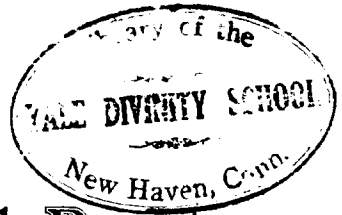


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AGRA DISTRICT.

AGRA.

REV. J. E. SCOTT, PRESIDING ELDER.

M. TINDALE,	<i>Missionary.</i>
MRS. M. TINDALE,	<i>Assistant Missionary.</i>
MISS M. SEYMOUR,	...	...	...	{ <i>W. F. M. S. Home for Medical Students.</i>
MAHBUB KHAN,	

4 Bible-readers, 3 preachers, 16 exhorters and teachers.

AJMERE.

J. LYON,	...	...	...	<i>Missionary.</i>
MRS. J. LYON,	...	...	...	<i>Assistant Missionary.</i>

9 preachers, 36 exhorters and teachers, W. F. M. S.—16 Bible-readers and teachers.

MUTHRA.

J. E. SCOTT,	...	...	...	<i>Missionary.</i>
Mrs. J. E. SCOTT,	...	...	...	<i>Assistant Missionary.</i>
MRS. MATTHEWS,	}	...	...	{ <i>W. F. M. S. Deaconess Home and Training School.</i>
MISS BROWN,				

20 Bible-readers and teachers, 10 preachers and 15 exhorters and teachers.

THE year 1892 has been a good year on Agra district. While there have been some things to discourage, there have been more things to encourage. We do not feel like a forlorn hope expiring in despair; but like exultant victors charging the enemy. 1891 was good; but 1892 was better still, and by the grace of God, 1893 will be still better. The past two years on this district have been years crowded with hard work, but they have been years in which thousands have found Christ. The work is spreading, especially from three centers, in great power. Ajmere, Agra and Muthra are the strategic points of the district. Taking them in the order named, a brief account of the work about each place will shew something of what has been going on during the past year. And first as to Ajmere, in Rajputana. Here we have a wonderful field. Where two years ago there was but a handful of Christians at one place, last year we had three circuits, and now there are eight, and the work is growing so that others will be formed in the near future. There are now about two thousand

Christians, more than one thousand of whom have been baptized this year. Most of these converts are not from among the sweepers, as is generally supposed; but from among the leather workers (Reghers), and some Brahmans also have been baptized. Many of these converts are full of zeal. They are fond of singing and soon pick up our *bhajans* and compose others of their own, which they sing to their more musical instrument. I have been struck also with their earnest prayers, and with their quaint and fresh religious experiences. Three places in Rajputana have been represented as containing baptized heathen. But having personally and deliberately visited those places with the church record in my hand, I am prepared to say that none of these people have lapsed, and that most of them are growing. In Rupnagar especially I found an earnest, hearty praying people who met me with joy and joined with me in calling upon God in behalf of the sick especially, and of all their people generally. I think Bro. Lyon and I have not spared ourselves in looking carefully into this work. We have been jolted over the hills in ox-carts, and been shaken up on camels and have trudged a-foot by night and by day. At Nawa, on the Sambhar lakes, and throughout the Jodpur States, there has been, and is, a remarkable turning to God. Bro. Ransom has had 600 or 700 baptisms, and the good work still goes on. Among these is a famous guru, Barm Das, who has travelled about with Bro. Ransom, generally on a camel, hunting up his people and bringing them to Christ. It was upon one of these tours that Bro. Ransom met with a serious accident from which he has not yet fully recovered. He and the guru were riding through the villages on a camel when the beast became frightened, ran away, and the guru fell off, dragging Bro. Ransom with him, from which fall Bro. Ransom sustained a fracture of the collar-bone. Throughout Rajputana, with its sixteen states and its twelve millions of people, among whom only about half a dozen foreign missionaries are working, there is plenty of room for the expansion of our work. Hundreds, I might say thousands, of enquirers are coming to us. Our greatest embarrassment is how to teach them and how to care for the converts we have already made. If we do not, there will be universal disaster and disgrace. I am happy to be able to report the funds are available for a central girls' boarding school at Ajmere, and it is hoped that this much-needed institution will be opened at an early date. Bro. Lyon has received three grants of land from Government during the year, two valued at Rs. 500, for chapels, and one, valued at Rs. 1,000, in front of the parsonage at Ajmere. Bro. Lyon is doing a great work in Rajputana. He is always on the go, and, properly sustained, his people will develop into a strong church. At Agra, Bro. Tindale has three circuits—Agra, Jalesar and Farozabad. At Agra itself there are Christians living in sixteen mohallas. There is a church organized with its school, and its various forms of work under the very shadow of the Taj. One is a tomb for the dead and the other a home for the living. Bro. Tindale has organized numerous schools for his pupils, and has a central training school for the training of workers. He is also pastor of about thirty medical students, who are studying in the

Government medical school. This medical training, both for our young women and men, is exceedingly important, and is, I think, a great success. Our best and brightest young people of both sexes should enter this great open door of usefulness, and attending to the spiritual wants of these students is the great duty and privilege of the pastor of the Agra church. There are two strong Epworth Leagues organized in connection with this church,—one in English, and the other in Hindustani. Both these are doing a good work, and their exercises are exceedingly interesting and profitable. They teach our young people self-control and how to lead and take part in meetings and deliberative assemblies, and their direct evangelistic usefulness is invaluable. Bro. Fazl Haqq on the Jalesar circuit, and Bro. Bholā Nath at Farozabad, are both working well and being rewarded with success, while Bro. Mahbub Khan, at Agra, is Bro. Tindale's right-hand man.

Here, as elsewhere throughout the district, we follow the policy of push! Our motto is, Look up and lift up and carry along!

II.

Mr. Tindale of Agra writes concerning his work as follows:—
 “The city of Agra first rose into importance in the time of the Emperor Akbar, A. D. 1566, and contains many monumental buildings of importance. With its suburbs, ancient Agra extended over 11 square miles. It is still an extensive place, and boasts of 2,64,907 inhabitants when the last census was taken. Our work in Agra has been confined chiefly to the lower caste people, such as workers in leather, street and road makers, agricultural laborers and sweepers or scavengers. During the year we have had much success among these people, who are neglected and despised by their countrymen, and gladly welcome our sympathy and friendly efforts. The schools for low caste boys in various parts of the city have been well attended, and my personal visitations have proved that there are some who earnestly desire to qualify themselves for positions better than their fathers ever filled. In the lanes and back streets occupied by these people the Gospel has been freely preached, and women's work has been steadily maintained. A weekly beggars' service has been held at which, on an average, 150 beggars attend, sing our hymns in their vernacular and otherwise prove their willingness to listen to the Gospel. The Medical Mission work under Miss Seymour prospers. The 19 girls in the Home attend the Government medical college and receive instruction, enabling them to pass an examination which entitles them to a fair salary in after years. During the year 162 baptisms have taken place; in every instance the men and women have professed, and we believe, possessed, salvation. Under the shadow of the Taj Mahal we have at work both school and W. F. M. S., besides the preaching in the mohallas (by-streets). The poor Chamars and Mehters are not neglected, while the upper classes are preached to regularly. Two boys from the Taj Gunj school receive scholarships, and are qualifying for higher tuition later on. The normal class for our pastor-teachers progresses. These pastor-teachers are likely men selected from among the masses and

put to mission work among their caste-men. They are able to read and write their own language; but attend the normal class for half a day and work the other half in teaching among their fellow-men. We have six such pastor-teachers in Agra, with assistants. Besides this, they hold prayer-meetings, class-meetings and exhortation meetings and visit the converts in their own homes.

The Sunday-school does excellently, meeting regularly and working on approved methods. The pastor-teachers and workers, as also new converts, come to receive instruction. The native Epworth League is working nicely and has proved very helpful.

At Jalesar and Farozabad, two sub-circuits, we have pastors and teachers employed on the same lines as at Agra, and the surrounding villages are visited by these men and converts taken care of.

The English work of the charge is encouraging. Regular weekly and Sabbath services are fairly well attended. An English Epworth League does excellent work in collecting funds and in mutual improvement. It also works a successful flower mission. The friends and members of the church have done nobly in contributing toward a fund to put the church in thorough repair. More than Rs. 400 have been gathered for this purpose, and altogether, about Rs. 900 have been contributed locally."

III.

The work at Muthra must be spoken of in few words. Here are five circuits, all of which are growing and expanding. There are now churches organized in all six of the tahsils of Muthra district. At Hathras there are 400 Christians, who are earnest in work, liberal in giving and fervent in prayer. They have their central Butler chapel at Hathras city, their own central school, with an attendance of 46, which draws a grant from Government of Rs. 5 per mensem, and their own Epworth League. At Muthra the work has developed in a wonderful manner. Where five years ago we had absolutely nothing, now we have Rs. 50,000 worth of property, two-thirds of which was built and is being built, from other than Board money. We have at least 500 Christians, a prosperous Anglo-Vernacular city school, attended not only by Brahmans and Chaubes, but by our Christian boarding school boys. This school is in the very heart of the city of Muthra, has a Christian head-master, is well attended, and is popular. The Christian boys' boarding school is growing right along. The training school for helpers is doing a good work. The Deaconess Home and training school and girls' boarding school are a hive of life and activity. The reading-room and prayer-room in connection with the soldiers' work, the bookshops in the city, the hospital and dispensary, are all working together for good. Our two Muthra leagues are a great help. The ready workers are found actively working for Jesus on every hand. I do not think there can be found anywhere in the work a mission that has so many forms of Christian activity so successfully at work as in Muthra. Let us not be given to vain glory, but cry, "What hath God wrought!"

IV.

Concerning the work on the whole district I may say that during the year two important meetings have been held,—first the workers' convention held at Muthra in August, which was well attended and exceedingly profitable, and second, the melas and district conferences at Hathras, when scores were blessed and fitted for better work. Our Heavenly Father and kind Christian friends on earth have helped us greatly in our work. One dear friend has sent Rs. 16,000 to build a hall for Christian work in the city of Muthra. Through another friend Rs. 1,600 were secured for large district tents. The hall and school-house are being built and the tents are made and are in use. These things make us glad.

V.

The little success we have had on the district is due, under God, to the following among other things:—

1. A zeal for souls. All over the district there is this zeal.
2. Careful organization. This stream of molten zeal is turned into proper channels. By working to a plan much is accomplished. We also work according to rule.
3. An effort to look up the lost men. Presiding elders, missionaries, members of conference, local preachers, exhorters and pastors—teachers are expected to go into details. Every circuit has its church record. All our people are under some kind of supervision. Day schools, Sunday-schools, and meetings are arranged. A system of sub-circuits gives everybody something to do, and begets a holy rivalry.

VI.

There are many defects and difficulties in this work about which I will not speak. Others, perhaps, are better aware of our defects than we are, and we are doing our best to outgrow our difficulties and correct our defects.

1. Our work is new. It is a surprise to us. Everything cannot be done in a day. Give us time.
2. Our people are ignorant; but many of them are willing to learn. However, the responsibility is upon us.
3. The Christian community is growing more rapidly than it can be cared for. There are almost one hundred and fifty workers. "What are these among so many?"
4. So many enquirers appear that many have to be held back from baptism. This is not because they are not worthy, but because there is no practicable way of caring for them. To baptize them and let them go would not only be folly, but a crime.
5. There have been some cases of persecution. In two instances, where several were thrown into jail, they were triumphantly liberated by order of the court, and their accusers punished.
6. Not a man from among the new converts, so far as is known to the head of the district, has urged the fact of his being a Christian to get a living out of the mission.

For the most part men have to be urged to take mission employment. As a rule, the converts keep on at their old employments.

7. *The greatest need on the district is efficient workers. The people perish for lack of knowledge.* There are neither sufficient men nor money. What can be done? Here are these more than four thousand poor, ignorant, but sincere believers, and more coming every day. We are doing the best we can. The responsibility is on the Church—the Home church. Dare the rich churches of America let these immortal souls pine and grow feeble, and perish? May God take away from the minds of those upon whom the responsibility largely rests, the delusive twelve thousand miles of intervening space, and lay these four thousand hungry souls of Agra district upon their hearts. We are ready to carry on the war. But without “the sinews of war” our disaster will be like Napoleon’s retreat from Moscow.

ALIGARH DISTRICT.

REV. HASAN RAZA KHAN, PRESIDING ELDER.

KASGANJ CIRCUIT.—Rev. Hasan Raza Khan, 2 preachers, 8 exhorter-teachers, 2 Christian teachers.

ALIGARH CIRCUIT.—Rev. Daniel Buck, 5 exhorter-teachers, 7 Christian-teachers.

ATRAULI CIRCUIT.—Rev. Taj Khan, 7 exhorter-teachers, 6 Christian-teachers.

SIKANDRA RAO CIRCUIT.—Rev. Mohan Lall, 1 preacher, 4 exhorter-teachers, 2 Christian-teachers.

SORON CIRCUIT.—Rev. Tika Singh, 2 preachers, 1 exhorter-teacher, 4 Christian-teachers.

ETAH CIRCUIT.—Rev. Tori Dutt, 2 preachers, 4 exhorter-teachers, 1 Christian-teacher.

PATYALI CIRCUIT.—Tulsi Ram preacher, 1 preacher, 3 exhorter-teachers, 1 Christian-teacher.

ALIGANJ CIRCUIT.—Mathra Parshad, 4 Christian-teachers.

QAIMGANJ CIRCUIT.—Charan Dass, 1 exhorter-teacher, 1 Christian-teacher.

GANGIRI CIRCUIT.—Wahid Ullah Khan, 4 exhorter-teachers.

MUSTAFABAD CIRCUIT.—Khushhali Ram, 1 exhorter-teacher, 1 Christian-teacher.

SAKIT CIRCUIT.—Samuel, 2 Christian-teachers.

I thank God that He has helped us and the work has prospered in this district. Last year the number of Christians in this district was 3,090; but this year it is 5,751. I thought in the beginning of the year to postpone those baptisms for a time, and to devote ourselves to training our old converts, but my plans could not be carried out, as the rush of the people toward Christianity could not be arrested. Our converts are from almost all castes and are sincere, the greater number being from among the Mohamedans, Chamars, and Kachis. There are a great number of enquirers in this district. More teachers and preachers are urgently needed. Owing to insufficiency in the number of helpers I could open only four new circuits this year. There are several schools in this district, where our Christians and others are taught. Government aid for three schools in the Kasganj Circuit has been secured this year, and Rs. 442-8 has been received. In this circuit the number of Christians is 1,147. There is no chapel at Kasganj. One can be built for Rs. 6,000. An appeal is made to the brethren for help.

