is to do more and more for our country's welfare and promote Christian brotherhood. It is also our desire to associate with them and to study their customs and manners with the idea of improving their spiritual condition. We will not be mere Christian preachers, but will be their fellow brothers helping and serving them at all times. We request all those who read these lines to remember us in their prayers.

DAVID GANJIR, DHAMTARI.

## GIRLS' INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

During the last month the mission bought fifteen acres of farming land for the Girls' Industrial School. It is close and the land is very good. This is much more satisfactory than renting land.



Every morning about half of these girls go out to these fields to repair the rice banks. The banks need continual attention. Four girls are learning to make bamboo baskets. Six are learning to weave bed tape. Five or six water the girls' garden every day. Then, one girl from each room does the cooking for the other four girls. The girls who do the cooking take turns at it.

The aim of the school is to give the girls a knowledge of the Bible coupled with a deep Christian experience and to teach them to do the tasks which fall to the lot of the average woman living in an Indian village.

M. C. VOGT, GHATUI

#### GIRLS' ORPHANAGE.

Sister Good left for a vacation at the hills on Apr. 7th, so I am responsible for the Girls' Orphanage in her absence.

The last six weeks 22 of our girls had bad tonsils removed at four different times, Dr. Troyer performing the operations. We think their health will be much improved.

Only a few more days then school will close for two months, so all the girls who have parents will go home for that time.

This is the time for weddings. This week there were two, and before long there will be several more.

The weather is getting warmer right along and the ground parched. Health is good among us.

SARAH LAPP, BALODGAHAN.

#### NURSES' BUNGALOW BEGUN.

On Apr. 4th work was begun on the nurses' bungalow at the medical station. Any work of this kind in India involves a great many people. Most of the time, during the past two weeks, there have been employed 24 men and 20 women to do the digging; carry the dirt away; and bring in the sand and other building materials. They begin work at 6:20. At 9:00 A. M. they have 15 minutes in which to drink a little rice water. At 12:00 they have rest for one and a half hours. Work for the day closes at 6:00 P. M. Then there are cartmen who early in the morning and late in the evening, when the heat is not so great, bring the brick and sand.

Altho there are two overseers it is very necessary for the missionary to make frequent visits to see that all is well and that orders are carried out. Brick and lime must be ordered in time to reach the grounds by the time they are needed. This is one of the things which will take up Dr. Troyer's time during the hot season.

MARY J. HOLSOPPLE, DHAMTARI.

#### MEDICAL WORK IN THE SANKRA DISTRICT.

Although much has been written about the medical work in this particular district, yet since the scene ever changes, what one writes is ever new. Just as a very brief introduction to the scope of the work may we give as figures for 1931 the following:—

Number of leper treatments given	...	...	3984
Number of other treatments given	...	...	4119

This does not mean that so many individual patients were treated, but that so many treatments were given. Some patients have been treated several times, but each visit is a fresh 'exposure' to the penetrating rays of Gospel light. The lepers are fairly regular in their weekly visits. You will notice that the average weekly attendance at our leper clinic is 89, since there were leper treatments given in only 45 weeks out of the 52. Many of our lepers have reached the state where they think they are symptom-free. We do not dismiss them until they have taken treatments for at least six months after all visible signs of leprosy are absent. So far we have dismissed only one or two. They usually stop coming themselves before they are fit for the bacteriological-free certificate. We have told one girl not to come for three months; then to return. If we find no trace in her at that time then we will give her the welcome news that she need not come any more. She leaped for joy when we told her that she needn't come now for three months. My, but she was happy!

We have a number of people who have been convicted of their sins, mostly lepers, and who rank as "secret believers". But I know no such word in my Biblical vocabulary, hence I can hold out no hope for such unless they are "open believers" accepting baptism before men. Try as we can

and plead as we may, so far they haven't been willing to openly accept baptism, altho feeling the convicting power of the Holy Ghost, and standing convicted of sin. They recognize Jesus as the Savior. We have been able to do consecutive teaching to the lepers where we have not been able to do that to the other patients.

It is indeed much easier to bring a person to a mental knowledge of Christ than it is to bring him to an experimental knowledge of His saving Grace. But it is the latter that counts; not the former. Pray for all such.

R. R. SMUCKER, SANKR

#### GENERAL CHURCH ITEMS.

A ministerial meeting was held on Wednesday, Mar. 30th in which it was decided that persistent beggars who have their membership in some congregation cease to be considered members unless they merit help from the congregation. It was also decided that we ignore child marriage, and give those, who have been betrothed in infancy, in marriage as we have always done heretofore.

A number who had been excommunicated have again applied for membership in the respective congregations, and the local congregational councils have been considering each case on its own merits. Classes are being organized for the instruction of converts.

Communion season is now on. During the next few weeks all the communions will be held.

Shantipur has about two hundred members the most of whom are lepers. Their faith is simple but fervent. Each month several pass on to their eternal reward happy in their new found hope.

G. J. LAPP, SHANTIPUR.

#### MOHADI MISSION PROPERTY.

The mission property at Mohadi consists of four acres of land on which are the bungalow, church, and several evangelists' houses as well as the medical dispensary. There is also a small plot of land on which some five or six Christian families live. More land is urgently needed. The landlord has been approached a number of times for more

land. He is ready to sell us some but his attorney, a Brahmin, has been opposing the sale as he is not in favor of the missionaries. Negotiations are in progress at the present time and things look favorable. It is hoped that the six acres of land which are very much required will soon be a part of the Mohadi Mission property.

In this connection we have also attempted to purchase a burial place for our people at this station, but have not been successful. At the present time the church buries at the edge of the tank, (pond), which is very objectionable. The owner has now promised to give us a plot free. Let us hope that he keeps his promise. J. N. KAUFMAN, DHAMTARI.

#### GENERAL NOTES.

One day as a few of us were driving the 43 mile jungle trip between Mohadi and Dhamtari we met a leopard on the way. Bro. Beare with one good shot ended the beast's life. As we went to pick up the dead animal which was a young one, we heard its mother growling in the bushes not far away. She did not appear in the open, as in the day time leopards are more or less afraid of people. The jungle is full of animals, but they do not usually allow themselves to be seen. A leopard skin is a worth while trophy. L. A. K.

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Recently we at Mohadi discovered that the village Hindus in the district make use of Christian songs and bhajans at their weddings. They have learned these from us as we toured in the villages. They dance to them and play their crude instruments. They learned to like these songs even though they are very different to their own. How unusual it seemed to us to see these dancers all dressed up and painted in hideous fashion, and singing Christian songs. We didn't like to see it in this wise, but they were really innocent, for they did not know that they were using the songs out of place. We hope the day will come when these same villagers will sing these bhajans in an appropriate way, and from a heart filled with the Holy Spirit. L. A. K.

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Permission was obtained from government to cut down fifty-nine mango trees in the Sunderganj Mango orchard. The space was required for the Christian Academy buildings

and grounds. All the trees were old and practically non-bearing, yet it was not a easy task to change so radically the appearance of our old mango grove. J. N. K.

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Phulmat Bai who has been an inmate in the Leper Home for a number of years has been pronounced symptom-free and is now a matron of the Girls' Industrial School at Ghatula. She is a bright example of Christian faith and loyalty. G. J. L.

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Bro. Vogt writes from Ghatula.—On Sunday Apr. 17<sup>th</sup> about a hundred brethren and sisters partook of communion. A few could not be present.

The examinations in the village schools have been taken. The percentage of passes is good. It is always higher than in government schools.

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Bro. Beare writes the following from Balodgahan.—Pre-Hot Season wedding time is here. A number of weddings have taken place, and a number more will take place in a few weeks.

We have, according to custom, just hired our farmers and ox drivers for the coming year. The farmers will get one fourth of the entire harvest, and the ox drivers will get ten khandi, (1600 lbs.), of rice for the year.

About 35 new houses are being built in our village. We have put on a "Better Home" program this year, and things are progressing quite well.

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The Bible examinations have been held in the village primary schools with very good results which shows the interest of the teachers in Bible teaching in the schools.

More lepers are coming from Berar, over 300 miles west of here, to remain in the Leper Home for treatments. More have also come from the nearer areas. Many more should take the treatments. The hope that they may become cured brings joy to many a leprous sufferer. G. J. L.

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### AGED SISTER CALLED HOME.