ALLAHABAD AND CAWNPORE DISTRICT.

ALLAHABAD.

R. CLANCY, *Missionary.*

Allahabad, the capital of the North-West Provinces, lies at the junction of the Jumna and Ganges rivers, and is the extreme southern point of the North-West India Conference. It is 120 miles south of Cawnpore, the nearest station where our mission has work. We therefore have a vast field for work. Other missions have long been at work here, but very little has been done outside the city. There are vast communities of accessible classes who are not being reached. This is especially true of low caste people. Our mission has a great work to do in this field. Our English work was opened in Allahabad by Rev. D. Osborne. The corner-stone of the church was laid October 13th, 1877, and the church was opened for service July 3rd, 1878. Until 1891, the church labored under a heavy debt, and entirely supported its pastor, who gave his whole time to English work.

In 1887 our mission organized a native work in Allahabad, and in 1891 the native work and the English work were placed in charge of one missionary. This plan is still followed. During 1892 we baptized a goodly number of servants, low caste people, and a large number of this class are enquirers. They make self-supporting Christians.

We have work in four villages, and several mohallas, besides among the servants at the large hotels and private houses.

Six day-schools and eight Sunday-schools are carried on. At our Sunday-school fête we had 350 children in our English church. The singing and recitations were inspiring.

Among our Native Christians are three class-meetings, a weekly prayer-meeting, and a noonday preaching service in the English church on Sunday.

We shall open a Christian boys' boarding school shortly. The woman's work is in the hands of Mrs. Clancy.

CAWNPORE.

R. HOSKINS, *Missionary.*
J. E. NEWSOM, *English Church.*

Methodism in Cawnpore is worthy of study. The city and district have been thoroughly canvassed and are fairly well supplied with workers.

The English congregation, cared for by the Rev. J. E. Newsom, numbers about four hundred persons. Nearly one-half of the pastor's

salary was, until recently, derived from the allowance made for services rendered to the soldiers ; but during the past year, owing to the change of regiments, the Chaplain Fund has been very meagre, thus laying a heavier burden on the congregation, which has responded liberally.

There has been an "ebb and flow" in the congregation ; but at the close of the year the attendance has reached its highest level.

The Epworth League in this church has had a marvellous growth ; gradually gaining strength and momentum, it is now one of the most valuable factors in the church work. Miss Layton, who was the first leader, gave the league its initial impulse, and her death was a severe loss. The Layton Chapter perpetuates her memory, and the members propose to endow a scholarship in her name in the Girls' High School.

English services are held at the Bombay and Central India Railway Station, at the East Indian Railway Institute, and at the railway barracks. Mr. Beer, a large manufacturer, sustains one native preacher, one English Sunday-school, and three native Sunday-schools, and Mr. Bond employs two teachers for his native school and has a native Sunday-school. Mrs. Foy has a day-school and a Sunday-school, which provides instruction for the children of the employees of Foy Brothers Shoe and Harness Factory. Mrs. Foy gives much time and attention to the religious instruction of the children, and they are therefore well versed in Bible knowledge.

Miss McBurnie, of the Girls' High School, also sustains a day and Sunday-school, and daily religious instruction is given to the children of her own and the neighboring compounds. Regular preaching services are held on the Sabbath.

This work, carried on regularly for years by these devoted Christians, has a salutary influence on the rising generation, and is a means of grace to the workers themselves.

The Girls' High School now occupies its new and spacious building. The increased number of pupils turning towards the hill schools has affected this school, as well as others on the plains, and the register has been lower during the last year than during the few years preceding. There is an urgent demand for a school that will not be beyond the means of Europeans and Eurasians of limited salary, and this school will probably meet that demand in the near future.

Another need is for an orphanage. Up to this time we have not had, in any part of India, a school to answer this need, and the orphaned children of our church have, in some instances, been placed in orphanages not in sympathy with evangelical Christianity. It would not be amiss to consider whether this need also may be met in connection with this Girls' High School.

The native work of the district, in charge of the Rev. R. Hoskins, is carried on at thirteen different centers in the city, and at eleven centers in the district.

During the past year we have been working with special reference to openings among the Dhanaks, Chamars, Lal Begis, Mallahs, and Kachias. From among these a good number of converts have

been gained, who live in their own homes and give no trouble on the question of support. We follow up their relatives in the different towns, and have been gradually led to all parts of this zila, and into the neighboring zilās. The work among the Chamars is making steady progress, though the people seem more fearful, and are more easily dissuaded than are the Lal Begis.

A very interesting work has begun among the boatmen of Bithur. Three years ago their guru received some Christian books. He studied them carefully and approved their teachings, and when the census was taken two years ago, he entered his name as a Christian, although he had not been baptized. Last month three of his followers were baptized, and the whole community seems drawn to Christ in a remarkable manner.

The work among the Lal Begis is spreading in all directions. About one hundred and fifty persons from this class are being prepared for baptism at the present time. We are trying to get the work started in normal lines in order that we may not be troubled with perplexing questions in the future.

In Cawnpore city we have a Normal Training School of thirteen boys. Great stress is laid on native music, and native ways of presenting the truth. The boys are taught for four hours daily the fundamentals of a vernacular education, and at the same time they receive a thorough Biblical training. One hour daily is devoted to musical practice. The violin, the khanjari, the dhol k and the majiras are all brought into use. *Slokas* and other poetical quotations are memorized, and the Life of Christ in Hindi metre has just been taken up for memorizing.

The work among the Christian women and inquirers is under the care of Mrs. Hoskins. Fifteen Christian women are specially engaged in presenting the Gospel to the women of the district, working more especially among those who are anxious to hear the truth. One evangelist gives her whole time to teaching and developing the new converts, and instructing inquirers, another accompanies her husband, who is an evangelist, on his tours in the district, when she can make it convenient to leave her family, and her visits are helpful to her Christian sisters. Oftentimes the preacher's wife is the only trained and educated Christian woman in the community, and her time is fully occupied in house to house visitation and receiving inquirers at her home. This is a branch of our work that we cannot neglect, and which we much desire to strengthen.

The Native Christian Girls' Boarding School, to which Miss Downey has given her undivided attention during the past year, has become very popular with the Christians of the district, and the year closes with forty pupils as boarders. The Conference rule with regard to fees is in force, and a good sum of money has been realized.

The Conference and Inspector's examinations were satisfactory, and a grant from Government has been promised. School buildings and dormitories are much needed.

The future of the Christian community of this district will be largely influenced for good by this school, and we cannot afford to

allow the girls to remain in their heathen surroundings, amid old superstitions and hurtful customs, while it is possible to give them a Christian training in this city, where they will be among thoroughly Christian influences. Those who go out from this school will create Christian homes in all parts of the zila, and will be leaders in the Christian communities.

The Cawnpore Epworth League of our Hindustani Church, and the Junior Epworth League, the Lal Fia Fauj, the Masihī Aujuman Jawānī-Mastūrāt,—are all leading our young people to a closer study of the Bible and a wider range of thought, as well as to a deepening of spiritual life.

The Sunday-school has been well attended, and the branch Sunday-schools, taught by voluntary workers, have increased in numbers and efficiency.

BULANSHAHAR DISTRICT.

Is District meḡ 10 chhoṭe Circuit haiḡ, jin meḡ preacher aur exhorters kám karte haiḡ, aur Khudá ká shukr ki kám barí kámyábí ke sáth ho rahá hai. Hamáre District meḡ máh i December meḡ rúhání tázagi pahuncháne ke liye do jalse hue. Ek Anúpsahar meḡ 11 táriḡh December se 14 tak rahá. Pádri Buck sáhib aur Miss P. Rowe sáhiba tashrif láe the jin kí koshish aur nasihaton se bahut bará fáida huá. Jalse ke shurú hí se Khudá ki Rúh i Pák bbáion ke dilon par jumbish karne lagi, ákhirí din bahut hí jalálí thá. Har roz bhái bahinon meḡ se bahurere dilí tabdílí páte the. Ashá i Rabbání jo us roz huí bahut hí Rúhání thí, aisá hál peshtar hamáre dekhne meḡ nahín áyá thá. Dúsrá jalsa 28wín December ko Bulandshahr meḡ huá, 340 áurat, mard aur 4 larke, larḡiyán házir thín. Yih jalsa bhí bahut hí rúhání huá, 156 ne dibáti bháfoḡ meḡ se dilí tabdílí ká iqrár kiyá. Is ke baḡ káf din tak nazdík nazdík ke gaḡwoḡ meḡ is qism ke jalse hote rahe, aur har roz bhái bahin rúhání tázagi páte the. Is sál 1,896, bálig e ná-báligon ne bapṡismá páyá. Aur qaríb 4,000 mutaláshí taiyár haiḡ. Is District meḡ 3,022 Ísáí rahte haiḡ, 24 Sunday-school haiḡ, jin meḡ 652 Ísáí larke aur larḡiyán, áurat, mard aur 183 gair-qaum larke larḡiyán talím páte haiḡ.

19 day schools haiḡ jin meḡ 315 Ísáí larke aur larḡiyán talím páte aur 80 gair-qaum larke larḡiyán talím páte haiḡ. Prayer Meeting, Class Meeting, B'ble class har roz hote haiḡ. Qaum Chamár ke darmiyán is sál kám khul gayá, ek bahut hí achchhí Kalisiyá Mirzápur ek gaḡḡ meḡ ban gai hai jo ki rúhání taur par taraqqí kartí jatí hai. Umméd is qaum ke darmiyán áyanda sál ke liye bahut hai.

Rabupúr aur Bilochpur kí taraf jo school haiḡ yane 15 aur us taraf ke preachers, teachers ká kull kharch Mr. Ingram sáhib apní taraf se uṡhá rahe haiḡ. Kám us taraf bhí umda hai qaríb 80 chhoṭe bare Ísáí us taraf páe játe haiḡ. Is kám ke liye sáhib mausúf 2,700 rupiya dete haiḡ. Ek baniyá aur ek thákur Ísáí hue aur bahut log barí aur chhoṭí zát meḡ se mutaláshí haiḡ. Bhái Tafazzul Haqq bahut koshish ke sáth kám chalá rahe haiḡ iskúlon ká hál bahut achchhá hai.

Ek Dispensary bhí Rabupur kháss meḡ Ingram sáhib kí taraf se hai, jis se Rúhání aur jismání faiz marizon ko pahunchtá hai. Sál ke shurú se Bilochpur kí taraf kám kholá gayá us taraf is sál bahut kámyábí nahín huí, par mutaláshí taiyár haiḡ. Khudá apná faiz is taraf ke kull kám par kare.

C. LUKE.

MUSCOORIE DISTRICT.

THE history of the year is a record of Divine faithfulness and mercy against a somewhat unusually dark background of trial and discipline. Sickness and sorrow have darkened our pathway, but faith has discerned the shadow of Almighty wings in the darkness. We mourn the removal, from the rank of our workers, of one of our best beloved workers and ablest ministers, Rev. Antone Dutt. He labored faithfully for some years in our mission in Hyderabad (Deccan) and was transferred thence to take charge of our mission in Patiala, Panjab. For three years he labored with zeal, devotion and rare capability, and lived to see the work take root in that difficult field, and put forth shoots and stems of great promise. In June last, while out in the streets of the city, he was struck down by a kick from a restive horse. The injury was serious, and after some days of patient suffering, during which he nobly testified to the power of the Gospel which he had so ably preached,—on 15th June he passed from toil to rest, and to the recompence of the faithful. In his case it is signally true that “being dead, he speaketh :” for the blessed testimony of life and lip,—the patience of his sufferings and the triumph of his departure, remain behind as germs of life amongst the people for whose immortal welfare he labored.

Sickness, too, has been unusually rife among our brethren and their families, and the ranks of our workers were broken for months because of protracted suffering. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, however, we have had a truly prosperous year of work. Not a charge but has been signally blessed, and the statistical report shows advancement in every department. All the charges have been faithfully supervised, and devoted toil and energy have been bestowed by our preachers with evident manifestation of the Divine blessing. Special revival services have been held in most of our circuits, and Christian melas have been held in selected localities with blessed effect.

The district comprises mission stations at Mussoorie, Rajpur, Rurki, Muzaffarnagar, Meerut, Baghpat, Patiala, Lahore and Delhi. Each station has many sub-stations, and some of these are populous and large enough to be formed into circuits.

MUSSOORIE.

We have an English church here, which has enjoyed a year of unprecedented prosperity. The peculiarity of our condition here makes it necessary to largely rebuild this work each year; but while

the dispersion of many makes pastoral oversight difficult, it compensates by presenting features of unusual promise in evangelistic work. The attendance at our services has been all that could be desired, and has included persons of every grade of life ; and many have been quickened to a new life and purpose. The special feature of this year's work has been a gracious revival amongst the young people : scores have been converted and organized into a working society, in which they have not only received spiritual nourishment and help, but have proved means of blessing to others. A special children's mission, conducted under the auspices of this society, was one of the very marked and successful developments of the year's work. Evangelistic services, held both in Mussoorie and in Dehra Dun, were graciously owned in the conversion and up-building of many.

The English church has liberally sustained our missionary work, and we owe much to its support, both for the regular work and the woman's work done in Mussoorie and Rajpur.

Our boys' boarding school, the Philander-Smith Institute, has not this year reached the expectations entertained ; still it has maintained its numbers and done good work. The principal, Rev. P. M. Buck, has been deterred, by engagements elsewhere, from meeting the full requirements of the institute through the year ; and a variety of duties has thus devolved upon the capable head-master, Mr. C. U. Rosselet. The school has splendid opportunities of usefulness ; and it is the aim of the managers to fully equip it for the service expected from it.

Our native work under the supervision of our missionary Rev. C. H. Plomer, has been continued with tokens of encouragement. Although the place itself offers but a poor field for extensive evangelistic work, still regular preaching, pastoral, school, and Sunday-school work have been maintained with earnest prayerfulness. A feature of special encouragement has been the woman's work, under the care of Mrs. Buck. An assistant missionary has been supported and an extensive work has been most efficiently carried on, almost wholly by local contributions. At Rajpur our mission school is well equipped, and the evangelistic work in the town and adjacent villages has developed aspects of hopefulness, and there have been several baptisms.

RURKI.

Our English church has more than maintained its interest, and every department of Church work has been faithfully prosecuted. The pastor, Rev. C. W. DeSouza, has the care of the Nonconformist troops, and there are special indications of interest in the work among the military. A bright and well attended Sunday-school, notwithstanding opposition, is maintained through the year ; and many forms of benevolent activity occupy the hands of our people.

The native work has been vigorously pushed and the fruit has been abundant. There have been over six hundred baptisms, a n

means are earnestly employed to ensure faithful Christian instruction of those gathered in. Our Christian Boys' Boarding School here is maintained with much comfort and efficiency, and is already yielding helpers for our work. Our Leper Asylum, which is now comfortably housed, is maintained with comfort to the inmates, and several of those afflicted by this fearful malady have been led to the Great Physician and baptized in His name. It is pleasing to see the sincere and loving harmony which subsists between the two churches, as evidenced in a variety of ways,—chiefly in the liberal financial aid given by the English church to the native work.

MUZAFFARNAGAR.

Notwithstanding the protracted illness of the missionary's wife and children, and the disablement partially of his workers, the year has been one of undoubted prosperity in this circuit. The Rev. J. D. Webb has traversed a great part of his extended charge, and has been rejoiced to see fruit to his hand. Bro. Gay, local deacon, has been encouraged in his work at Mirapur and Jansath. But the chief interest has concentrated in the openings for Chamar work in the neighborhood of Kudana, Banet and Shapur Basi. It is gratifying that the chief men have already become Christians, and it is expected that through them the masses will be reached before long. A Christian mela or camp-meeting was held for the circuit at Shapur, and provided the means of rich blessings to all who could attend.

Z-nana and girls' school work have been begun in the Mazaffarnagar city, and it is gratifying to note that in the recent appropriations of the W. F. M. S. there is a recognition of the work.

MEERUT.

There is no field more inviting and full of promise for work than this. The English church was started two years ago, and has done good service. Notwithstanding the serious and disabling illness of the missionary's wife, and other hindrances, the church has been maintained with features of encouragement. A new organ has been obtained and a permanent church edifice is seriously contemplated.

The Rev. E. S. Busby has labored industriously to develop the splendid openings for missionary work which this zilla offers. A separate circuit, embracing the two tahsils of Baghpat and Sardhana, was organized at the beginning of the year; and in the other four tahsils work has been vigorously and successfully prosecuted. This has been a year of unwonted sickness, and many of our workers were disabled for a time, yet, notwithstanding narrower limits of territory and reduced staff, the number of baptisms has exceeded that of last year.

Valuable property has been purchased for mission-house and boarding schools, and it has cheered the hearts of the toilers to learn that means have been already provided for by private benefaction, and that the W. F. M. S. contemplate occupation of this station as one of their working centers.

BAGHPAT.

This circuit was organized at the beginning of the year, and placed under charge of the Rev. Yaqut Cornelius. Notwithstanding very meagre equipment, a good work has been begun, and upwards of two hundred baptisms have taken place at Baghpat and the surrounding villages. At Sardhana, Rev. Khub Chand has opened work; and here, too, the aspects of work are hopeful. There is no doubt that adequate equipment will, after further toil, make this circuit one of abundant fruitfulness. Means are needed for the Christian instruction of the children and youth among our converts, so as to train them to become workers.

PATIALA.

Reference has already been made to the serious bereavement sustained by our mission here through the departure of our beloved brother Antone Dutt. His place was supplied by the transfer to Patiala of the Rev. E. T. Farnon, who has labored diligently to develop those lines of work marked out by his eminent predecessor, as also to find new doors of access to the people; and he has met with much encouragement. Both in the city and suburbs of Patiala, and in the villages and towns around, work has been done, and precious sheaves garnered; and there are promises of a wider ingathering. It would be a great help to us if we could have a permanent mission location in this place.

LAHORE.

Rev. A. T. Leonard was at the beginning of the year placed in charge of the joint English and Native work, and though tried by domestic affliction and sickness, has had a year of decided encouragement. Lahore is a place of decided progress; but it is to be deplored that religious interest is low. There is a strange apathy among the people, and it is hard to arouse and to sustain interest. Hence the decidedly increased interest of the people in our church services is noted with thankfulness; and the pastor is hopeful that this interest may grow in the railway community amongst whom our church is situated. Very interesting cottage meetings are held by Bro. G. Nicholas, local preacher, in his home near Anárkali, and these have become centers of spiritual interest in that locality.

The whole contour of our missionary work was recast to adapt it to our altered conditions, and the results have afforded abundant reason for thankfulness. There has been very encouraging advance in baptisms, and the work is already being recruited from the number of those gathered in. A Christian *mela* was held at Shahdara which was attended by numbers of our new converts and by our own workers, and there was much enthusiasm and rekindling of zeal and devotion.

DELHI.

This is our last occupied station,—the Rev. F. J. Blewitt having been appointed to it at the beginning of this year. Already many tokens of blessing are manifest, and the mission bids fair to take rank amongst the foremost of our mission stations. English services and Sunday-school have been held in a hired hall, and have been appreciated by the people. Our native work, begun in the city and suburbs, has already reached outlying villages, and there have been nearly five hundred baptisms. The difficulty here, more than even elsewhere, has been the lack of means, and the missionary has had to supplement, by constant effort, the very slender grant of the Missionary Society, towards the maintenance of the work. It is hoped that this most promising and hopeful field will soon be equipped on a scale commensurate with its importance.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE AND CHRISTIAN MELA.

Our fourth District Conference was held in Delhi on December 17-21; and at the same time our Christian *mela* attracted large numbers of our village Christians. Over two hundred persons were camped on the ground, and crowds came and went. All the arrangements were made efficiently and economically, and the utmost harmony prevailed. The religious services which were the marked feature of the gathering, were characterized by deep spirituality and practical power, and both the conference and the *mela* were means of enthusiastic inspiration to our workers, who went back to their fields re-animated with fresh purposes of loyalty and devotion.

MINUTES

OF THE

NORTH-WEST INDIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

—FIRST SESSION—

AGRA, JANUARY, 18-23, 1893.

BISHOP J. M. THOBURN,
President.

C. W. DESOUZA,
Secretary.

Conference Officers.

<i>President,</i> ...	... BISHOP JAMES M. THOBURN, D. D.
<i>Secretary,</i> ...	... CHARLES W. DESOUZA.
<i>Assistant Secretary</i> ...	... A. T. LEONARD.
<i>Statistical Secretary</i> ...	... J. E. NEWSOM.
<i>Corresponding Secretary...</i>	... P. M. BUCK.

Conference Boards.

- Examining Board.*—J. E. SCOTT, P. M. BUCK, MAHBUB KHAN, R. HOSKINS, C. LUKE.
- Triers of Appeals.*—R. HOSKINS, J. D. WEBB, JAMES LYON, MAHBUB KHAN, A. T. LEONARD, J. C. LAWSON, J. E. NEWSOM.
- Board on Deaconess Work.*—H. MANSELL, R. CLANCY, J. LYON, J. H. CONDON, J. C. LAWSON, MRS. HOSKINS, MRS. SCOTT, MRS. BUCK, MISS MCBURNIE.
- Finance Committee.*—R. HOSKINS, J. C. LAWSON, W. R. CLANCY, MAHBUB KHAN, DANIEL BUCK, YAKUB CORNELIUS. *Alternates,* J. LYON, E. T. FARNON.
- Board of Auditors.*—R. HOSKINS, J. C. LAWSON, R. CLANCY, M. TINDALE, J. E. NEWSOM.

Conference Societies.

- Sunday School Union.*—R. HOSKINS, *President*, R. CLANCY, *Vice President*, M. TINDALE, *Secretary and Treasurer*.
- Conference Historical Society.*—D. OSBORNE, *President*, J. E. SCOTT, *Secretary and Treasurer*.
- Literary Society.*—P. M. BUCK, *President*, J. E. SCOTT, *Secretary*, A. T. LEONARD, *Treasurer*.
- Conference Epworth League.*—J. E. SCOTT, *President*, MRS. NEWSOM, and MAHBUB KHAN, *Vice-Presidents*, ROCKWELL CLANCY, *Secretary and Treasurer*.
- Executive Committee.*—P. M. BUCK, R. HOSKINS, MRS. MANSELL.
- To give Literary Society Lecture.*—R. HOSKINS, D. OSBORNE, *alternate*.
- To preach Annual Sermon.*—M. TINDALE, R. CLANCY, *alternates*.

Rules of Order.

I.—All the business of the Conference, excepting such as may be brought forward by the President, shall be introduced by motion.

II.—All questions of order shall be determined by the President, whose decision shall in all cases prevail, unless overruled by an appeal to the Conference; and three members dissenting from the President's judgment, shall have a right to appeal to the Conference.

III.—The President shall appoint all committees not otherwise specially ordered to the Conference.

IV.—All motion or resolutions introduced by any member of the Conference shall be reduced to writing, if the Secretary or any member request it.

V.—No new motion or resolution shall be entertained till the one under consideration shall be disposed of, which may be by adoption or rejection, unless one of the following motions should intervene, namely, indefinite postponement, postponement till a given time, to

lie on the table or to amend ; and these motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are placed.

VI.—Every member shall have a right to speak on any motion, but shall not speak more than fifteen minutes at any one time, nor more than once on any one subject until all have spoken who desire to do so ; unless by special permission of the Conference.

VII.—Every member, when he speaks, shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address the chair ; and shall not, on any occasion, use personal reflections or intemperate language.

VIII.—When a member intends to make complaint against another, having a bearing upon his moral character, he shall apprise such brother of his intention, before he brings it into Conference,

IX.—No member shall absend himself from the services of the Conference unless he be sick or unable to attend.

X.—It shall be in order for any member of the Conference when he thinks a question has been sufficiently discussed, to move that the question be taken without further debate ; and if the motion be sustained by two-thirds of the members present and voting, the main question shall be put without further discussion.

Pursuant to a call of Bishop Thoburn, the members and probationers of the Agra and Aligarh Districts of the North India Conference and of the stations of Cawnpore, Allahabad, and Bulandshahr in the same Conference, and also of the Mussoorie District in the Bengal Conference, met in the Methodist Church at Agra on Wednesday, January 18th, 1893. Bishop Thoburn conducted devotional exercises, and gave a brief address suited to the occasion, after which he read the following paper:—

The General Conference at its session in Omaha in May last made provision for the organization of a new Annual Conference out of territory belonging to the North India and Bengal Annual Conferences to be known as the North-West India Annual Conference. We are met here this morning personally to organize this new body, and I hereby recognize the following persons as members of it by the action of the General Conference :—

Robert Hoskins, Philo M. Buck, Jefferson E. Scott, Dennis Osborne, Mahbub Khan, Hasan Raza Khan, Charles W. DeSouza, Albert T. Leonard, Charles Luke, James Lyon, John D. Webb, Isa Das, Rockwell Clancy, Matthew Tindale, Frank J. Blewitt, Claudius H. Plomer, Edward S. Busby, John E. Newsom, Edwin T. Farnon, and Chunni Lal, and the following persons as probationers:—

Daniel Buck, Yaqub Cornelius, Joshi Sumer, Jhabbu S. Joseph, Edwin W. Gay, and Mohan Lal.

I further recognise Henry Mansell, James C. Lawson, Chimman Lal and Tafazzul Haqq, (a probationer) by transfer from the North India Conference. The North-West India Annual Conference is therefore now formally constituted, and prepared to proceed with its organization and the transaction of business. May the blessing of God descend upon its members, the Holy Spirit guide its deliberations and great prosperity attend its future progress.

Agra, 8th January, 1893.

(Sd.) J. M. THOBURN.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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I.—Who have been received by transfer and from what Conference ?

By action of General Conference :— ROBERT HOSKINS, PHILO M. BUCK, JEFFERSON E. SCOTT, DENNIS OSBORNE, MAHBUB KHAN, HASAN RAZA KHAN, CHARLES W. DESOUZA, ALBERT T. LEONARD, CHARLES LUKE, JAMES LYON, JOHN D. WEBB, ISA DAS, ROCKWELL CLANCY, MATTHEW TINDALE, FRANK J. BLEWITT, CLAUDIUS H. FLOMER, EDWARD S. BUSBY, JOHN E. NEWSOM, EDWIN T. FARNON, CHUNNI LAL, DANIEL BUCK, YAQUB CORNELIUS, JOSHI SUMER, JHABBU S. JOSEPH, EDWIN W. GAY, MOHAN LAL.

By transfer from North India Conference :— HENRY MANSELL, JAMES C. LAWSON, CHIMMAN LAL, and TAFAZZUL HAQQ.

II.—Who have been re-admitted ? None.

III.—Who have been received on credentials, and from what Conferences ? None.

IV.—Who have been received on trial ?

(a.) In studies of first year ? RAM SAHAI, JOHN D. RANSOM, FAZL HAQQ, ISHWARI PERSHAD, FAZL MASIH and TAJ KHAN.

(b.) In studies of third year ? None.

V.—Who have been continued on trial ?

(a.) In studies of first year ? None.

(b.) In studies of second year ?—MOHAN LAL, E. W. GAY, J. S. JOSEPH, JOSHI SUMER.

(c.) In studies of third year ? None.

(d.) In studies of fourth year ? None.

VI.—Who have been discontinued ? None.

VII.—Who have been admitted into full membership ?

(a.) Elected and ordained Deacons this year ? None.

(b.) Elected and ordained Deacons previously ?—YAQUB CORNELIUS, DANIEL BUCK.

VIII.—What members are in studies of third year ?

(a.) Admitted into full membership this year ?—YAQUB CORNELIUS, DANIEL BUCK.

(b.) Admitted into full membership previously ?

IX.—What members are in studies of fourth year ?—F. J. BLEWITT, and E. T. FARNON.

X.—What members have completed the Conference Course of Study ?

(a.) Elected and ordained Elders this year ?—ISA DAS, CHUNNI LAL.