On May 21, 1932 God called to her eternal reward Jewarbi Ma who was known throughout our mission and Indian Church, and in other missions as a consistent Christian and a devoted Bible woman for many years. She was one of the oldest members of the Mennonite Church in India. Both brethren and sisters alike looked up to her as a senior in the church for a long time, honoring her place in the church by adding "Ma" to her name. Ma, in Hindi, is used for mother. When we who are the younger missionaries first arrived we learned to recognize her soon, because when she arose in church to give her testimony, even tho we did not understand the language, yet could always tell that the Spirit of God was present by the silence and the reverent attitude that the audience at once assumed.

She was the oldest Bible woman in the mission. She was always about her Father's business. Once in a conversation she told me that whenever she went to a shop to buy rice or salt or whatever she needed she would speak to the shopkeeper about his soul. God knows how many souls have found their Saviour thru her influence.

When Jewarbi was still a Mohammedan, she helped earn a living for the family by hiring out to a missionary as a cook in the missionary's home. It was the rule with this missionary that each morning before work for the day was begun all the servants and the family would gather for morning worship. This, Jewarbi resented, being a staunch Mohammedan. It was her routine to start the breakfast before the time for morning prayers, after which she would serve the meal. In order to make an excuse to be absent from the worship she would deliberately burn the breakfast and serve it in that condition. She was not excused from prayers and kept on burning the food for a long time. She, later, delighted in relating this story, adding that the patience of the missionary who ate the burned food was the means of her finding Christ.

At the time of this wonderful conversion her son was twelve years of age. He was at once captured by the Mohammedans of the town and kept from his mother. They taught him to disown her, and as his mother went out to her place of work after she became a Christian the son would stone her as she passed along the street and defame her by calling her names. She patiently bore it. After some time of treatment of this sort, her son came to her one day and fell on her feet begging her to take him along. She knew too much of the ungodly ways of her people, and feared that the boy was taught some plot by the people who had captured him. She refused to take him along. The boy came in this fashion again and again, so at last she gave in and took him along home again. He too was converted in a short time. Her patience won him. Soon after this she and her son and daughter moved to Dhamtari. The Mohammedans of D. said, "We will get him yet", and tried every way, saying, "If only that old woman, (his mother), would die we would have him in a short time." The good Lord left Jewarbi Ma live to see her beloved son, none less than Bro. John Haidar, become the first Indian pastor in the Mennonite Church. God saw to it that this boy was grown and well established before he called his mother home. Who dares to ask, "Is it worth while"?

The last years her health failed her considerably. She even then continued making her visits to those in whom she was spiritually interested. She would walk in short stretches by the use of the cane, resting between. She suffered considerable pain for a number of days just preceding her passing away. Neither she nor any one else knew her age exactly, but she must have been more than ninety years old. Some time ago she said she thought she must be about four years less than a hundred.

We are thankful to our Heavenly Father that He has allowed her to be with us so many winters. We will miss her friendly greeting and handshake as well as her services in the church. Her influence will go on. One of our young men, a clerk in an office, referred to her since she passed away, as a sincere and faithful disciple of Christ.

LLOY A. KNISS.

### LANGUAGE SCHOOL, LANDOUR.

The total enrollment in the language school this year is 102 as compared to 88 last year. Fifty-four of these are studying Urdu, and forty-eight are in the Hindi department. The Hindi classes are arranged in a three year course, and the Urdu in a two year course. R. W. Cummings, the principal of the school directs the Urdu department, while Miss Johnson, another experienced missionary directs the Hindi.

The management and spirit of the organization is distinctly missionary. Each morning we have short inspirational chapel talks, and once a week an hour lecture on some missionary subject. All the teachers seem eager to help each student as much as possible.

There are also many recreational interests here in Landour. There are hikes to interesting places, as well as flours and birds. The views of the snows are inspiring.

DORA SHANTZ.

### LEPER HOME NEWS.

A sadhu, (ascetic), came to us. He had wandered thru the jungles from the Kalahandi State, a long distance southeast of here, and asked to be baptised. We felt that it would be unwise to lay hands on him suddenly and therefore asked him to stay around for a short time until we would become better acquainted mutually, and know better what should be done. Thru careful but kindly investigation we found that he desired to live in another part of the country where other missions are working and that wherever he might live he would expect to be taken into mission employ. He would forsake his avowed celibacy, marry and establish a home. We could not consider his aspiration wrong or illegitimate but due to his desire to live in the region where he would feel most at home we recommended his settling down and affiliating himself with the Christian organization of the area in which he hopes to live. From conversations with him we have every reason to believe that he is sincere and we are praying that the Lord will lead him aright and lead him back to us again if it be His will. He merits our prayers.

Several lepers have recently gone to their eternal reward. The lepers who have been able to go to their villages on vacation have again returned. One man who was a farmer in the leper home has been given a certificate and has been given leave from the home, as symptom-free. He was a happy man to know that he was practically free from the disease.

G. J. LAPP.

#### SUNDARGANJ CHURCH NEWS.

Glory be to God that he has put the desire for preaching the Gospel to sinners into the minds of our young boys of the high school. Two Gospel Teams of four boys each left Dhamtari in the beginning of May for Ghatula and Sankra. They are going to give their one month's summer vacation time to preaching the Gospel in those places. When they were asked by the Samaj to do so they willingly agreed. Before they started for work they were called into the church before the pulpit and prayer was made for them for carrying out successfully this last commandment of our Lord...."Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

By doing so these young boys of our high school give us fervent hope of becoming enthusiastic leaders of our church in time to come. May God prepare such leaders for our church as Jeremiah, St. Paul, and Sadhu Sundersingh.

This year our Christian Endeavor is doing some good practical work for the prosperity of our church. The intermediate department of our Christian Endeavor helps at church service time. It has formed three committees:—Dog Committee, Seating Committee, and Silence Committee. At the time of services the Dog Committee keeps the dogs from entering the church building. The Silence committee keeps the little children quiet. Sometimes they have to use sweets, (peppermint), to keep the little children quiet. The seating Committee arranges to have the people sit in the right places, and sees that all have gotten seats. Don't you enjoy to hear that our young children help our church thus? How nice it would be if each and every man and woman, boy and girl, would find some way to help their own church! May God bless these committees.

JOHN HAIDAR.

#### DARJEELING NOTES.

The Queen's Hill School to which our children go is located in a comparatively new community called Mount Hermon, about two miles out of Darjeeling proper, and this is where we live, except sister Wenger who stays in the city itself.

The weather has been very fine during the month of May. We had just enough rain to make the vegetation beautiful, and not enough to make it unpleasant. It has brought rosiness to pale cheeks, and put new vitality into our bodies weakened by the strain of the heat of the plains.

Two weeks ago we were blessed with a very inspiring convention. A missionary from South India delivered a series of ten lectures on the early Apostolic church. The lectures were virtually an exposition of the first few chapters of Acts and applying their teachings to our present day problems.

We are all expecting to get back to our work on the plains by the end of June. This will mean a severe trial because of separation which is not new to the older missionaries, but it is to some of us. Nortel, Dana, and Annabelle Troyer; Paul Kniss, and John Jay Hostetler will be left here to attend school. It will be the first time for the latter two and their parents, and seems like a hard thing to do.

S. J. HOSTETLER.

#### GOSPEL TEAMS AT WORK.

Four of the high school boys are here at Sankra for a month's Gospel Team work. We got out every evening, and worked in five villages so far. Not more than three nights were spent in any one village. Sickness hindered our work somewhat. Pray for our work, please.

R. R. SMUCKER.

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The Gospel Team consisting of four high school boys, is doing good work in the villages around Ghatula. They have spent a few nights at each of most of the surrounding villages. The people are glad to hear them. Usually all the

people of the village come out. The boys seem to be enjoying the work too. The boys have made a worthwhile contribution to our young peoples meetings. Several of them have given very good talks. M. C. VOGT.

#### BALODGAHAN WEDDINGS.

Within the last month there have been four weddings of our girls who have gone into homes of their own. There are to be two more weddings this week, and perhaps several more later on. Pray for them that they may be real lights among the people with whom they live and come in contact. This is schools vacation time and so the parents who have grown-up sons and daughters are thinking about arranging marriages for them.

The Bible women have their vacation this month, so some have gone to visit relatives, and some are helping to repair their houses etc. SARAH LAPP.

#### GENERAL NOTES.

The reason for the belated June number of the Mission News is that because of the missionaries being so widely scattered, material from the correspondents arrived late.