(b.) Elected and ordained Elders previously ?

XI.—What others have been elected and ordained Deacons ?

(a.) As Local Preachers?—ISHWARI PERSHAD, KHUB CHAND, ISAAC FRANKLIN, CHUNNI LAL, ELIAS MASSEY, BHOLA NATH, KHANJAN LAL, PRABHU DAS, PREM MASIH, BHOLA SINGH, TULSI RAM, JOSEPH CORNELIUS, RAHU ROBIN, JOHN F. DEATKER, and JOHN W. MCNAIR.

(b.) Under the Missionary Rule ? None.

XII.—What others have been elected and ordained Elders ?

(a.) As Local Deacons?—MAWASI SINGH, UMED SINGH, EDWIN W. GAY, JHABBU S. JOSEPH, JOSHI SUMER, EDWIN T. FARNON, FAZL MASIH.

(b.) Under the Missionary Rule?—RAM SAHAI, JOHN D. RANSOM, DANIEL BUCK, ISHWARI PERSHAD, MOHAN LAL, FAZL HAQQ.

XIII.—Was the character of each preacher examined ? This was strictly attended to.

XIV.—Who have been transferred and to what Conference? None.

XV.—Who have died ? ANTONE DUTT.

XVI.—Who have been located at their own request ? None.

XVII.—Who have been located ? None.

XVIII.—Who have withdrawn ? None.

XIX.—Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or on complaints ? None.

XX.—Who have been expelled ? None.

XXI.—What other personal notation should be made ? None.

XXII.—Who are the Supernumerary Preachers ? None.

XXIII.—Who are the Superannuated Preachers ? None.

XXIV.—Who are the Triers of Appeals?—R. HOSKINS, J. D. WEBB, JAMES LYON, MAHBUB KHAN, A. T. LEONARD, J. C. LAWSON, J. E. NEWSON.

XXV.—What is the Statistical Report for this year?—*See Statistics.*

XXVI.—What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections as reported by the Conference Treasurer ? Rs. 12,813.

XXVII.—What are the claims on the Conference Fund ? None.

XXVIII.—What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied ? None.

XXIX.—Where are the Preachers stationed ? *See Appointments.*

XXX.—Where shall the next Conference be held ? Meerut.

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AGRA, WEDNESDAY, 18th January, 1893.

The Conference being thus formally constituted, it proceeded to organize itself.

Organization.—C. W. DeSouza was elected Secretary and A. T. Leonard, Assistant Secretary.

Roll.—C. W. DeSouza called the roll when 21 members and 6 Probationers answered to their names.

On motion the Presiding Elders were appointed a Committee to nominate Standing Committees.

Standing Committees.—The committee to nominate Standing Committees presented the following report:—

Sunday-Schools.—H. Mansell, M. Tindale, C. Luke.

State of Church.—R. Hoskins, R. Clancy, J. S. Joseph, J. Lyon, D. Buck.

Temperance.—E. S. Busby, Isa Das, J. D. Webb, J. C. Lawson.

Conference Relations.—R. Hoskins, H. Mansell, Yaqub Cornelius.

Public Worship.—J. E. Scott, M. Tindale.

Auditing.—J. E. Newsom, C. H. Plomer.

Examining Board.—The Bishop appointed the following Board of Examination:—

P. M. Buck, A. T. Leonard, and Mahbub Khan.

On motion J. W. Waugh was elected Conference Treasurer.

Hours of Session.—On motion of J. E. Scott, the hours of Conference were fixed between 11 and 3 with half an hour's interval for tiffin.

Conference Bar.—On motion the first three rows of seats were fixed as the Conference Bar.

Rules of Order.—On motion the rules of order of the Bengal Conference (as found in its minutes) were adopted.

Conference Manual.—On motion the Conference Manual prepared by J. E. Scott, was adopted.

Memoirs.—On motion D. Osborne, R. Hoskins, and Charles Luke were appointed a committee on Memoirs,

Insurance Society.—The following were appointed by Bishop Thoburn a committee on Mutual Insurance Society (*Imdad-i-Jamaat*):—R. Hoskins, Mahbub Khan, H. Mansell, Hasan Raza Khan, and A. T. Leonard.

Statistics.—On motion J. E. Newsom was elected Statistical Secretary, with C. H. Plomer and Charles Luke associates.

Chartered Fund.—On motion the President of the Conference was authorized to draw on the Chartered Fund, or Book Concern Dividend for any moneys that may be due to this Conference.

Conference Examinations.—On motion P. M. Buck, R. Hoskins, and J. E. Scott were appointed a committee to formulate some scheme for conducting Conference Examinations.

Thirteenth Question.—The thirteenth question was taken up.

J. E. Scott was called, his character passed, and he reported the Agra District, and collections of the Mutbra Church.

Matthew Tindale, Mahbub Khan, and James Lyon were called, their character passed, and they reported their collections.

Hasan Raza Khan was called, his character passed, and he reported the Aligarh District.

Lord's Supper.—The following resolution was presented and adopted :—

We as a Conference regret that owing to the circumstances under which we are placed, it is difficult to give our village Christians the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and we realize that our church is suffering loss on this account, therefore

Resolved,—That we will do all in our power to give our people this our Lord's sacred ordinance, and to teach them its object and import.

J. E. SCOTT.
R. HOSKINS.

Introduction.—The Rev. Mr. Potter of the Baptist Mission was introduced to the Conference.

Adjournment.—On motion the Conference adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock on Thursday morning.

Closing.—Notices were given, the doxology sung, and the benediction pronounced by J. W. Waugh.

SECOND SESSION.

AGRA, Thursday, 19th January, 1893.

Opening.—Conference was called to order by Bishop Thoburn. R. Hoskins conducted the religious exercises.

Minutes.—The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Invitation.—On motion all visiting ministerial brethren from other conferences were invited to participate in the deliberations.

Conference Examinations.—The committee for formulating a scheme for Conference Examinations presented its report which was adopted. (*See Report No. 1.*)

Thirteenth Question.—The thirteenth question was taken up.

D. Osborne was called, his character passed, and he reported the Mussoorie District and the collections of the Mussoorie church.

A. T. Leonard, C. H. Plomer, P. M. Buck, J. D. Webb, C. W. DeSouza were called, their characters passed and such of them as held charges reported their collections.

E. S. Busby was called, and his character passed with request that he bring up Hindustani studies of first year.

C. Luke, R. Hoskins, J. E. Newsom and W. R. Clancy were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections. W. R. Clancy was requested to bring up Hindustani studies of third year.

Board of Education.—D. Osborne, J. E. Scott, Hasan Raza Khan, R. Hoskins and Mahbub Khan were appointed a Board of Education.

Statistics.—The following resolution was presented and adopted :—

Resolved,—That the statistics of English and native work under the same preacher in charge be reported separately.

J. E. NEWSOM.

C. H. PLOMER.

Auditing.—R. Hoskins presented a resolution regarding the auditing of mission accounts, which was adopted. (*See Resolution No. 1.*)

Fifth Question.—The fifth question was taken up.

Moban Lall, E. W. Gay, J. S. Joseph were called, their characters passed, the committee reported on their examinations and they were continued on trial in studies of second year. Joshi Sumer was called, his character passed, and he was continued on trial in studies of second year with privilege to bring up Baibal Barhaqq of first year.

Tenth Question.—The tenth question was taken up.

Isa Dass and Chunni Lall were called, their characters passed, and the committee having reported that they had passed in the fourth year's studies, they were advanced to the class of effective Elders and elected to Elder's Orders.

F. J. Blewitt was called, his character passed, and he was required to bring up the studies of fourth year at the next Annual Conference.

Cawnpore Girls' School.—On motion the present Board of Trustees of the Cawnpore Girls' School were approved.

On motion R. Hoskins and J. E. Newsom were appointed a committee to look for and secure any legal amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of said school if necessary.

Adjournment.—Conference adjourned to meet 11 o'clock on Friday morning.

Closing.—Notices were given, the doxology sung and the benediction pronounced by Bishop Thoburn.

THIRD SESSION.

AGRA, Friday, 20th January, 1893.

Opening.—Conference was called to order by Bishop Thoburn at 11 o'clock. J. C. Lawson conducted the devotional exercises.

Minutes.—The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Sanitarium.—On motion D. Osborne, H. Mansell, and J. Lyon were appointed a Committee on Sanitarium.

Fourth Question.—The fourth question was taken up.

Ram Sahai, recommended by the Barabanki District Conference, John D. Ransom, and Fazl Haqq, recommended by the Agra District Conference, Ishwari Pershad and Fazl Masih, recommended by the Mussoorie District Conference, and Taj Khan, recommended by the Aligarh District Conference, having been represented by their Presiding Elders and reported on by the Committee of Examination, were received on trial in studies of first year.

Third Question.—The third question was taken up.

The name of Raja Ram Chitamber, formerly an ordained minister of the American Presbyterian Mission, was called.

On motion the case was left in the hands of Bishop Thoburn to be settled at the Session of the Bengal Conference.

Invitation.—On motion Dr. T. J. Scott was invited to address the Conference on the subject of the Sunday School Union.

Introduction.—Mr. Nundy, a son of the late Rev. Mr. Nundy of the American Presbyterian Mission, was introduced to the Conference.

State of the Church.—On motion the Committee on the State of the Church was requested to include in its report some suggestions as to the plan of self-support which might be adopted in our churches.

Ninth Question.—The ninth question was taken up.

E. T. Farnon was called, and having been represented by his Presiding Elder, and reported on by the Committee of Examinations, he was advanced to the class of those who are in studies of fourth year.

Superannuated Preachers.—On motion D. Osborne, M. Tindale, C. W. DeSouza, J. F. Deater, and Jhabbu Singh were appointed to prepare some scheme for the support of superannuated preachers and their families and to present it at the next Annual Conference.

Thirtieth Question.—The thirtieth question was taken up, and Meerut was chosen as the seat of next Conference.

Adjournment.—On motion Conference adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock on Saturday morning.

Closing.—Notices were given, the doxology sung, and the benediction pronounced by T. J. Scott.

FOURTH SESSION.

AGRA, Saturday, 21st January, 1893.

Opening.—Conference was called to order by Bishop Thoburn at 11 o'clock. H. Mansell conducted the devotional exercises.

Minutes.—The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

Historical Society.—J. E. Scott presented a resolution advising the formation of a Conference Historical Society, (*see Resolution II*) which was adopted.

Officers.—On motion the following were appointed officers of this Society :—

D. Osborne, *President*; J. E. Scott, *Secretary and Treasurer*.

Dr. J. O. Peck—The following resolution was presented and adopted :—

Whereas in our judgment it would be of great value both to our cause in India and to the Home Church for our Missionary Secretary to be thoroughly familiar with all phases of our work in this land, therefore

Resolved,—**FIRSTLY**, that we earnestly and cordially invite Rev. J. O. Peck, D.D., Missionary Secretary for India, to visit this country at his earliest convenience, and to spend an entire cold season in the territory of our five Conferences and the Malaysia Mission.

SECONDLY, that the Secretary on behalf of the Conference write an official letter to the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society earnestly requesting them to arrange for such a visit from our Missionary Secretary during the cold season of 1893-94.

D. OSBORNE.
H. R. KHAN.
R. HOSKINS.
C. LUKE,

J. E. SCOTT.
J. C. LAWSON.
H. MANSELL.
P. M. BUCK.

Sanitarium.—The Committee on Sanitarium presented its report, which was adopted. (*See Report No. II.*)

Bishop Mallalieu.—Bishop Mallalieu was introduced to the Conference and, on invitation, addressed words of counsel and encouragement to the Conference.

The following resolution was presented and adopted by a rising vote :—

Resolved—That we, members of the North-West India Conference, heartily congratulate ourselves that we have been favored at this our inaugural session by the visit of one of our beloved and honored General Superintendents, Bishop W. F. Mallalieu, in the course of his official visitation of the Eastern Section of our worldwide mission field. We most cordially welcome him to our homes and to our work, and pray that his sojourn within our territorial bounds, including some of the most interesting and historic landmarks in India, may be attended with every blessing calculated to make it both pleasant to himself and profitable to our work. We earnestly pray that both he and his son may be preserved under the care of a gracious Providence until their return in due course to their native land, and we feel confident in hoping that Bishop Mallalieu will not fail to represent, when the opportunity arrives, the urgent and importunate demands of this vast field, with whose success and needs his visit has afforded him the means of personal, earnest and sympathetic acquaintance.

D. OSBORNE.
R. CLANCY.
R. HOSKINS.
H. R. KHAN.

J. E. SCOTT.
P. M. BUCK.
H. MANSELL.
C. LUKE.

Seventh Question.—The seventh question was taken up. Yaqub Cornelius and Daniel Buck having been previously ordained Deacons, and having been represented by their Presiding Elders, and reported on by the Committee of Examinations, were questioned and addressed by the Bishop and admitted into full membership.

Sanitarium.—On motion the following were appointed a Committee of Management for Sanitarium :—H. Mansell, R. Hoskins, D. Osborne.

On motion R. Hoskins was elected a joint member with the Committee on Naini Tal Sanitarium.

Temperance.—The Committee on Temperance presented its report, which, after corrections, was adopted. (*See Report No. III.*)

Mission Property.—W. R. Clancy presented the following resolution, which was adopted :—

Whereas it is very important that all documents relating to our Mission property should be carefully preserved.

Resolved—That our Presiding Elders be requested to carefully examine all Mission property documents in their respective districts at the First Quarterly Conference of the year, have all unregistered deeds registered, and send all Mission property documents to the Treasurer of the Mission for safe custody.

Baptisms—A request from the Mussoorie District Conference was presented to consider the advisability or otherwise of baptizing men, or heads of families only.

On motion J. E. Scott, A. T. Leonard, J. D. Webb, Charles Luke and Yaqub Cornelius were appointed a committee to report on this matter.

Eleventh Question.—The eleventh question was taken up. I. Franklin, Chunni Lal, Elias Massey, Bhola Nath, Khanjan Lal, Prabhu Das, Prem Masih, Bhola Singh, Tulsi Ram, Joseph Cornelius, Rahu Robin, John F. Deatker, and John W. McNair, having been represented by their Presiding Elders, and reported on by the Committee of Examinations, were elected as Local Preachers to Deacon's Orders.

Twelfth Question.—The twelfth question was taken up. Mewasi Singh, Umed Singh, Elwin W. Gay, Jhabbu S. Joseph, Joshi Sumer, Edwin T. Farnon, Fazal Masih, Isa Das and Chunni Lal having been represented by Presiding Elders, and having already been ordained Deacons, were elected to Elder's Orders.

Ram Sahai, John D. Ransom, Daniel Buck, Ishvari Pershad, Mohan Lal, and Fazl Haqq were also elected to Elder's Orders under the Missionary Rule.

Extension of Time.—On motion the time was extended.

Adjournment.—On motion Conference adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

Closing.—Notices were given, the doxology sung, and the benediction was pronounced by P. M. Buck.

FIFTH SESSION.

AGRA, MONDAY, 23rd January, 1893.

Opening.—Conference was called to order by Bishop Thoburn at 11 A. M. P. M. Buck conducted the devotional exercises.

Minutes.—The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Introduction.—Rev. Dr. Valentine of the Agra Medical Mission was introduced and, on invitation, addressed the Conference.

The following resolution was presented and adopted :—

Resolved,—That we have had sincere pleasure in welcoming Dr. C. Valentine, Superintendent of the Agra Medical Mission, in our midst and in listening to his statement of the facilities offered by his educational work to promising Christian young men desirous of prosecuting medical study. We wish him heartily God speed in his great and good work and will avail ourselves of these facilities as opportunity offers.

D. OSBORNE.
J. E. SCOTT.
H. R. KHAN.

Rev. T. Craven of North India Conference was introduced and, on invitation, addressed the Conference in the interests of the Methodist Publishing House, Lucknow.

Finance Committee.—Conference proceeded to elect members of the Finance Committee.

R. Hoskins, J. C. Lawson, W. R. Clancy, Mahbub Khan, Daniel Buck and Yakub Cornelius were elected.

On motion J. Lyon and E. T. Farnon were elected alternates.

Mission Treasurer.—On motion J. W. Waugh was elected Treasurer as representing the Mission Board.

Certificates of Ordination.—Bishop Thoburn presented the following certificate of Ordination:—

“This is to certify that on January 22nd, 1893, I ordained to the office of Deacon the following persons:—

“Isaac Franklin, Chunni Lal, Elias Massey, Bhola Nath, Khanjan Lal, Prabhu Das, Prem Masih, Bhola Singh, Tulsi Ram, Joseph Cornelius, Rahu Robin, John F. Deatker, and John W. McNair. Also that on the same day, with the assistance of Bishop Mailleu and three Elders, I ordained the following persons as Elders:—

“Mawasi Singh, Ummed Singh, Edwin W. Gay, Jhabbu S. Joseph, Joshi Sumer, Edwin T. Farnon, Fazl Masih, Isa Das, Chunni Lal, Ram Sahai, John D. Ransom, Daniel Buck, Ishwari Pershad, Mohan Lal and Fa'l Haqq.”

Sunday Schools.—The Committee on Sunday Schools presented its report, which was adopted. (*See Report No. IV.*)

Baptisms.—The Committee appointed to report on the question of Baptisms presented by the Mussoorie District Conference, presented its report, which was adopted. (*See Report No. V.*)

Conference Appointments.—On motion the Secretary was instructed to publish the appointments of all the other Indian Conferences at the end of the minutes of the N.-W. India Conference.

Statistics.—The Statistical Secretary presented the statistical report, which was adopted.—(*See Statistics*)

Board of Education.—R. Hoskins presented the report of the Board of Education, which was adopted. (*See Report No. VI*)

State Regulated Vice.—H. Mansell presented a resolution on the subject of State regulated vice, which was adopted. (*See Resolution No. III.*)

Course of Studies.—The following resolution was presented and adopted:—

At the recent session of the North India Conference a committee consisting of E. W. Parker, H. Mansell, P. M. Buck and R. Hoskins, from both the North India and North-West India Conferences, was appointed to revise the Vernacular Course of Study for Foreign Missionaries with a view to its being approved by the Bishop as the course of study in all our Hindustani speaking fields:

Resolved,—That we confirm the said committee.

J. C. LAWSON.
J. D. WEBB.

Publication of Minutes.—On motion the Secretaries and Agent of the Publishing House were appointed a Committee on the Publication of Minutes.

Trustees of P. S. Institute.—On motion the following were elected members of the Board of Trustees of the P. S. Institute, Mussoorie :—Bishop J. M. Thoburn, D. Osborne, J. S. Woodside, J. H. Sharpe, C. H. A. Tindale, T. Lee E. W. Allum, J. H. Condon, C. H. DeMello.

Trustee for Theological Seminary.—On motion R. Hoskins was elected a member from this Conference of the Board of Trustees, Bareilly Theological Seminary.

Adjournment.—On motion Conference adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

Closing.—Notices were given, the doxology sung, and the benediction pronounced by Bishop Thoburn.

SIXTH SESSION.

AGRA, MONDAY EVENING, 23rd January, 1893.

Opening.—Conference was called to order by the Bishop pursuant to adjournment.

Minutes.—The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Board of Deaconesses.—The following were elected members of the Board of Deaconesses :—

H. Mansell, R. Clancy, J. Lyon, J. H. Condon, J. C. Lawson, Mrs. Hoskins, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Buck, Miss McBurnie.

State of the Church.—R. Hoskins presented the report of the State of the Church which was adopted. (*See Report No. VII.*)

Corresponding Secretary.—On motion P. M. Buck was elected Corresponding Secretary.

Triers of Appeals.—The following were elected Triers of Appeals :—

R. Hoskins, J. D. Webb, James Lyon, Mahbub Khan, A. T. Leonard, J. C. Lawson, J. E. Newsom.

Auditors.—The following were elected Auditors :—

R. Hoskins, J. C. Lawson, R. Clancy, M. Tindale and J. E. Newsom.

General Evangelist.—The following resolution was presented and adopted :—

Resolved—That we have learnt with much satisfaction that our beloved brother Dennis Osborne is to be set apart for evangelistic work in India. We regard this step as one that is most necessary and shall be most beneficial to both English and Native churches that lie within the territory of our five Indian Conferences.

We heartily commend our brother to every church and congregation which may invite his aid, and sincerely pray God's protection on his health and life, and God's blessing on his labours.

H. MANSSELL.
H. R. KHAN.
J. E. SCOTT.
E. S. BUSBY.

R. HOSKINS.
J. C. LAWSON.
A. T. LEONARD.

Board of Examiners.—J. E. Scott, P. M. Buck, Mahbub Khan, R. Hoskins, and C. Luke were appointed a Board of Examiners.

Board of Deaconesses.—The report of the Board of Deaconesses was presented and adopted. (*See Report No. VIII.*)

Auditing Committee.—The Auditing Committee presented its report, which was adopted (*See Report No. IX*)

Complimentary.—The following resolutions were presented and adopted by a rising vote :—

This Conference desires to express its devout and thankful recognition of the Divine care and direction which has so manifestly attended the visit of our beloved Bishop J. M. Thoburn to America and of the Divine blessing which has crowned his labours on behalf of our work with gracious success.

We tender our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all those Churches and individuals who have so generously responded to his appeals, and we beg to assure them that the relief secured through their benevolence comes to us as a most timely and needed help in the prosecution of the work opening before us.

We earnestly hope that their interest, prayers and support will continue to be given to this promising field, so that we may be able to enter the many doors which Divine Providence is throwing open before us and thus hasten the coming of our Lord's Kingdom in this benighted land.

D. OSBORNE.	R. HOSKINS.
P. M. BUCK.	J. E. SCOTT.
C. W. DESOUZA.	C. LUKE.
H. R. KHAN.	Y. CORNELIUS.

Resolved—That we hereby tender our hearty thanks to the Rev. M. Tindale, Pastor of the M. E. Church, Agra, his wife, the members of his church and to all other kind friends who have so generously entertained us, and, by their kindness, attention and care contributed so much to the pleasantness of our stay in Agra. May God replenish their souls with His grace and fill their cup with every earthly and spiritual blessing.

D. OSBORNE.
C. W. DESOUZA.
R. CLANCY.

Memoirs.—The Committee on Memoirs presented its report which was adopted (*See Report No. X.*)

After the report a voluntary collection was raised for the erection of a suitable tombstone over the late Antone Dutt's grave in Patiala.

Adjournment.—On motion it was resolved that after the reading of the minutes, the dispensation of the Lord's Supper, and the reading of the appointments, the Conference stand adjourned *sine die*.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1893.

AGRA DISTRICT.

JEFFERSON E. SCOTT, P. E. (P. O. MUTTRA.)

Agra, Matthew Tindale, Mahbub Khan.
Aligarh, James C. Lawson.
Bindaban, Isa Das.
Bhurtpur, Ram Sehai.
Fatehpur Sikri, To be supplied.
Govardhan, Supplied by Chuni Lal.
Hathras, Supplied by Ummed Singh.
Muttra, Jefferson E. Scott.

AJMERE DISTRICT.

CHARLES W. DESOUZA, P. E. (P. O. AJMERE.)

Ajmere, Charles W. DeSouza.
Kishanganj, Supplied by Ran Bahadur.
Pisangan, James Lyon.
Nawa, John D. Ransom.
Phalera, Claudius H. Plomer.
Rupnagar, Isaac Franklin.
Srinagar, Supplied by John Net Ram.
Pushkar, " " Parshadi Lal.

ALLAHABAD DISTRICT.

DENNIS OSBORNE, P. E. (P. O. MUSSOORIE.)

Allahabad, Rockwell Clancy, Jhabbu Singh Joseph.
Cawnpore, Robert Hoskins, Chuni Lal.
" English Church, John E. Newsom.

BULANDSHAHR DISTRICT.

CHARLES LUKE, P. E. (P. O. BULANDSHAHR.)

Anupshahr, Supplied by Muassi Singh.
Aurangabad, " " John Little.
Bulandshahr, Charles Luke.
Dadri, Supplied by Benjamin Wilson.
Debhal, To be supplied.
Jahangirabad, Supplied by Ruben.
Khurja, " " Albert Phillip.
Pahasu, To be supplied.
Siana, Supplied by Gyan Masih.
Shikarpur, " " Nihal Chand.

KASGANJ DISTRICT

HASAN RAZA KHAN, P. E. (P. O. KASGANJ)

Aliganj, Supplied by Mathura Parshad.
Atrauli, " " Taj Khan.
Etah, " " Tori Dutt.
Ferozabad, " " Bhola Nath.
Gangiri, " " Wahid Ullah Khan.
Jalesar, Fazl Haqq.
Kasganj, Hasan Raza Khan.
Kaimganj, Supplied by Charan Das.
Mustafabad, " " Khushali Ram.
Patiali, " " Tulsi Ram.
Sikandar Rao, Mohan Lal.
Saron, Supplied by Tika Singh.
Suket, " " Samuel.

APPOINTMENTS.

MEERUT DISTRICT.

PHILO M. BUCK, P. E. (P. O. MEERUT.)

Baghat, Yaqub Cornelius.
 Bilaspur, Supplied by John Williams.
 Delhi, Frank J. Blewitt.
 Hapur, Cimmman Lall.
 Meerut, Philo M. Buck, Edward S. Busby, Fazl Masih.
 Mirapur, Edwin W. Gay.
 Mowana, Ishri Pershad.
 Muzaffarnagar, Daniel Buck.
 Rabbupura, Tafazzul Haqq.

MUSSOORIE DISTRICT.

HENRY MANSELL, P. E. (P. O. MUSSOORIE.)

Deoband, Joshi Sumar.
 Lahore, Albert T. Leonard; one to be supplied.
 Mussoorie English Church, To be supplied.
 " Hindustani Mission, Supplied by Anthony Jacob.
 " Philander Smith Institute, H. Mansell, Principal.
 Patiala, Edward T. Farnon.
 Rajpur, Supplied by James Jacob.
 Rurki, John D. Webb.

GENERAL EVANGELIST.—Dennis Osborne.

WOMAN'S CONFERENCE.

AGRA DISTRICT.

Agra, Woman's Work, Mrs. Tindale. Home for Medical Students, supplied by Miss M. Seymour.
 Muttra, City Schools and District Work, Mrs. Emma Scott.
 " Deaconess Home and Training School, Mrs. Gertrude F. Matthews, Miss Brown.
 " General Evangelist, Miss Phebe Rowe.
 Aligarh, Girls' Boarding School, Mrs. Lawson.

AJMERE DISTRICT.

Ajmere, Woman's Work, Mrs. Lyon, Girls' Boarding School, Mrs. DeSouza.
 Khetri, Miss C. A. Swain, M. D.
 Phalera, Woman's Work, Mrs. Plomer.

MEERUT DISTRICT.

Delhi, Woman's Work, Mrs. Blewitt.
 Meerut, Girls' Boarding School, Mrs. Buck. Woman's Work, Mrs. Busby.

MUSSOORIE DISTRICT.

Lahore, Woman's Work, Mrs. Leonard.
 Mussoorie, Literary Work and English School, Mrs. Mansell, M. D.
 Mussoorie and Rajpur, Woman's Work, Mrs. Osborne.
 Rurki, Woman's Work, Mrs. Webb.

ALLAHABAD DISTRICT.

Allahabad, Woman's Work, Mrs. Clancy.
 Cawnpore, City and District Work, Mrs. Hoskins.
 " Girls' High School, Miss McBurnie, Miss Lauck.
 " Hindustani Girls' Boarding School, To be supplied by Mrs. Worthington,
 " Woman's Work, Mrs. Newsom.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

I.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR FORMULATING A SCHEME FOR CONFERENCE EXAMINATIONS.

WHEREAS it has become essential for the intellectual improvement of our preachers that means be utilized for making the Conference examinations much more profitable, therefore

1. *Resolved* that the Bishop be requested to appoint a board of examiners who shall take charge of all the Conference examinations, and, as far as possible, this committee, from year to year, shall remain unchanged.

2. This board of examiners shall prepare a series of questions on each book, which shall bring out the salient points of the book, in order that the person examined may prepare himself for the examination. These questions shall be submitted to the board of examiners for approval, and when approved, they shall be printed in Roman-Urdu for the help of the candidates.