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At Sankra on May, 1st. ninty-six members took part in communion and feet washing.

An epidemic of "flu" is making the rounds here. One case of pneumonia developed. No fatal cases so far.

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Prem Singh and Ramoti who were workers at the Hospital moved to Kurud on May 10 to take over the evangelistic work there.

Sim Kushal, a graduate of our compounders' course has recently been married to the daughter of Dasri Bansi, one of our Bible women. MRS. TROYER.

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## HINDRANCES.

Some hindrances are profitable, some necessary, some accidental, some planned, some costly, some are providential, and so on.

We have all had examples of all these kinds. Just at the time of preparing these manuscripts we are in the middle of the re-adjustment resulting from the general exodus from the hill stations back to our work in the plains. This is always an unavoidable hindrance. Some of us were further hindered from getting to our work because of high water.

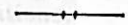
We need more land as well as some other very legitimate privileges at Mohadi but the landlord is boycotting anything connected with Christians. Hindrance.

An urgent call for a certain amount of money was hindered by a cross cable and later proved to be profitably hindered.

The world is hit by a general depression, and our own funds are showing the marks of it, but already some signs of a profitable hindrance appear. May be it will make us, "Give till it hurts", and bring new blessings.

Our Christian compounder at Mohadi was hindered from going to a wedding 37 miles away, and that evening a young sister in our station was bitten by a deadly snake. God mysteriously directed him to give hypodermic injections of Scrubb's Ammonia, which of course is never given in this way. This saved the life which was at its last as this treatment was applied.

Praise God for hindrances ! They often help us. All things work together for good to them that love God.





## GHATULA NOTES.

On Thursday night, June the ninth, we had a heavy rain. The next morning was very pleasant. But now, June 15, it is very hot again and it does not look as if we would have any more rain very soon.

Tuesday, June 14th, Shambati, one of the Industrial School girls, was married to Emmanuel, the nephew of Narayan, the evangelist who lives at Kaspur. In the evening they had a wedding dinner for all the members of the Ghatula congregation. May they ever give God first place in their home.

June the 11th we made our last trip, for rainy season supplies, to Dhamtari. We spent Sunday at Shantipur with Bro. Lapps. Monday evening we had the privilege of attending the prayer meeting. All the missionaries who are on the plains now were there. We enjoyed this spiritual fellowship. This is the first time that Sister Vogt had met any of the other missionaries since about the middle of April, and most likely she will not have the privilege of meeting any of them again till next October or November.

Friday night, about 8:30, Lily, Michael's oldest daughter, passed away. It was a blessing that she could go, because she had been suffering much for the last year or year and a half. She was very nervous and her body just wasted away. Often she would cry most of the night. According to the wish of the Indian brethren, we had the funeral yet that night. The carpenter made the coffin, and a number of the brethren quickly dug the grave. It was almost 1:30 A. M. when we returned from the graveyard.

Monday afternoon, June 13, Dukala of Mohadi was bitten by a cobra. The compounder administered medicine at once and the next morning when Dr. Troyer went out to see her she was getting along well, and almost out of danger.

M. C. VOGT.

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 WHO ARE THE COMPOUNDERS ?

They are young men trained in compounding and dispensing medicines. In fact they somewhat take the place of the druggist at home.

Since many mission and government hospitals are located in towns or villages where there are no drug stores, the doctor in charge must, after examinations and prescriptions also supply the medicines, and to be able to hand the prescription over to the compounder and trust him to fill it as well as to explain to the patient in his own language every detail in taking it, is indeed a great help to the doctor.

Circumstances forced us to organize a training class at our hospital. Formerly we had been hiring boys who had received their training elsewhere—usually in government schools. But this was very unsatisfactory as their only interest was earning money, and the lack of Christian spirit about them proved them a hindrance rather than a help in our work. I finally took a young Christian boy and began to train him myself. After a year a second one was taken on. A small wage was given them while they were learning. Later on, coming into contact with directors of other mission hospitals, I discovered that they were having the same difficulties. Even the boys taken in and trained thus were reluctant in taking a thorough training, because they would have nothing to show for their work, and would find it difficult to obtain a position outside of our mission.

Several years ago this problem was discussed by the medical workers located in the C. P. with the result that an examining board was organized and a two year compounders' course was mapped out. Certificates are issued to those who pass successfully. These certificates are recognized all over the C. P. Last year our first class of three graduated from this course.

Our mission now requires a year of special Bible training before the boys enter the course.

The compounders are more than just medicine mixers. They are also Christian workers, and are responsible for giving out the Word of life as well as medicine. God has blessed abundantly in our training of this first class. All have clean moral records, and all can be depended on to help in village Sunday School work or evening meetings at any time, as well as to speak their word for the Master while on duty in the hospital giving out medicines, dressing foul sores, or assisting in operations.

They have inspired the confidence of their fellow country-men, and we feel they can be trusted to work in our outstation dispensaries where they must assume considerable responsibility.

During the hot season one of these was put to a severe test when a young girl at Mohadi, where he is located, was bitten by a poisonous snake. After giving six injections of strychnine the patient's condition did not improve, and he tells us that not knowing what to do next he went and prayed mightily that God might lead him in his next step. The thought of giving ammonia came to him and with that she rallied and her life was saved, to the great surprise of many non-Christians and the joy of the Christians who had not ceased to pray from the time she was bitten.

A new class is starting the course this month. Will you remember them in prayer. G. D. TROYER.

#### BALODGAHAN NEWS.

Health in our Christian community and in the Girls' orphanage has been very good this hot season.

Since April 19th there have been eight Christian weddings at our Bethel Congregation, and there will be two more this week. So there are that many new Christian homes scattered among the non-Christians. Our prayer is that all will let their lights shine wherever they are.

Some of the girls who had gone home to be with their parents or widowed mothers for part time have again returned, and others have just left for a few weeks and will return when school opens. The matron of the girls returned again after a month's vacation with her friends.

We have had several hard showers of rain lately, but the rains proper have not yet come. It still remains quite warm, from 100 to 105 nearly every day. It had reached 112 a few days in the fore part of June.

Sister Holsopple who had spent about six weeks with me returned home to the medical station last week, when also four more girls who had bad tonsils, had them removed by Dr. Troyer. Three of them will return to Bilaspur where they will finish their Teachers' Normal training.

SARAH LAPP.

#### SHANTIPUR NEWS.

Born to A. David, caretaker of the Leper Home, a daughter, Ivy Mendora. Mother and child are well and the other little sisters in the home are happy at Ivy's arrival.

One inmate of the home hanged himself in May. No special cause is known for the suicide except melancholy over his increasing illness. We are sorry for this condition. Superstitious fear has since caused his former room mates to object to living in the room where the suicide occurred.

Seven more lepers have been admitted into the Leper Home during the last month. Most of them have come from near the home which shows the increasing local confidence in the treatment which the lepers are receiving. We are trying to encourage more local patronage because of the many lepers living near us.

The heat has been very hard on most of the lepers in the Home. Some of them do not perspire, which causes excessive internal heat in the body. They kept throwing water over themselves during the middle of the day in order to keep as cool as possible.

Regular religious teaching is given in the Home with the hope that very soon a class of converts can be organized. Regular S. S. and church services and mid-week prayer meetings are held in the Home and in the homes of the clean Christian community.

Our untainted children are all, but one, home for a few weeks. One young man has finished his training as an apprentice in the Carpentry School. G. J. LAPP.

#### SUNDARGANJ NEWS.

Rachel Haidar, eldest daughter of pastor John Haidar was engaged to Bro. Frederick Biswas, youngest brother of Malguzar R. N. K. Biswas. The ceremony was performed on the tenth of June by Bishop G. J. Lapp. It was attended by about 250 persons, men and women, Christians and non-Christians. SAMUEL BANWAR.

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## HOT SEASON VACATION OVER.

The Girls' School at Balodgahan opened on July 4. We are very glad indeed to have our head mistress back again. She had been away for two years' training. The girls are happy to be in school again. It is interesting to hear them tell how they spent their vacation. One girl who, with her mother, each hot season, goes to visit her Hindu relatives in a Hindu village, when asked whether she likes it in that village, said, "No, I don't like it at all in that village, but I like to go there because I want to tell them about Jesus." Others whose Christian parents live in villages away from any other Christians, told how they went into the Hindu homes and told them the Gospel story.