3. The annual examinations shall be based on these questions, but in different phraseology, and shall be both written and oral: and these examinations shall be held at conference time.

4. The Presiding Elders are requested to see that candidates attend to the studies regularly each quarter, so that the book shall be completed at the end of the third quarter, and the fourth quarter shall be utilized for a review of the whole year's study; and it is expected that the Presiding Elder shall test the candidate at the quarterly conferences on the studies of the quarter.

5. The Annual Conference examinations shall begin in the morning of the day preceding the day of the opening of the conference.

6. This board of examiners shall consist of three members, to be appointed by the chairman, and they shall have authority to call to their aid in the examinations as many members of this conference as they desire.

R. HOSKINS.
P. M. BUCK.
J. E. SCOTT.

II.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SANITARIUM.

Your committee have learned with sincere gratification, of the paternal action of the N. I. Conference, in permitting the members of this conference the right of joint occupation in their sanitarium at Naini Tal and Almora. While fully appreciating the kindness

which has prompted the action, and accepting and reciprocating the hospitality thus tendered to such extent as may be possible, your committee feel that the exigencies of our work demand larger and more accessible accommodation than is available to the members of this conference in this offer. In the case also of missionaries having grown children to educate, it is imperative that they be placed at a point where there are suitable educational advantages. Your committee are convinced that the provision made, during the last three years, by renting suitable premises in Mussoorie, for sanitarium, has been the means, under God's blessing, of saving valued lives in the families of several of our missionaries, and of preserving useful workers in India, who would otherwise have had to retreat precipitately from the field. In view of these facts, and having regard to the growing membership of the conference, your committee earnestly recommend that until a place can be purchased for sanitarium purposes in Mussoorie, suitable premises may be secured on rent for this purpose, and that a committee of management be appointed to give effect to this recommendation and to draw up necessary rules for the due regulation of applicants desiring such accommodation from time to time.

D. OSBORNE.
H. MANSELL.
J. LYON.

III.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee are thankful to note the impetus given to the temperance cause the past year by the victory gained in the British Parliament in the election of so many of its members pledged to temperance reform; in the very emphatic condemnation of the liquor traffic by our recent General Conference; in the aggressive steps taken by various Hindu societies to suppress the out-still system in India, and also the mission of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union to India.

Your committee desire that the first session of the North-West India Conference shall hereby put itself on record as unanimously and emphatically opposed to the traffic in alcoholic liquors as a beverage in all its forms. Your committee earnestly recommend hearty sympathy and co-operation with every temperance organization in the land. In this age of unions we must avail ourselves of the great advantages of concerted effort for the temperance cause, and in the dawn of the day of victory we must be prepared to "stand four square" against every blast of the liquor traffic. We would recommend the organization of some sort of temperance society in every charge, the duty of whose members should be to wholly abstain from alcoholic liquors as a beverage; from the use of *charas* and *ganja*, and from opium in any way, except when prescribed by a qualified physician; and further, to save as many as possible from the

thraldom of these fashionable yet deceitful and deadly poisons. Further, we recommend that our preachers discourage the use of tobacco.

E. S. BUSBY, J. D. WEBB, I. DAS, J. C. LAWSON,	}	Committee.
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IV.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The importance of our Sunday-school work cannot be over-estimated. It has from the beginning been considered the nursery of the Church. It has been used by us in India for twenty-five years as the great right-arm of evangelism. The success of our work within the past five years has compelled us to use this, the only available institution, as a theological and training school for our converts.

It is with gratitude we record the success of our work during the past year. The statistical tables show 449 schools, and 17,215 scholars of all ages. Inasmuch as there are 15,066 members and probationers, and there are over 8,000 of them in Sunday-schools,—we have at least 7,500 non-Christians in our Sunday-schools. The work is increasing in both departments faster than we can do it well.

We are glad to notice the zeal manifested by most of our English churches in the native Sunday-school work, Agra and Cawnpore being worthy of especial notice. The latter, through the leadership of Bro. Beer, has over 500 scholars enrolled.

We recommend the pastors of all our English churches to continue their efforts till every member will not only give for the Hindu-tani Sunday-school work, but, wherever possible, hold verandah schools, and give help and direction in mohalla and village schools.

Your committee here emphasize the necessity of preachers in charge making their central schools worthy patterns, where pastorteachers may receive their instruction and practical guidance, and where suitable boys and girls may be selected for other and higher lines of work, such as teachers, medical and evangelistic workers.

It is also recommended to continue our relations with the Indian Sunday-school Union, giving all the help we can, and asking help where we need.

We sorely need to recommend the Lesson Leaves, *Children's Friend* (*Khair-Khwāh Atfāl aur Bāl Hitkārak*) and all the Sunday-school requisites issuing from our Publishing-houses.

We urge all our preachers to induce all our new converts, old and young, to attend Sunday-school.

We also urge all our Sunday-schools to observe Children's Day, Easter and Christmas Days and Epworth League Day, and to make these festivals profitable and memorable in the hearts of the children and young Christians.

As most of our village schools are too poor to purchase pictures and books for prizes, we would call the attention of our Publishing Agents to the fact that donations of tickets, pictures and books would be exceedingly helpful to such schools. We recommend the memorizing and reciting of Scripture verses by all our Sunday-school scholars, and especially urge that each one who cannot read, be taught to carry home a verse at least, on the tablet of memory and heart.

In conclusion we urge that if any Christians are not yet enlisted in this work, the lost men be found and enrolled in this grandest of all armies.

H. MANSELL
M. TINDALE.
C. LUKE.

V.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BAPTISMS.

Your committee has noticed with considerable misgiving the tendency and practice, in most of the circuits, to baptize the men only, without their families. This custom we consider unwise, and often the cause of much difficulty and weakness in our work, therefore

Resolved—That as a conference we disapprove and discourage this practice in all our circuits except under extraordinary circumstances.

J. E. SCOTT.
J. D. WEBB.
C. LUKE.

Y. CORNELIUS.
A. T. LEONARD.

VI.—REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

In beginning the work of our new conference we are peculiarly fortunate in having only two middle class Ang'o-Vernacular schools, and probably no more schools of this kind will be opened until the native christian community is large enough to demand them. Our school work must be largely limited to our own people. Of course into all these schools non-christian boys will be admitted if there is room for them; but the instruction of these schools must sustain a decidedly Christian tone.

We shall need such a large increase of the primary village school that there will be very little opportunity for any schools that are not to be filled by the Christians and inquirers.

In our Christian community there are 7,884 children, and of these 3,142 are in school: that is forty per cent. of our Christian children are in school.

In every congregation there are many men, women and children who cannot read and who will never be able to learn to read. They

can easily memorize things that are taught them *virâ voce*. By means of question and answer they will commit to memory all the great fundamentals of our Holy Faith; and for the Anglo-Indian and European community we have two schools, Philander Smith Institute for boys in Mussorie, and the Girls' High School in Cawnpore. The boys' school has a fine property and is well established, but it greatly needs strengthening financially: especially means to pay the balance of the purchase price of the property are needed, and a trained principal who is fitted for, and is satisfied with, school work. During the year thirty of the boys have consciously and gladly yielded themselves to the service of the world's Redeemer.

The Cawnpore Girls' High School has had a good year though the number of girls has been less than in former years. The new buildings are completed, and there is room for one hundred and fifty pupils. The monthly fee for board and tuition has been put at twelve rupees per month for the coming year. This is much lower than the rate for the hill schools, and it is thought that we should make provision for these girls whose parents cannot pay the higher fees. During the year gracious spiritual influences have prevailed in the school, and many of the girls have begun the Christian life.

The Mutara Training School for Women aims to give the pupils a practical knowledge of mission work and to thoroughly equip them in the vernaculars and to ground them in Bible truth. Each pupil is regularly taken to the *zananas* and *muhâlas* with experienced workers, and earnest efforts are put forth to bring the pupils into sympathy with the work among the poor Christians and to make them feel their responsibility in teaching them and leading them to Christ. Several pupils have come into the training school for a short time of four to six months. Married women have also begun to come from the villages to be trained. Most of the pupils have heretofore been girls from the boarding schools. Scholarships are given to these women varying from two to four rupees per month. Usually their husbands have also received a scholarship from the school fund of Dr. Scott's training school.

We have excellent arrangements for our Hindustani girls who are studying in the Agra medical school. Ample scholarships are furnished them and very comfortable dormitories are given them under the care of Miss Seymour. Twenty-one young women and seven young men have been in attendance during the year. The young men have been under the care of Dr. Vallentine in his medical institution. We highly appreciate the advantage of this institution, and hope that the various churches will send on their promising young men and women.

VII.—STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Methodism has been noted for its revival power, and its existence has largely depended on the constant presence of the Holy Spirit. God has given us a great mass of people, and they are still coming.

This is harvest time, and may God give us strength to garner the fruit.

During the year several of our native ministers have been greatly blessed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Heretofore the ability to conduct revival meetings has been confined largely to the foreign missionaries. But thanks be to God, this state of things no longer remains: and our native brethren are pushing forward to the front. They can reach the village congregations at all seasons of the year, and in many cases the foreign workers can never hope to meet these village Christians.

By far greater attention should be given to our Christian melas; and their number should be greatly increased. In every Christian community where a fairly good congregation can be gathered, a mela should be provided, and the people urged to attend.

In all our congregations promising zealous men can be found who can be made very useful as lay workers. They should be recognized as class leaders and enrolled on the quarterly conference. We can thus raise up a very effective corps of unpaid workers.

In every charge workers' conventions should be held. These have been found very useful in many of the larger stations. In our new conference these workers' conventions should become a regular part of the working apparatus.

R. HOSKINS,

Secretary.

VIII.—REPORT OF DEACONESS BOARD.

The Board of Deaconesses beg leave to report that Miss Sheldon, Miss Rowe, and Mrs. Matthews have been approved as Deaconesses, and Misses Brown and Luck as probationers, the former in her second year, and the latter in her first. It is hoped that the number of this class of workers in our conference may be speedily increased.

C. HOSKINS,

Secretary.

IX.—AUDITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Presiding Elders' books of Agra and Aligarh districts have been audited and found correct. The Treasurers' books, and those of Allahabad and of Bulandshahr, are reported as audited by other conferences. The committee asks to be continued in order to complete its audit of the Cawnpore accounts.

J. E. NEWSOM.

C. H. PLOMER.

X.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

The Rev. Antone Dutt was by birth and faith a Mussalman, and received baptism while a boy in the Sardhana R. C. Mission. He came when only 13 years of age to our mission, and was received by Revd. R. Hoskins, who kindly cared for and instructed the youth. He was shortly after converted to God, and began work in Rohilkhand. He rapidly rose to be a preacher, and was admitted to conference, and filled every post with ability and success. In 1886 he was transferred to Hyderabad (Deccan), where the services of an experienced and capable native preacher was called for. That he cheerfully consented to leave Northern India and proceed to so distant and dangerous a destination, demonstrated alike his devotion, courage, and faith. In Hyderabad he labored faithfully for three years; although the paucity of helpers and his non-acquaintance with the chief vernacular of the south prevented his achieving that success which his devotion deserved. Often was his life imperilled, and once he narrowly escaped poisoning. It was there, evidently, that the seeds of that fatal disease were sown under which his excellent wife succumbed shortly after.

In August 1889, he was transferred to Patiala (Panjab), where he laid the foundation of our mission in that important native state. For a time he was without adequate helpers, and much preparatory work had to be done. By patient conciliation, by pure and prayerful living, and by faithful preaching, he laid the foundation of a good work. Encouraging fruit soon appeared, and on 10th August 1891, in Sonawar, a town near Patiala, during a visit in company with our brother, 107 persons were baptized in one evening, and 13 more added next day. The work after this took on new forms of interest; and inquirers appeared in many places. Bro. Dutt was in the full swing of this promising work, busy in devising broader plans,—when it pleased the Lord to translate his servant from labor to rest and reward. He was struck down by a kick from a reeve horse in the streets of the city; and after some days of patient, protracted suffering in the state hospital, during which he nobly testified to the power of Christ to save,—on 15th June of last year he passed into the presence of his Master.

In his case it is eminently true that “being dead, he speaketh,” for the holy aroma of his life, the purity of his conversation, as well as the fidelity and diligence of his toil have created an ineffaceable impression in the minds of even those who were hostile to the truth.

Bro. Dutt is gone from us, and it will be hard to find his equal in character and ability; but his life, his example, and his devotion remain with us, inspiring and stimulating us to loftier aims and worthier deeds. May the grace which made him what he was, which transformed the raw, ignorant youth into the daring hero and accomplished preacher, rest upon us and upon our brethren, sanctifying us fully for the service of our Master.

XI.--STATISTICAL REPORT.

Your committee submits the following summary of statistics for the past year. Owing to the divisions of territory in formation of the conference during the year, it is as at present impossible to determine the increases or decreases as usual ; but it is evident that in some districts the Christian community has doubled : but also that in the same districts the benevolent collections have fallen off nearly one-third.

J. E. NEWSOM.

C. H. PLOMER.

RESOLUTION NO. 1.

The accounts of the station and circuits shall be audited at least once each year by the Presiding Elder, except in case where the Presiding Elder is also preacher in charge or is administrator of the funds of any circuit or station, in which case the accounts shall be audited as per directions given below. This audit shall include all funds ordered by the Presiding Elder or received from any other source for whatever purpose, and all local accounts.

1. An auditing committee of five members of the Conference shall be chosen annually by the Conference on the nomination of the Bishop presiding, who shall hold office through the year.

2. The duties of this committee shall be

(a) To audit the accounts of the Presiding Elders, including orders given for payments to the circuit from both the Parent and the W. F. M. Societies, their travelling accounts, and their circuit or station accounts when acting as preachers in charge or as administrators of the funds of circuits.

(b) To audit the accounts of the different institutions of our Conference in receipt of funds from the mission not audited by the Presiding Elder or Board of Trustees.

(c) To aid in auditing the accounts of any station or circuit when requested so to do by either the Presiding Elder or the preacher in charge; and this committee shall provide that the accounts of real estate and building enterprises costing over Rs. 2,000, for which this Conference is responsible, are properly audited.

(d) To audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Parent Society, including the appropriations of the General Committee, and all moneys received from the Board, the Contingent Fund, the Butler Chapel, and any other accounts entrusted to his care; also to audit the quarterly and annual returns forwarded by the Treasurer to the office at New York.

(e) To audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the W. F. M. S.

3. To secure the audit contemplated the committee may deputize a sub-committee of not less than two of its members to act in each case; but in no case shall any person sit in audit on his own accounts.

4. The committee may look carefully into the expenditure, compare the same with the appropriations and vouchers of any station or circuit, and satisfy themselves that all moneys are properly expended. Should any case of seeming carelessness or misapplication of funds appear, the committee shall report the same to the Finance Committee.

5. This committee shall report annually to this Conference the result of this audit and the condition of accounts audited.

6. The Finance Committee is hereby requested to arrange for the payment of necessary expenses incurred in the auditing ordered above.

R. HOSKINS.

J. E. SCOTT.

RESOLUTION NO. 2.

Whereas our work is opening in a providential manner on every hand, and many interesting and important events have taken place and are daily occurring in the various circuits and stations of our work, and

Whereas there is much danger that the knowledge of many of these events will pass out of memory and sink into oblivion unless recorded : therefore

Resolved that we as a Conference organize, by the appointment of a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, an historical society which shall meet at the session of Conference, and it shall be the duty of the preacher-in-charge to prepare and forward to the secretary, who shall record the same, a succinct account of the opening and development of the work in each circuit and station.

This was carried, and Dr. Hoskins was elected Secretary and Treasurer.

J. E. SCOTT.

R. CLANCY.

R. HOSKINS.

RESOLUTION NO. 3.

Resolved—That this Conference expresses its abhorrence of regulated vice in every form. It hopes that the Imperial Government will insist upon obedience by British officials in India to its instructions based upon the Resolution of Parliament of June 5th, 1888 : that the practical official sanction of the sin of impurity may no longer exist in this country, to the corruption of morals, and the hindrance of the progress of the Gospel ; and that the Government will remove, as far as possible, temptations from the path of the British soldier in India, and create conditions conducive to morality, and therefore to health.

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

No.	NAMES	Licensed to preach.	Entered travelling connection	Home Conference.	Married or Single.	Post-office address
1	Blewitt, Frank J.	1882	1885	South India	M.	Delhi.
2	Buck, Philo M.	1865	1865	Kansas, (U. S. A.)	"	Meerut.
3	Buck, Daniel	1883	1890	North India	"	Muzaffarnagar.
4	Busby, Edward	1884	1886	South India	"	Meerut.
5	Chinman Lal	...	...	North India	"	Hapar.
6	Chunni Lal	1880	1889	" "	"	Cawnpore.
7	Clancy, Reekwell	1878	1881	Montreal (Canada)	"	Allahabad.
8	Cornier, Yaqub	1879	1891	Bengal	"	Baghpat.
9	DeSouza, Charles W.	1873	1881	South India	"	Ajmere.
10	Fernon, Edward T.	1878	1889	North India	"	Patiala.
11	Fazl M. s. h.	...	1892	North-West India	"	Meerut.
12	Fazl R. q. q.	...	1893	" " "	"	Jalesar.
13	Gay, Edwin W.	1864	1892	North India	"	Mirapur.
14	Hasan Raza Khan	1882	1886	" "	"	Kasganj.
15	Hoskins, Robert	1866	1867	East German	"	Cawnpore.
16	Isa Das	1872	1889	North India	"	Bindraban.
17	Ishwari Parshad	...	1893	North-West India	"	Mowana.
18	Jhabbu Singh Joseph	1878	1892	Bengal	"	Allahabad.
19	Joshi Sumer	1871	1892	"	"	Deoband.
20	Lawson, James C.	1876	1880	West Wisconsin	"	Aligarh.
21	Leonard, Albert T.	1878	1893	South India	"	Lahore.
22	Luke, Charles	1870	1883	North India	"	Bulandshahr.
23	Lyon, James	1874	1879	South India	"	Ajmere.
24	Mahbub Khan	...	1874	North India	"	Agra.
25	Mansell, Henry	1856	1859	Pittsburg, (U. S. A.)	"	Mussoorie.
26	Mohan Lal	1886	1892	North India	"	Sikandar Rao.
27	Newsom, John E.	1881	1888	Iowa, (U. S. A.)	"	Cawnpore.
28	Osborne, Dennis	1872	1874	North India.	"	Mussoorie.
29	Plomer, Claudius H.	1874	1882	South India	"	Phalera.
30	Ram S. hai	...	1893	North-West India	"	Bhurlpore.
31	Ransom, John D.	...	1893	" " "	"	Nawa.
32	Scott, J. ferson E.	1869	1873	North India.	"	Muthra.
33	Tafazzal Haqq	...	1893	North-West India	"	Rabbulpura.
34	Taj Khan	...	1893	" " "	"	Atrauli.
35	Tindale, Matthew	...	1886	Bengal.	"	Agra.
36	Webb, John D.	1879	1880	South India	"	Rurki.

Number.	NAMES OF CIRCUITS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.									
		Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Preachers.	DEATHS.	Children.	Adults.	Total.	Number of Churches.	Number of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of other property, including all W. F. M. S. Buildings and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old Indebtedness of Church property.	Pr sent Indebtedness of Church property.	Current expenses for Lights, etc.			
AGRA DISTRICT																		
1	Agra (Eng. Ch.)	9	14			2	2				324			559				
2	Agra (Hind.)	100	87	3	5	43	61	104	1	12000	1	10000	5000					
3	Amere	100	30	2	3	4	20	30	1	6000	1	6000	200	3000				
4	Bhartpur	144	35	2		61	179	240										
5	Bindraban	117	33	3	2	2	70	178	248									
6	Ferozabad	2	25	1		5	15	20										
7	Gobardhan	100	50	1		100	175	275										
8	Pathras	193	202	2	2	66	166	232	1	150				49				
9	Jaleswar	84	65	3	4	36	62	98										
10	Kishangarh	40		1		5	7	8										
11	Mathura	309	50	2	1	70	160	230	1	4000	1	11000	15000	2000				
12	Nawa	500	50	2	6	40	550	590										
13	Phalera	150	80	1		5	30	30										
14	Pisangan	40				7	15											
15	Pushkar	10		1		2	6	8										
16	Rupnagar	30	100			1	24	50										
17	Srinagar	67	30			3	18	23										
Total		1911	857	32	18	41	602	1952	2554	4	22150	3	27000	20000	2524	600	6000	1007
ALIGARH DISTRICT.																		
1	Kasranj	623	524	2	60	30	265	227	432	1	75	2	1100	2300	200			6
2	Aligarh	680	165		25	30	292	28	50									
3	Atrauli	1014	376	1	60	46	312	213	525	1	40							
4	Sikandra Rao	335	265	1	10	9	155	164	319									
5	Soron	223	215	3	19	7	50	100	15	1	125							
6	Etah	281	95	3	25	10	125	88	213									
7	Patyali	250	130	2	7	13	40	11	155	1	50							
8	Aliganj	93	25	1	4	3	25	10	33									
9	Qimganj	25					13	13	23									
10	Gangiri	286	98	1	25	16	16	29	43	1	89							
11	Mu-tafabad	25					8	17	25									
12	Sakit	28					10	18	28									
Total		3868	1883	17	234	163	1310	1202	2512	5	279	2	1100	2300	200			6

No. of Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	SCHOLARS OF ALL AGES.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.							MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.															
		Christians.	Non-Christians.	Total.	From Churches.	From Sunday-Schools.	Church Extension.	Indian Sunday-School Union.	Tract Society.	Bible Society.	Children's Day Collections.	Educational Purposes.	W. F. M. S.	Any other Benevolent Collections.	Total Benevolent Collections.	PASTOR.			Total Ministerial Support.								
1	6	30		30	25										25												
13	18	179	172	351	3										11						28			21			
32	11	788	575	1363	10										10	130					155	460	81	10	578		
12	10	138	190	328	3										4						5			5			
6	6	200	50	250	5										5						17		1	18			
1	1	5	10	15	1										1						4			4			
6	6	100	50	150	3										4						5			5			
9	7	500	151	651	5										6						21	1	1	22			
4	6	110	103	213	1										1						12	1	1	13			
10	12	187	180	367											6						6			6			
9	12	187	18	367	30										7	150					10	25	222	1035	200	2	1227
5	3	70	10	80	5										5						15			15			
3	3	70	10	80																	2			2			
1	1	7	12	19																	8			8			
2	2	30	30	60																	4			4			
4	4	50	50	100																	12			12			
Total		122	114	2751	1803	4554	91								16	150					27	155	439	1515	436	15	1966
34	20	360	846	1206	15										2						2	24	43		72	4	76
18	12	280	455	735	10										1						1		12		60	1	61
18	10	527	213	740	5										1						1		7		36	1	37
12	8	257	365	622	6										1						1		8		48	1	49
11	9	191	334	525	2										1						1	230	234		30	1	31
12	8	171	377	548	2										1						1		4		30	1	31
10	6	143	107	250	3										1						1		5		24	1	25
6	5	60	129	189	2										1						1		4		12		12
2	2	15	35	50																	1		1		6		6
7	5	120	105	225																	0-8		0-8		12		12
2	2	15		15																					6		6
2	2	12		12																					12		12
Total		134	89	2151	2966	5117	45								9						10-8	254	318-		330	10	340

GENERAL STATISTICS No. 1.

Number.	NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP.					BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.								
		Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Preachers.	Children.	Adults.	Children.	Adults.	Total.	Number of Churches.	Value of Churches.	No. of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of other Property, including all W. F. M. S.	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages	Paid on old indebtedness of Church property.	Present indebtedness of Church property.	Current expenses for lights, etc.
										Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Agra	1991	851	32	18	41	602	1952	2554	4	22150	327000	20000	2524	600	6000	1007
2	Aligarh	3868	1888	17	234	163	1310	1202	2512	5	279	21100	2300	200	...	...	6
3	Allahabad	196	229	13	30	30	48	155	203	3	72800	331000	90000	285	500	...	1505
4	Bulandshahr	1606	493	7	18	7	770	1123	1893	3	75	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	Mussoorie	3151	798	23	8	16	1077	2093	3170	4	43000	22170	2273	2314	950	4569	2601
	Total	10812	4254	92	308	257	3807	6525	10335	19	138304	1061270	114573	5323	2050	10569	5122

GENERAL STATISTICS No. 1.

No. of Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	SCHOLARS OF ALL AGES.		Total.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.										MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.							
		Christians.	Non-Christians.		From Churches.	From Sunday-Schools.	Church Extension.	Incl. in Sunday-School Union.	Tract Society.	Little Society.	Children's Day Collections.	Educational Purposes.	W. F. M. S.	Any other Benevolent Collections.	Total Benevolent Collections.	From Europeans.	From Natives.	For Bishops.	For General Conference Expenses.	Total Ministerial Support.		
					Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.			
122	114	2751	1803	4554	91	...	...	...	...	...	16	150	27	155	431	1515	436	15	...	1986
134	89	2151	2966	5117	45	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	10	254	318	...	330	10	...	340
55	80	456	2729	3185	227	...	30	...	15	10	187	20	12	3547	4049	3196	255	15	...	3466		
24	30	519	258	777	15	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	200	221	...	96	2	...	98
114	129	2129	1453	3582	16	7	7	48	190	...	5081	5352	4217	165	1	...	4383
449	442	8006	9209	17215	394	2	30	222	17	262	360	51	9237	10379	8928	1282	43	...	...	10253

SUPPLEMENT TO STATISTICS No. 1.

SUPPLEMENT TO STATISTICS No. 1.

Number.	NAMES OF CIRCUITS.	WORKERS.								ACCESSIONS.							
		Foreign Missionaries.	Missionaries' Wives.	W. F. M. S. Missionaries.	W. F. M. S. A. S. Assistants.	Native Members of Conference.	Local Preachers.	Exhorters.	Christian Teachers not Preachers or Exhorters, both Male and Female.	Bible Readers.	Colporteurs not Exhorters or otherwise counted.	Other Paid Workers (Physician, etc.)	Total paid workers.	From Islamism.	From Hindus of all castes.	From European and other Christians.	Total Accessions.
AGRA DISTRICT.																	
1	Agra (Eng. Church).	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	3	4	20	2	94	2	2	
	" (Hindustani.)	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	3	4	20	2	94	2	2	
2	Ajmere	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	3	4	20	2	94	2	2	
3	Bhartpur	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	3	4	20	2	94	2	2	
4	Bindraban	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	3	4	20	2	94	2	2	
5	Ferozabad	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	3	4	20	2	94	2	2	
6	Gardhan	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	3	4	20	2	94	2	2	
7	Hathras	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	3	4	20	2	94	2	2	
8	Jaleswar	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	3	4	20	2	94	2	2	
9	Kishangarh	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	3	4	20	2	94	2	2	
10	Mathura	1	1	2	3	4	5	10	1	3	35	4	226	4	230	8	
11	Nawa	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	3	4	20	2	94	2	2	
12	Phalera	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	3	4	20	2	94	2	2	
13	Pisangan	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	3	4	20	2	94	2	2	
14	Pushkar	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	3	4	20	2	94	2	2	
15	Rupnagar	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	3	4	20	2	94	2	2	
16	Srinagar	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	3	4	20	2	94	2	2	
	Total	3	3	2	4	2	52	40	77	32	7	6	208	7	2465	28	2500
ALIGARH DISTRICT.																	
1	Kashganj	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	3	4	20	2	94	2	2	
2	Aligarh	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	3	4	20	2	94	2	2	
3	Atrauli	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	3	4	20	2	94	2	2	
4	Sikandra Rao	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	3	4	20	2	94	2	2	
5	Soron	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	3	4	20	2	94	2	2	
6	Etah	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	3	4	20	2	94	2	2	
7	Patyali	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	3	4	20	2	94	2	2	
8	Aliganj	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	3	4	20	2	94	2	2	
9	Qaimganj	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	3	4	20	2	94	2	2	
10	Gangri	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	3	4	20	2	94	2	2	
11	Mustafabad	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	3	4	20	2	94	2	2	
12	Sakit	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	3	4	20	2	94	2	2	
	Total	3	3	2	4	3	17	38	45	22	...	125	13	2322	177	2512	

NATIVE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY.			MONEY COLLECTED IN INDIA.								SPECIAL ITEMS ORDERED BY CONFERENCE. ITEMS OF LOCAL IMPORTANCE, ETC.	
Adults.	Children.	Total.	For Benevolent Societies.	For Ministerial Support.	For Schools.			For Colportage work.	For Dispensary and Hospital work.	For any other purpose, viz., Tents, Workshops, Wells, Suits, Graveyards.	Total collected in India.	Conference Claimants.
					Government aid.	Fees.	Donations raised in India only.					
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		
191	116	307	11	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	...
132	41	173	160	571	...	3	...	...	50	...	39	...
181	189	370	4	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	784	5
154	106	260	5	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	...
28	7	35	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	...
151	175	326	4	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...
402	20	422	6	22	60	6	...	...	...	...	9	...
152	7	159	1	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	94	...
41	25	66	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	...
350	200	550	222	1237	25	480	50	5	150	10	2179	6
552	40	592	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	...
231	30	261	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	...
41	11	52	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
11	7	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...
130	21	151	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...
157	18	175	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...
2898	1623	4516	430	1966	85	489	50	5	200	10	3244	5
551	395	946	43	76	442	120	...	...	...	...	681	...
682	452	1134	12	61	...	...	...	...	...	...	73	...
360	708	1068	7	37	...	...	...	...	...	...	44	...
272	240	512	8	49	...	...	...	...	...	...	57	...
213	165	378	4	31	...	...	...	...	...	...	265	...
212	163	375	5	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	...
67	158	225	4	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	...
13	56	69	1	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	...
156	12	168	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...
17	228	245	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...
15	8	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2955	2796	5751	318	340	442	120	...	...	...	...	1221	...