Just now during their working hours when they are out of school, they are busy helping to get the materials together to finish building brick kitchens to replace the mud ones which were built a couple of years ago when the girls began, as an experiment, to do their own cooking in groups.

M. M. GOOD, BALODGAHAN.

## BALODGAHAN NOTES.

Every one is busy in the fields these days and so we are not having as many outside patients coming to the dispensary as we have some seasons of the year.

Bro. Beare has been in the hospital for some weeks, because of a minor operation on a fistula. Healing has not progressed as fast as was expected. We will be very glad when he is again able to return to this station.

Sister Sarah Lapp accompanied two of our girls to a Bible School where they will get special training for Bible Women's work.

Bro. Beare has within the last year re-divided much of the land in the village of Balodgahan, with the idea of giving each family not only room for a house but a little yard and garden space as well. Quite a number of families were given

new building sites to relieve the congestion. They are now getting settled in their new homes. It is a real joy to see this improvement in our village. Many objectionable water holes are also being filled up. MARY A. WENGER, BALODGAHAN.

#### BOYS' ORPHANAGE.

On July 11, Atma Dass, one of our boys got married to Parbati, an orphanage girl. Atma Dass had taken a two year course in a shoemaking school, and has been plying his trade for some time now. They are living here in Dhamtari for the present. As soon as rain conditions will permit Sukhlal, another of our boys is planning to get married to one of the girls of the industrial school. He has learned the tailoring trade, and will stay here and teach other boys of the orphanage. These are two of our best boys and we hope to see them establish good Christian homes.

Two weeks ago we started a Bible class for all of the working boys. There are 18 in the class including Atma Dass and the office clerk. We are taking old testament history, beginning with the creation. The boys are getting Bibles with good quality binding out of their pocket money which they get for soap, oil, etc. They are all very much interested in the study. We hope to make it very practical and profitable and to give them an organized knowledge of God's dealings with His people.

S. J. HOSTETLER, DHAMTARI.

#### NEW ENROLLMENTS.

The Carpentry School has 29 pupils as apprentices this year. The capacity of the school is 30. This is the highest enrollment we have had for some time. There were many more applicants this year, so that those selected are of a much better grade than in former years.

There are 54 boys in the junior hostel this year. Eight boys from Dhamtari, who had in previous years attended school from the hostel, are now with their parents and attending from their homes.

Sixteen boys are enrolled in the Bible Class this year. The High School students, and the compounder students for next year will be selected from the above 16 boys.

J. N. KAUFMAN, DHAMTARI.

#### RAINY SEASON EVANGELISTIC WORK.

**Mohadi.** This is the first rainy season since we are at Mohadi that we will be able to go out with the evangelists regularly, every day. Other years we always had some building work going on during that time, which prevented. We hope to be able to be out quite a large part of the time this year. In some villages people ask us to come.

Bro. Bisahu and I have visited the workers at Kamaipur and at Korgaon and found them well and happy in the work.

We expect to put on a special campaign of evangelistic efforts in our nearby villages because during the cold season when we are on tours farther away these villages are more neglected. We are still hoping for the results of fruitful effort. We have had foretastes of results but not a full realization. Will you pray that our efforts may be only out-workings of the Holy Spirit and that souls might yield to convictions.

Our laymembers are taking more interest in the work of bringing the Gospel to the lost, and with this we see a marked increase in their zeal for right living themselves. Inconsistencies which were formerly not much thought of are more despised, and they seek the "good name". This is encouraging.

LLOY A. KNISS, MOHADI.

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**Dondi.** Night school has opened again with new interest after hot season vacation. The children come even on rainy nights.

Dispensary work is increasing. More patients are coming. One family has been here for some time.

The evangelists and Bible women are spending some time each day in preparing Bible stories for use in village work and Sunday Schools. They are anxious to be able to tell the Gospel story more effectively.

A. C. BRUNK, DONDI.

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**Ghatula.** These days the evangelists are going to the villages during the middle of the day. In the morning and evening all the people are out in the fields sowing rice or looking after their fields.

On Sunday, July the 17th, we had the pleasure of seeing three Hindu people confess their faith in Christ by renouncing Hinduism and submitting to water baptism. May the Master be glorified through them.

M. C. VOGT, GHATULA.

#### A FULL DAY AT THE HOSPITAL.

Saturday, July 2nd was an unusually busy day for us. One of our patients who had been brought in from the village a half days journey on a cot, and had had a Cesarean Section, died about five A.M. Her needs had been attended to too late.

About 8 A. M. a Christian woman who had come in from Sankra gave birth to a tiny girl but her heart was not able to stand it all and she passed away soon after. Sister Troyer is at present taking care of the little one.

There was another woman brought to us on this same morning for confinement. It was necessary to give her anaesthetic. We thought she was in fair condition but soon in the midst of our rushing from this one to that one we found that she too was breathing her last. This too seemed to be a death which could have been avoided, had we seen her sooner.

Three deaths in one morning, of similar causes do not put one in a mood of putting forth more outstanding efforts for the day, but it was Saturday and there was an old man with a liver abcess who had been waiting for some time for his operation. We decided to do what we could for him. The amount of pus drained was amazing. The next morning he seemed quite happy to be relieved of his old pain. He is now well on the road to recovery. He has heard about our religion and shows respect when we speak to him about it. The people of the section from which he comes are very attentive when the Gospel story is preached. May our influence on him and his son who is with him be effective in His cause.

MARY J. HOLSOPPEE, DHAMTARI.

#### GHATULA NOTES.

Saturday Mukut and I went to Jarahidihi during the noon hour. Coming home we took the road which led us past the graveyard. When we left no one was sick. Imagine our surprise to find some men digging a grave when we came in sight of the graveyard. "Who is it?" was the question which burned in our minds until we asked the diggers for whom it was. The twelve day old baby boy of Danu and Phirwantin had passed away suddenly at about twelve-thirty. The cause of his death is unknown to us. The child only gasped a few times and passed away. The suddenness of it made it very hard for them.

On June the 21st, a baby girl was born to Khobu and Sundar. The little girl is getting along well. Khobu is headmaster at Umargaon, and Sundar Bai does Bible women's work there.

M. C. VOGT, GHATULA.

#### ABOUT SANKRA.

The Indian workers are in charge of the station during July as I am taking a few weeks rest in the hills. Leper clinics had been closed for one month of the hot weather, from May 15 to June 15. This is rather unsatisfactory so we plan on continuing without a break in 1933.

Sister Umedsingh departed from this world of trouble and care on July 2nd. She died two hours after giving birth to a tiny girl, at the Dhamtari Hospital. Heart strain and bad kidneys was probably the cause. Bro. Umedsingh hardly knows what arrangements to make for the welfare of his family of five, three of whom are under six years of age.

Hot season at Sankra was not so severe this year. Only several nights were bad. During June the heat was less severe here than at some of the other stations, due to more night breeze stirring.

We have burnt brick and lime on hand in preparation for putting up a compound wall around the plot in place of the wire fence which does not keep out jungle pigs and the cattle.

R. R. SMUCKER.

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## A HOLIDAY TRIP TO SENCHUA.

(NOTE—The writer of this is our Indian Christian doctor at the Dhamtari hospital.)

Senchua village is only eleven miles west from the hospital at Dhamtari. It is said that there are deer in that locality. One day some of the villagers asked me to come to shoot deer. I got a day off at the hospital in February. I arrived there in the afternoon. It was very warm, but I did not mind it.

When the children saw me they gathered all around me, and when they saw my gun, they pointed toward the small tank where there were ducks. I shot only one. As soon as the villagers came, they recognized me, so they called many others and asked me for some medicine. I asked them to come in the evening. I asked them again whether they had seen any deer or not. One of them told me that he had seen some a little while ago. I took that man with me and went out in search of the deer. We went here and there, several miles away from the village, but all in vain. They were gone by that time, so we came back quite tired and discouraged.

Finishing with the sick and poor I with some villagers went out shooting again. This time we did see some deer but could not shoot any. When we returned, to my surprise I saw some more patients waiting for me at the door of my host. I was sorry for them, for there was no medicine left in my bag. I told them to come to the hospital in Dhamtari, and they did so.

After a few weeks, I had another opportunity to go to the same village with Dr. Troyer. The folks gave us a warm and cordial welcome. They were very happy to have us both in their village. We attended to a few more sick people.

Now the people come to the hospital regularly. Since that time the people of that village have become very friendly to us.

Dr. J. B. KUMUD.

## A VISIT TO DHAMTARI.

It was my privilege to visit in the home of Brother and Sister Troyer several days this month, which I enjoyed very much, and in the meantime I also visited in a number of the Christian homes in this community. Within the last five years many of our former orphan girls were married, and visiting them in their homes was a pleasure. Most of them are getting along well. Some of their husbands are tailors, carpenters, masons, cooks, blacksmiths, gardeners, shoemakers, day laborers, etc. Some of the wives also do some work by the day or by the month. Others stay at home and do their housework, and care for their children. One sees a difference in the caring for their children compared with the non-Christians about them. Theirs seem to be healthier and there are not as many deaths among their children as among the non-Christians. We trust and pray that they will let their Christian lives shine among their non-Christian neighbors, so that they may also be drawn to the Light, and accept Jesus as their Savior. SARAH LAPP.

## NEW KITCHENS FOR THE GIRLS.

A few years ago it was decided to try out the cottage system in the Girls' Boarding, and mud kitchens were built in which to try out the experiment. Those connected with the work are convinced that to continue the cottage system is the best plan. In 1930 one third of the mud kitchens were replaced by brick ones. The remaining two thirds are now being built and the girls are very busy out of school hours tearing down the mud kitchens, leveling their compounds and doing what they can to help with the building. They are very happy to have new kitchens.

MARY M. GOOD.

## SANKRA NEWS.

Sister Smucker and I returned from the hills on 4/8/32, and were very glad to get back. We found all in good health and things going well at the station.

Mr. and Mrs. Isadas, members of the Evangelical church of Raipur, who are teaching near here and make their home in our community, sent us the glad news that on Aug. 12 the Lord blessed them with a son.

A man who says he has been uneasy in his mind, and could not rest ever since we were at his village five days last March, when on tour, came in and wanted to learn more and said he wanted baptism. He is all tangled with marriage relationships that the Bible does not sanction. We are praying for a way out for him. We ask you to remember him as well. May he receive the Spirit in such measure that all holds will be broken, that keep him from Christ his Savior.

The leper clinic work is going fine from the attendance and interest viewpoint. It is disheartening though from the fact that so far not a single one has been willing to step out for Jesus, although a number have had experiences with Jesus. They believe on him in secret and have put away all idol worship from their homes. God tells us to accept Him openly before men.

R. R. SMUCKER.

## ORPHANAGE BOYS ACTIVE.

The older boys of the orphanage go out to villages one evening a week and sing and talk to the people. They like this work of evangelism and we are trying to have them learn the need and privilege of every Christian doing missionary work so that they will continue when they go for themselves.

Sukhlal, one of our best boys, was married on Aug. 2, 1932, to a girl of the Industrial School. He has had training in tailoring and is teaching the trade to some of the others in the boarding.

We have a Bible study class that meets each Tuesday and Friday evening, for all the boys that do not go to school. Several former orphanage boys also attend. We are studying Old Testament History now. They take a very keen interest and have many interesting questions on various points and incidents, such as, "If Abraham's servant gave jewelry to Rebecca when she agreed to marry Isaac, why is it not right now to wear it"? "If Abraham had actually sacrificed Isaac, then what—"? "When Rebecca covered her face to meet Isaac, did that teach that purdah, (The heathen custom of women veiling their faces), is right" etc. We always search the Bible for the correct answers to the questions, and I believe they are learning to look to the Book for their help when questions come up.

S. JAY HOSTETLER.

### MEDICAL STATION.

All the wards are full at present, and others are desiring to be admitted. This is unusual for this time of the year as people usually are too busy with their fields to bring the sick.

Sister Holsopple, who is in Landour for a month's vacation and language study is expected back about the 10th of September. Sister Shantz is expected back at the same time.

Bhangine bai, who is afflicted with a severe case of asthma, is an inpatient at the hospital the past ten days. She has greatly improved since here.

The recent rains have made our work at Kurud difficult on account of bad roads. People do not come so freely either. We have to walk nearly a mile after leaving the car, and at some places wade through water and mud.

G. D. TROYER.

### GOD BLESSING THE WIDOWS' HOME.

A few years ago there were in the Widows' Home, a number of deserted Christian wives. Their husbands had left them and were living in sin. For protection these women were admitted into the home. Prayer was requested for these wayward husbands and God heard! Three young men forsook their sins, and after making peace with God and the Church came and took their wives. One young woman is left who would like to see her husband forsake his sin and again establish their home. Will you pray for this young man?

"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you". This week this was again proven in the Widows' Home. Four evening meetings were held with the women, and one evening the Spirit with mighty conviction was present. As a result at the close, some of the women without being spoken to, went and asked forgiveness from those whom they had wronged. They not only enjoyed forgiveness from their sisters but from God also. It was later found out that the result of that meeting did not stop when the meeting closed. As the women went to their houses, conviction lingered, and

others also made restitution among themselves. Will you pray that those who have confessed their sins may live close to God.

An aged sister who had longed to go to Jesus for over a year passed away in July. She was asked a number of times if she was ready to meet Jesus. She always said she was ready. God honors the childlike faith of these illiterate Indian sisters.

IDA BEARE.

### LEPER HOME ITEMS.

On August 3rd I returned from Darjeeling and have again taken over the management of Shantipur from Dr. Troyer who still continues his regular weekly visits to the clinic in which both the inmates and the lepers from the near villages receive treatment. During the previous month two inmates died. We are saddened when they thus leave us without having openly confessed their Lord and Master.

On August 19 the Deputy Commissioner of the District visited the lepers' homes and was served tea in the superintendent's bungalow. He was very much interested in the treatment the lepers get and also in the amount of work they are given to do and the many gardens so carefully tended by them. He also remarked concerning the clean houses in the women's quarters. He also observed that we are crowded for room, but was helpless to offer any financial help to enlarge the quarters or help build new houses, because of the general financial depression.

Plans are on foot to teach a couple of able bodied lepers to give injection which will lighten the work a great deal, and also enable more research work to be done by the superintendent and the caretaker.

The untainted boys are growing to manhood. One is away learning tailoring, one has finished his apprenticeship in the mission carpentry school, and one has had some training in treating patients. It is difficult in these hard times to plan for their future. We need an interest in your prayers.

Sister Lapp is still in Darjeeling with Harriet. She will return about the middle of September. Wish we could be with Harriet or have her with us all the time of this her last year in India.

GEO. J. LAPP.



## A CONSECRATION SERVICE.

(NOTE—As some readers may not know, the church here practices formal consecration, to God, of small children, in public services for this purpose.—Ed.)

On July 3rd we had a very touching consecration service at Balodgahan when the parents of nine babies brought their little ones to the front of the church for a formal public consecration of them to God and His service.

One young father had to bring his little son forward alone as the mother had died four days after the child was born. This young man's married sister who also has a small child is caring for his child. The spirit of sacrifice and service is very clearly seen in this case.

May God help all to teach their children in the way that they may learn to know Him Whom to know aright is life eternal. GEO. H. BEARE.

## GENERAL NOTES.

This is again communion season for our congregations. Bro. Lapp attends as many of these services as he can, considering that this is the rainy season. Communion is considered by our Indian brethren and sisters as a very important part of their spiritual living, and all in fellowship, and in good health always attend. L. A. K.

On Aug. 12 Bro. Miller with his family moved into the new bungalow that was built in connection with academy project. S. J. H.

The needed house to furnish living quarters for the compounder at Mohadi is about completed. L. A. K.

For the hot season Bro. Sukhlal had charge of the Balodgahan church. He did very well. G. H. B.

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## WORKERS' MEETINGS.

From Oct. 5 to the 12 the Men and Women Evangelists will be gathered together in Dhamtari for the purpose of reviewing the Reading course which includes a very excellent life of Christ, entitled "Jagat Guru", and 1st and 2nd Corinthians. The latter is preparatory to a more detailed study of the life and methods of St. Paul. In addition, the evangelists and Bible women during the first eight days will study the Hindi booklet, "Menno Simons and the Mennonite Church", the "Eighteen Articles of our Faith", and discuss methods and means of practical evangelistic service.

During the days following these meetings the subjects, "Education and the Community"; "Evangelism through Education"; "Medicine and the Community"; "Evangelism through Medicine"; "The Church and the Community"; "Evangelism through the Church", will be treated. Lectures will be given on the subjects, followed by discussion of the subjects by groups of medical, evangelistic, and educational workers respectively. The stress will be laid on more evangelism by all classes of Christian workers. During these last three days' meetings (Oct. 13-15) all classes of Christian workers will be present. Rev. W. G. Menzies of the Disciples' Mission, Pendra Road will be present with us for the last three days and will conduct morning devotional Bible study and give the evangelistic messages in the evening. Rev. Hodge, Sec'y of the National Christian Council of India also expects to be present and it is expected that he will lend his inspiration and constructive help in the matter of more effective evangelism. During the eight days of meetings with Evangelists and Bible women the morning devotional Bible Study will be conducted by Bre. Kaufman and Miller, and the evening Evangelistic services by Bre. Kniss and Lapp. Other Missionaries and Indian leaders will serve as teachers and instructors in the several discussion and recitation groups.

There are grave problems arising in India which call for much prayer, and thinking, and study of God's Word in order to come to know more perfectly the will of God in relation to saving souls from sin, idolatry, and the rising tide of atheism which is spreading over this land. Pray for the Workers' meetings. GEO. J. LAPP.

#### LANGUAGE STUDENTS' LETTER.

Landour Language School is a thing of the past for this year. The two terms of two months each closed with the final classes on Aug. 31.

Although the Language School gives instruction in two years Urdu and three years Hindi, yet examinations are given at the school only on the first year's work. Not all students attending the school take this examination as different missions prepare their own course of study and examination. Others cooperate jointly in what is known as the, "Joint Examining Board".

Our mission recognizes the J. E. B. examinations and has a representative on this Board. There are twelve different centers where the examination is given. It is divided into two parts, first the Oral part which is given to all candidates in their centers, then about three weeks later the written examination comes. The oral consists of conversation with an Indian, reading and translation of an unseen passage, reading a portion from John's Gospel, and a passage dictated by an Indian, to be written in Hindi.

The oral examinations for our district were given at Raipur, 48 miles north of Dhamtari. Eight candidates were present, 2 for first year, 5 second year, and one third, and all passed successfully. The written examination papers may be taken in our various missions under the supervision of one missionary. The written part necessarily takes more time than the oral, for some papers 1½ hours are allowed and others 3 hours. The first year written includes a grammar paper; one on the Readers studied; one on Gospel of John; and one for translation from English to Hindi.

Language study has been interesting but difficult. It is very necessary as a medium of expression, and also gives one a better understanding of the Indians' view point.

With the passing of this year's examinations, Sister Holsopple will have completed the required three years study. And I am hoping this coming week to pass the first mile-stone.

Remember us both in our study and work that the Spirit of God may enlighten us and guide us. DORA SHANTZ.

#### BALODGAHAN FARMERS.

In Balodgahan we have 44 Christian farmers who have an average of 5¾ acres of land each. Some have more and some have less. This is not really enough land to make a living, but it is all they can afford at present, and they of course value this very highly. Any one in India who owns even only a small farm is considered fortunate.

To make this story show up in its true light we must also consider the income which, last year, amounted to an average of Rs. 9|-, or 3 dollars per acre. Many of these farmers have large families and one can really hardly see where they make their living. One can also easily see how the least disturbance in the rainfall of any one year will put them to hardship as their only crop is the rice, upon which they depend for food.

The crop for this year so far looks good. There is still need for one more good rain, without which the crop will likely be about ¼ less than full. GEO. H. BEARE.

#### AMONG NON-CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF DHAMTARI.

The ignorant Hindu women whom we visit are hard to get to listen attentively. While explaining the way of Salvation to a group of high caste and seemingly interested women they interrupted by asking if we white women nurse our babies. They thought we do not.

One home in Dhamtari is visited regularly, where there is a mother and two daughters who are very much interested in what we have to tell them. They moved to Dhamtari from another place where they had been taught much of the Christian religion. They have bought a bhajan book and know many of the bhajans. They select bhajans and ask us to sing them. One they selected and sang with us was, "We will Apply our Hearts

at the Feet of Jesus". Another, "There is No Salvation, Only Through Jesus". The comment they made when we finished was, "Those are very true words, Mem Sahib". Will you help us pray that they may truly find Jesus? It is so refreshing to meet women of high caste who are interested. As a rule they are so self satisfied.

ELSIE KAUFMAN.

#### WORKING AT DONDI.

The medical work is picking up well. The new ward is not quite completed but it has been full for several weeks. Others are waiting to come in as soon as there is room.

The village people and the Sunday School children respond very well to the Bible stories when told in an interesting manner.

We meet many people in the villages who believe that all sickness is simply demon possession, and they try to frighten the demon away, by sweeping the patient with a broom and by blowing the breath over him, or by beating the sick one with a shoe. I witnessed such a performance. I ask them whether they desired that we pray. They said yes, and stopped their work. They asked the crowd to be quiet. After prayer we gave the sick one some medicine and he recovered. A. C. BRUNK.

#### GHATULA NEWS.

Thursday evening September 1st, we were pleasantly surprised about 8:30 P. M. when Bro. George Lapp suddenly came. We knew that he was coming but did not know when he could get through. He came in the bus which runs between the Mahanadi and Sihawa.

One of the older brethren fell into very deep sin. He was implicated in four different sins. He at once agreed to make all things right with the people whom he had offended and to ask forgiveness from the Church. We are glad to report that on Sept. 18 he asked forgiveness from the congregation.

Sunday September 11, three young sisters—two Boarding girls and one adopted daughter of one of the Evangelists—were added to the Church by water baptism. May they continue to have a living faith which will give

them victory over the temptations which continually assail them.

About a hundred partook of communion on Sunday September 18. A number were kept from coming by sickness.

M. C. VOGT.

#### TWO VISITS TO OUTSTATIONS.

On Saturday Aug. 21 we made a trip to Mohadi to worship with the Mohadi congregation over Sunday. We motored to Kurud, 16 miles from Dhamtari, and from there we travelled by hand push trolley to Mohadi. As the tracks are taken up in the river during the rainy season we had to walk across the sand of the river and then take a boat over the wide strip of water. The river is over a mile wide. We greatly enjoyed the fellowship with the missionaries and Indian brethren at Mohadi. On our return we were entertained with tea by Mr. and Mrs. Maitland of Kurud. Mr. Maitland who had kindly provided us with a railway trolley is manager of the Raipur Forest Tram-way. He advises the Mohadi missionaries to get a trolley for their own use in going back and forth in the rainy season.

The following Saturday we went to Dondi on some mission business. The Queen of the native territory where the Dondi station is located has offered us some more land free, for use in connection with our dispensary there.

We remained over Sunday to worship with the congregation there. This also was much appreciated. When we were ready to return we found that Bro. Brunk was not able to start his car on account of a "short" somewhere. We decided to pull him to Dhamtari, fifty miles, where he could get mechanical help. The roads were heavy in some places and many small water ways had to be crossed but we arrived at Dhamtari after four hours with nothing worse than a blow out of a rear tyre of our car, but that was near home so did not make it so very inconvenient.

J. N. & ELSIE KAUFMAN.

#### BOYS' ORPHANAGE.

Sept. 29 to Oct. 5 we had special evangelistic and consecration meetings with the boys in the Orphanage each evening at eight o'clock. We would spend some

time in singing and praying and then would follow with a sermon. Some of the subjects used were Prayer, Second Coming of Christ, Judgment, Sin, Salvation, Love of Christ, Overcoming Sin, etc. Many of the boys were under conviction of the Holy Spirit and three boys who were members of the church confessed their sins to the group, and nine others accepted Christ for the first time. There are a number of the others who were under conviction, and who we hoped would confess all their sins and get a real experience of Christ, but there seemed to be some hindrance to their confessing. We are still praying and using our opportunities to bring them to this step. Some of them, like so many others, have confessed Christ as their Savior, but have not surrendered their lives wholly to Him.

We are at present regularly conducting a village Sunday School, and we are praying for the way to open so that we can have the boys conduct three or four more. We hope to have a weekly class on the lesson, to teach the boys how to teach it and thereby have them do more direct evangelistic work. We desire very much to have them learn that every true Christian is also a missionary so that when they go out to establish their own homes they will carry with them that knowledge and spirit and will seek to bring their neighbors to Christ.

S. J. HOSTETLER.

#### GENERAL NOTES.

The missionaries in general are much concerned as to the possible effects of the fall in the contributions for the Mission work of the Church. It is with much reluctance that in our committees we turn down calls and open doors in new unworked districts. We fear even more the results of the possibility of having to draw in on what is already begun because of a lack of funds. The death rate of unsaved souls, going to endless torment, all about us is not diminishing an iota.

However we also all appreciate the plight of our brethren and sisters at home and we believe they are also concerned. We know that many would give more if they had it to give.

The whole object of this note is to bring before all concerned, praying brethren the need of calling on God

for some means by which the needed money might be forthcoming or else for his definite leading as how to reach more souls with what means there are available. We as yet do not see clearly God's purpose in all these circumstances but we need two things above all others namely: a new consecration to his will for us, and a prostration in prayer before him for help. L. A. K.

Tijiya, our Bible woman at Kamaipur was very sick and so we carried her 13 miles on a cot to get her to Mohadi. Now she is practically recovered in health. God be praised. L. A. K.

Raghua at Coragaon applied the treatment for three different snake bite cases in his village and the cure was successful in each case. L. A. K.

On Aug. 28th Communion was partaken of by ninety-six of our flock here at Sankra. Many were away from home, worshipping in other towns. Bishop Lapp was in charge of the services.

Pray for the several men who are much interested in Jesus. One, especially, was under conviction when we last talked with him. R. R. S.

Miss Taylor of the Methodist Mission, Sironchi, Hyderabad, spent from Sept. 16 to 19 visiting Margam Bai who was brought to our Leper Asylum from that place 16 years ago. Margam Bai has suffered much and her disease is developing rather rapidly. As a result, she often becomes very much discouraged and feels that the Lord has given her more than her share of suffering. Miss Taylor spoke long and often to her and tried to show that the grace of God is sufficient for all circumstances. We trust this visit will be a great help to Margam Bai.

Communion will be held on Sept. 25th. Bro. Smucker has consented to come and preach the Communion sermon. F. L.

Sister Vogt had to go to Calcutta last week to have some dental work done. M. C. V.

# INDIA MISSION NEWS.

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## BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF A DAY IN OUR MISSION.

**Ed. Note.** This number of the 'news' is not intended as a compilation of statistics, but as the title suggests, only an account of what goes on in the mission any day of the busy season of the year. Some of the figures given are only approximate.

**Stations:**— The geographical extent of the work of the Mennonite Mission in India is confined to eight main stations in charge of the missionaries. There are also ten outstations which are in charge of native workers. These are controlled from the main stations and are really a part of them. Some of the main stations have only one family of missionaries. Some have more. At Sundarganj there are six missionaries, which is the highest number at any one station.

By road the distance between the most remote of our stations is about 100 miles. This is between Dondi and Ghatula via Dhamtari. The airline distance is about 35 miles. The length of our whole mission area by airline is about 60 miles, so you can see that we have not yet touched all the parts of our area.

**Buildings:**— In the daily work of the mission about 106 mission built buildings come into use. This includes all the bungalows, schools, orphanages, Workers' homes, hospitals, dispensaries etc. Some smaller buildings as store rooms, houses for native families, cow stables etc. are not included in the 106. Some of the 106 are built of mud but most of them are strong brick buildings.

**Primary Schools:**— Six days of the week children from all parts of our districts come together at 17 different primary schools. Some of these are in the stations and intended for our Christians' children. Most of them are out in the villages where there are no government schools. In these schools the teachers use their opportunity to teach the little ones from the Hindus' homes about Jesus, and the songs used are Christian songs. Some of these schools have as many as 50 or 60 children enrolled while some have as low as 20.

**Higher Schools:**— There is the Girls' Industrial school at Ghatula, the Carpentry School at Dhamtari, the Middle schools for boys and girls, and the Academy. A total of five schools take care of those who read further than the primary schools. At all of these, but one, scripture is a prominent part of the course. In these schools countless impressions are daily made upon our young peoples' minds, which we hope, will mean much in the future.

**Churches:**— At the four church buildings built by the mission there are several services weekly, including prayer meetings and other meetings during week days. Ghatula uses the old Bible school building for church services. Maradeo uses a school house. Dondi uses the bungalow verandah, and Shantipur the Leper Home Church. During the year there are many church council meetings held. These deal with problems that come up in the churches as well as a part of the discipline and the routine business. The number of baptized members is upward of 1300. Each church has an elected pastor. One of these is a native brother.

**Hospital:**— This is a busy place daily. The mission hospital is known for miles around. Many leprous, blind, diseased, and crippled have left its doors happier than when they entered. Some have found Christ while they were being treated.

There are nine dispensaries besides the hospital. The appeal to the native people, through the healing of the suffering is one of the strongest that can be made. Daily the paths to these medical dispensaries are kept worn. There is a daily line of about 156 patients who come for treatment in the mission.

**Leper Clinics:**— The missionaries of several stations treat lepers. Some at the station, and some leave the station to go to where it is convenient for the patients to assemble in some shady roadside place. There are seven clinics in the mission, besides the Leper Home at Shantipur, giving weekly treatments. Among the treated lepers we have some of our most earnest seekers of the Truth. The largest of these clinics is the one worked from Sankra, the number of weekly leper treatments being on an average 90. At Dondi only one is treated because this station is not in a leprosy district. The number of weekly treatments given to lepers throughout the

mission is about 301. Some of these have been taking treatment for years, but the least sign of any improvement is enough to keep an outcaste leper encouraged to go ahead. The number of leper patients treated in the Shantipur Asylum is about 160.

**Farms:**—The mission owns two farms which require the daily attention of those responsible. One is a part of the Girls' Industrial school at Ghatula. Weeding and harvesting in this country is largely done by women. Here the girls learn to work in the fields as well as the other things included in the course. Most of the girls here are orphans. The other farm is a part of Balodgahan village which the mission owns. This is farmed by hired farmers. This farm has been partly sold out to Christian farmers in pieces.

**Orphanages:**—The two orphanages still require their share of daily supervision and care. The number of famine orphans is of course decreasing, but others are occasionally admitted and also boys and girls, of those who grew up in the orphanages and are now living away from the schools are kept in the orphanage for a place to live while attending school.

**Villages Visited:**—The number of villages that are visited regularly by the daily visits of the evangelists and Bible women of the mission is about 155. This number is not visited daily, but at most a few days apart. Some are visited daily. Then during the special six months of touring season hundreds of villages are visited. It may be hard for some of the American readers to understand how there can be hundreds of villages in an area of 30 by 60 miles, but one must remember that India is thickly populated.

**Servants:**—Every day 80 hired servants do their part in the mission by doing office work, running the errands, caring for and driving the tonga oxen, doing night watchmen work at the buildings, caring for the trees and shrubs on mission property and many other of the minor jobs here and there. This number does not refer to personal servants. They are only those hired by the mission. Some of these are Hindus but most of them are Christians. Here the men best fitted for the work are hired regardless of religion.

**Workers:**—There are about 54 Evangelists and Bible women who help carry forward the banner of Christ. These are all supported by the mission as full time evangelistic

workers. A large majority of our native leaders of the church are in this group. These need your prayers as much as any in the mission for they are the ones on the front. They are the ones who push out into the new territory and do the pioneering which is not at all the easiest part of the work.

**Primary Teachers:**—Of these there are 38. These are all Christians which was not the case always, because there were not enough Christians available. Part of their daily duties are those of bringing the Gospel to the native children of the villages who come to their schools. Some of these teachers teach in the stations where Christians' children attend. Others live alone in distant villages and also have a hard task, being segregated.

**Higher Teachers:**—There are 23 teachers employed to teach the students who wish to go further than the primary grades. These are of the middle schools and Academy. The Industrial schools employ, besides these, 5 teachers, making a total of 28. This is a group of hard-working people. From those taught by these teachers emerge our workers and church leaders. They need our prayers.

**Nurses:**—Six native nurses throughout the mission besides the missionary nurses help in ministering to the sick of the communities. The nurses are a set of untiring workers, and they are held in great esteem by their native neighbors. They have an unique opportunity for bringing their unconverted patients to the Cross of Christ as well as of cheering their unfortunate sisters.

**Compounders:**—These correspond to a druggist in America but in practice really act as doctors in the districts where there are no doctors. There are at present 5 compounders employed. Two of these are apprentices. We are so glad that as a rule our compounders do not forget to put in their testimony for Christ while dressing wounds or handing out drugs.

**Doctors:**—There is at present one native doctor employed in the Mission. He was very much concerned about his responsibility during the time between Dr. Esch's departure and Dr. Troyer's returning from furlough. He is a Christian having been converted in a Methodist mission. Needless to say his is a daily work with little rest. He and Dr. Troyer are both liable to calls night and day.

**Missionaries:**—There are at present on the field 27 appointed missionaries. Some others are on furlough. A great many have not yet seen India.—I refer to those of you readers and others who labor in His cause right in your homes.

Some of the missionaries are village preachers, some doctors and nurses, some Academy and Bible school teachers, some are managers. Besides these things much time is needed in committee meetings and so on. There are no days left to idle away.

**Deacons:**—Seven deacons at present serve our congregations. We have need of more as we do not have one to each congregation. Their work also figures in the daily life of the mission.

**Native ministers:**—Thus far three native brethren have been ordained to the ministry. Theirs is also a daily responsibility. One of these is a pastor. Their names in order of ordinations are, Isabux, Sukhlal and John Haidar.

**Organized Congregations:**—This number in the mission is eight. There are eight native light houses set up within this area which we believe will be permanent and God glorifying. One of these has no resident pastor and two have no deacons at present. The largest congregation is the one at Dhamtari. The smallest is Maradeo. The distance between these two is about 4 miles.

**Sunday Schools:**—A total of sixty weekly Sunday Schools are conducted throughout the mission. These are conducted by workers and teachers and individual, interested, lay-members. These include the schools at our congregations and mission Sunday Schools in the Hindu villages. This is a worthy branch of the work of the native church and more and more interest in this form of service is shown by the laity.

**Contacts with Non-Christians:**—These amount to over 3500 daily. This is of course not a definite figure but an approximate estimate. By contacts we refer to those who meet our evangelists and school teachers in the villages; those who receive medical attention and those who work for the mission or come into such contact with the Christian community daily that there is a definite opportunity for Christian influence to be exercised upon them continually.



This is really the battle line of the whole mission. These 3 or 4 thousands are the ones we must strive to bring in right now. There are others behind them to be won for Christ as well, but our Captain has brought us face to face with these. Will you, dear reader, pray for us that in this battle line we may not become weak or faint. That we ourselves might be able to live the victorious life while beckoning these three and a half thousand souls to join us? Will you not take account of this strategic point in the work you are sponsoring in India, when you expend your money and time, and when you pray?

GENERAL NOTES.

Touring has begun now. Some time later there will be at least six or seven different groups of missionaries and workers touring in the sections not reached by the regular visits of the evangelists.

Sisters Hartzler and Kanagy are the two this year whose arrival is looked forward to with much anticipation. Letters to meet them at Colombo have left from some of the missionaries.

During the month past the Mission family was increased by the arrival of Geo. Theodore Troyer new son of Brother and Sister Troyer. May God bless the home into which He has given another gift.

A number of our missionaries attended the meeting of the Mid-India Christian Council at Nagpur last week.

Two days have been set aside when the members of the Evangelistic board will meet in one place for special prayer and meditation before the heavy part of the touring season.

The Nurses' Bungalow at the Medical station is going up. This is an opportune time to build because wages are lower.

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## GIRLS' BOARDING BUSY.

The school staff and nine of the older girls in the Boarding spent a very pleasant Saturday in a quiet nook in the jungle a short time ago. Part of the time was spent alone in prayer and part in consideration together of the subject of "Leadership". We faced together the problems that confront us as a group of leaders among the girls. Bro. and Sister Beare were also with us. We felt that the day was very profitably spent.

Bro. Kaufman will speak to the girls on the 10th and 17th of this month on the subject of our school Motto "By love, serve" and on "The Life of Jesus Christ in His Teens".

We are very busy at the Boarding at present with Christmas preparations and belated sewing for the cold-season.

The Hindu children in the nine Village Sunday Schools about us are looking forward to coming in for the Christmas service in the Church on Christmas day. We are praying that the One who loves little children may attend with His blessing.

MARY M. GOOD.

## SHANTIPUR.

There are twenty-one candidates for baptism from the Leper Home and the Christian community. We thank God for these souls whose only hope can be in the salvation of their immortal souls. Others are counting the cost and we are praying that they too will join the class for instruction.

Several of those who died during the month left happy in the Savior's hope.

Communion services will be held the early part of December. It is touching to have the lepers come forward, some crippled, others blind, to take the emblems. The same spirit of reverence prevails at the time of feetwashing.

The ministerial meeting was held at Shantipur Nov. 4th to arrange the program for Conference and attend to other matters submitted to the meeting. The noonday meal was served on the verandah of the Shantipur bungalow by Bro. David the caretaker of the Leper Home who very carefully supervised the arrangements. The ministerial body both Indian and missionary sat on the floor and partook of the common meal.

Packages and parcels containing scarves, and other articles of clothing are coming from England, Australia and America for the lepers. They will be distributed at Christmas time.

On the evening of the 11th of November the missionaries and a group of Lepers visited a nearby village for an evangelistic service. More such work by the lepers is being planned for.

G. J. LAPP.

### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING.

The Business meeting of our Mission for 1932 is now also history. The number of missionaries and missionary children was smaller than it has been for some years. There were twenty-seven missionaries present and only eight children. But even if the numbers were fewer the presence of the Spirit was not less pronounced. In fact in the minds of a number there has been a steadily growing conviction the past several years that we need to lay hold of God in a more effective way, and this year marked an even more pronounced growth, which has already expressed itself in several retreats for prayer, Bible study, and meditation, in order to arm ourselves for the coming touring season in particular. We are expecting the Lord to be able to use us in an effective way.

As usual the first day of our meeting was given over entirely to the discussion of inspirational subjects. Bro. Beare delivered a message on "The Overcoming Life," Bro. Kaufman discussed "The Message of the Epistle to the Phillipians," and Bro. Troyer talked on "That I may Impart unto You some Spiritual Gift." Both forenoon and afternoon sessions ended with open discussion and seasons of prayer. In the first talk the fact that the obtaining of the overcoming life is a very simple thing, but, that it means absolute surrender to God, was emphasized. The Phillipian letter, it was pointed out, was an acknowledgement of a gift, but Paul took the opportunity rather to instruct his followers so that they might not fall into some errors that were prevalent. In the third subject it was emphasized that we should use every opportunity when our brethren and sisters here come to us in the ordinary rounds of work to appreciate their problems and joys and pray with them and work with them in every way we can.

After the first day each session was opened with one talk after which the regular business of the Mission was taken up. The devotional for each morning session of the Business meeting throughout was conducted by Bro. Kniss. These devotional periods did much to put our minds into the proper state for the work of the day. On the second day in the morning we were privileged to hear messages from the homeland from Sister Hartzler and Sister Kanagy. We rejoiced to hear of the spiritual victories at home and we could appreciate to a much greater extent the many difficulties and problems that face the Church. These messages created in us a greater desire to sacrifice and do our utmost for the kingdom of God.

The other messages brought to us during these days were: "The Missionary Methods of Paul," "Mysticism as an Avenue of Approach to the Hindus," "The Present Evangelistic Outlook," and "The Message of the First Epistle of John." These were given by Bren. Vogt, Brunk, Hostetler, and Lapp respectively.

One of the outstanding questions taken up in the business part of the meeting was that of native pastors. We now have one and we are looking forward to having more in the not distant future. There are various problems that arise in connection with native pastors and our relation to them, and what we can do to help the church. These formed the subject matter of considerable deliberation. The economic problem involved and the factors involved in changing more from a Mission center to a Church center are two of the outstanding questions to be solved.

Another question that occupied the time in considerable discussion was that of extension. With several good openings in view, that might be closed soon, should we try to find a way of taking advantage of these opportunities in the face of the financial situation? There were a number of good points on both sides brought out, but it was finally left open. It was decided however to allow the Evangelistic Samaj to locate an Indian worker in the Likhma area if they desire to do so.

The appointment of committees was a task of some uncertainty owing to the fact that we do not know whether the furloughs due next spring can be granted or not. The following officers and committees were elected:

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SECRETARY . . . J. N. Kaufman

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S. J. Hostetler  
Elsie Kaufman

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G. J. Lapp  
A. C. Brunk

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E. E. Miller  
A. C. Brunk  
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G. H. Beare  
R. R. Smucker

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