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Number.	NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	VERNACULAR SCHOOLS.									
		No. of Boys' Schools.	No. ON ROLL AT THE END OF THE YEAR.			Average daily attendance.	Girls' Schools.	No. ON ROLL AT THE END OF THE YEAR.			Average daily attendance.
			Christians.	Non-Christians.	Total.			Christians.	Non-Christians.	Total.	
1	Agra	45	664	397	1061	820	11	47	171	218	189
2	Aligarh	70	929	437	1366	1201	19	204	168	372	327
3	Allahabad	21	64	327	391	340	3	35	27	62	47
4	Bulandshahr	19	320	89	409	350	3	36	23	59	35
5	Mussoorie	57	589	257	846	737	6	28	76	104	81
	Total	212	2566	1507	4073	3448	42	350	465	815	679

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Number.	NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	ANGLO-VERNACULAR SCHOOLS.										GRAND TOTALS.			
		Boys' Schools.	No. ON ROLL AT THE END OF THE YEAR.			Average daily attendance.	Girls' Schools.	No. ON ROLL AT THE END OF THE YEAR.			Average daily attendance.	Total No. of Schools.	Total No. of Teachers.	Total No. on Rolls.	Total average daily atten dance.
			Christians.	Non-Christians.	Total.			Christians.	Non-Christians.	Total.					
1	Agra	1	30	100	136	115	1	25	...	25	25	59	77	1434	1148
2	Aligarh ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	89	93	1738	1528
3	Allahabad	1	35	85	120	85	2	111	...	111	85	27	48	684	557
4	Bulandshahr ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	30	463	385
5	Mussoorie	2	25	31	56	47	...	...	...	...	...	61	64	1056	859
	Total	4	90	216	306	247	3	136	...	136	110	257	307	5330	4457

NORTH-WEST INDIA CONFERENCE TOTALS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1892.
 SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Number.	NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	No OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				No OF OFFICERS & TEACHERS.			No. OF SCHOLARS OF ALL AGES.					Average attendance of Officers and Teachers and Scholars.
		No. of Schools for Boys only.	No. of Schools for Girls only	No. of Schools for both Sexes.	Total No. of Schools.	Men.	Women.	Total.	CHRIS- TIANS. Male.	CHRIS- TIANS. Female.	NON- CHRIS- TIANS. Male.	NON- CHRIS- TIANS. Female.	Total.	
1	Agra	25	16	81	122	72	49	114	2122	629	1160	637	4748	3874
2	Aligarh	99	31	4	134	65	24	89	1754	397	2721	245	5117	4791
3	Allahabad	33	...	22	55	53	28	81	280	176	2510	219	3185	2640
4	Bulandshahr	3	2	19	24	19	11	30	400	119	80	178	777	250
5	Mussoorie	6	4	104	114	93	36	129	494	644	947	496	3581	3171
	Total	166	53	230	449	302	141	443	8050	1965	7418	1775	17208	14726

APPOINTMENTS OF THE N. I. CONFERENCE, 1893.

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AMROHA DISTRICT.

HIRAM A. CUTTING, PRESIDING ELDER, (P. O. SAMBHAL).

Amroha and Joa, Karim Masih.
Babukhera, Supplied by Bulaqi Singh.
Bahjoi, " " Maula Dad Khan.
Bashta, Lucius Cutler.
Dhanaura, Warren Scott.
Gunnaur, Ram Sukh Franklin.
Hassanpur, Nattha Singh.
Narainiya, Supplied by Zulfi.
Rajpura, To be supplied.
Rasulpur, Supplied by Manphul Singh.
Sambhal, Hiram A. Cutting, Mazhur-ul-Haqq.
Shahpur, Supplied by Jaunhri.
Sharifpur, " " Bhola Singh.

BAREILLY DISTRICT.

J. C. BUTCHER, PRESIDING ELDER, (P. O. BAREILLY).

Bareilly, John C. Butcher, Geo. H. Frey.
Paridpur, Aaron Sweet.
Jalalabad, Henry K. List.
Khera Bejbera, Supplied by Fazl Ullah.
Mahamadi, Crawford Hancock.
Panahpur, Horace J. Adams.
Pawayan, Bihari Lal II.
Tilbar, Chhiddu S. Paul.
Shahjehanpur, Noble L. Rokey.
" " East, John Blackstock, Bahadur S. Philip.
Theological Seminary, Bareilly, Thomas J. Scott, Frank L. Neeld, Hara Lal Mukerji.
Charles L. Bare, Supernumerary.
Stephen S. Dease, " "

KUMAUN DISTRICT.

JOHN T. McMAHON, PRESIDING ELDER, (P. O. DWARAHAT).

Rhot, Harkua T. Wilson.
Dwarahat, John T. McMahon.
Paori, Joseph H. Gill. David A. Chowfin.
Kainur, Shadullah Lawrence.
Lansdowne, F. W. Greenwold.
Naini Tal, Hindustani Church, James W. Waugh, Patrus.
" " English Church, Homer C. Stuntz.
" " High School, Frank W. Foote.
Pithoregarh, Shib Datt.
Srinagar, Sabin Mansell.
James H. Messmore, Editor of the *Indian Witness*, Member of the Naini Tal Quarterly Conference.

MORADABAD DISTRICT.

P. T. WILSON, PRESIDING ELDER, (P. O. BUDAUN.)

Aonla, James Jordan.
Bilawar, Supplied by Basant Ram.
Bilsa, Charles Shipley.

Pisauli, Benjamin F. Cocker.
 Budaun, Peachy T. Wilson, Samuel Philip.
 Dataganj, Chheda Lal.
 Kakrala, Supplied by Govind Ram.
 Ujhani, Faredan Presgrave.
 Chandausi, Zakur-ul-Haqq.
 Kanth, Supplied by Chhiddu S. Hunter.
 Kundarkhi, Henry B. Mitchell.
 Moradabad, Lewis A. Core, David M. Butler.
 Thakurdwara, Supplied by Bala Das.
 Bijnor, James B. Thomas, Dilawar Singh.
 Dhampur, Supplied by Nizam Ali.
 Kiratpur, " " Bansi Dhar.
 Mandawar, Seneca Falls.
 Nagina, William T. Speake.
 Najibabad, Supplied by Benjamin McGregor.
 Nurpur, Supplied by Gulab Singh.
 Seohara, " " Jhabbu Lal.
 Sherkot, " " Fazl Masih.

ODDH DISTRICT.

EDWIN W. PARKER, PRESIDING ELDER, (P. O. LUCKNOW).

William Peters, S. Phillip.
 Bahwich, John F. Samuel, Baldeo Pershad.
 Barabanki, Stephen Paul.
 Gonda, Samuel Knowles, Guru Dayal Spencer, Bihari Lal I.
 Hardoi, Samuel Topper, Abdul Wahid.
 Lakhimpur, Kanhai Singh.
 Lucknow Circuit, Edwin W. Parker, Kallu Dass.
 " Hindustani Church, Matthew Stephen.
 " English Church, John W. Robinson.
 Rai Bareilly, William R. Bowen.
 Sitapur, David C. Monroe, Albert G. McArthur.
 Shahabad, Juman Lal.
 Unao, Yaqub Shah.
 Lucknow Christian College, William A. Mansel, Principal, George C. Hewes
 Vice-Principal.
 Agent of the Publishing House, Thomas Craven.

PILIBHIT DISTRICT.

ABRAHAM SOLOMON, PRESIDING ELDER, (P. O. FATEHGANJ).

Bisalpur, Kallu Dhar.
 Pilibhit, Daniel P. Kidder.
 Baheri, Supplied by R. Turner.
 Nawabganj, Supplied by Kallu Singh.
 Khudaganj, " " Francis Peter.
 Shahi, Supplied by Samuel Luke.
 Milaki, " " Ase.
 Fatehganj, Abraham Solomon.
 Sarauli, Supplied by Bhikki Lal.
 Mirganj, " " Girihari Lal.
 To preach the Annual Sermon, L. A. Core.
 Alternate, William R. Bowen.

WOMAN'S CONFERENCE.

BAREILLY DISTRICT.

Bareilly, Girls' Orphanage, Miss T. J. Kyle.
 " Woman's Normal School, Mrs. T. J. Scott, Mrs. F. L. Needl.
 " District work, Mrs. J. C. Butcher.

- ,, Medical work, Miss Mary E. Bryan, M. D.
 ,, City schools, Miss Alice Scott.
 ,, Zanana work, Miss Mary E. Wilson.
 Shahjehanpur, Mrs. N. L. Rokey, Miss L. Heafer.
 ,, East, Mrs. J. Blackstock.

KUMAUN DISTRICT.

- Chandag, Miss Mary Reed.
 Dwarahat, Mrs. McMahon and Mrs. M. C. Whitby.
 Naini Tal and Bhabar, Mrs. Waugh.
 ,, Schools, Mrs. Messmore.
 ,, Wellesley High School, Miss S. A. Easton and Miss R. Sellers.
 ,, Woman's work, Mrs. H. C. Stuntz.
 Pauri, Mrs. J. H. Gill.
 Pithoragarh, Miss Annie M. Budden.
 ,, Medical work, Miss M. A. Sheldon, M. D.
 Meradabad, Girls' Boarding School, Miss M. E. Day, Miss H. Kemper.
 ,, Zanana work, Mrs. C. Grant.
 ,, City and Village work, Mrs. Thomas.
 Bijnor, Miss C. A. Downey.
 Badaun, Mrs. P. T. Wilson.

OUDH DISTRICT.

- Lucknow Woman's College, Miss Thoburn, Miss Perrine, Miss Hoge,
 ,, Deaconess' Home, Miss L. Sullivan.
 ,, City Schools District work, Mrs. L. S. Parker.
 ,, English work, Mrs. Robinson.
 Sitapur, Boarding school, Mrs. Monroe.
 ,, Zanana work, Mrs. Fuller.
 Gonda, Boarding School, Miss F. H. Scott.
 ,, Zanana work, Mrs. Knowles.

PILIBHIT DISTRICT.

- District work, Mrs. Solomon.
 On leave, Miss Lawson, Miss English, and Miss Gallimore.
 Transferred to North-West India Conference, Miss McBurnie, Miss Rowe,
 and Mrs. Matthews.

CHINDWARA.

- Chindwara, Baldeo Pershad.
 ,, Girdhari Lal, Teacher.
 ,, Durjan Singh, ,,
 Srinagar, Kunji Lal, ,,
 Kamodb, Pershadi Lal, ,,
 Mekh, Mohan Singh, ,,
 Bedun, Madari Lal, ,,
 Umaraya, Param Sukh, ,,

JABALPUR.

- Jabalpur, P. Gering.
 Sadar, Ayub.
 ,, Jabes Samsun.
 ,, Sant Lal Patras, Teacher.
 Gorakhpur, Chunni Lal, ,,
 ,, Kallo, ,,
 ,, Fakiri, ,,
 Shapora, Makhan Lal, ,,
 ,, Harjo, ,,
 Sihora, Narayan Sami.

SECRETARY—JOHN W. MCGREGOR.

APPOINTMENTS OF THE BOMBAY CONFERENCE, 1893.

BOMBAY DISTRICT.

JOHN E. ROBINSON, PRESIDING ELDER, (P. O. POONA.)

- Baroda, Gujrati Mission, Edwin F. Frease.
" English Church, To be supplied.
Bombay, English Church, Horace A. Crane, [one to be supplied].
" Gujrati Mission, Supplied by George W. Park.
" Marathi Mission, William H. Stephens, Gangadhar B. Kale.
" Seamen's Mission, Supplied by Robert H. Madden,
Igatpure, " " Gyanoba Kaudajee.
Lanauli, Supplied by Charles B. Hill.
Poona, English Church, John E. Robinson.
" Marathi Mission Daniel O. Fox.
" Marathi Boys' School, William W. Bruere.
Tanna, Arthur W. Prautch.
" Taylor High School, Daniel O. Fox, Principal, William L. Clarke,
Head-master.
Supernumerary, Clayton E. Delamater, William E. Robbins.

CENTRAL PROVINCES DISTRICT.

THOMAS S. JOHNSON (P. O. JABALPUR.)

- Burhanpur, Supplied by Samuel Benjamin.
Chindwara, John W. MacGregor.
Gadarwara, Paul Singh.
Harda, Thomas E. F. Morton.
Jabalpur, Thomas S. Johnson.
" English Church, George F. Hopkins.
Kampti, Charles G. Elsam.
Khandwa, Algernon S. E. Vardon.
Nagpur, William H. Grenon.
Nainsgpur, John O. Denning.
" Training School, Henry W. Butterfield.
" Supernumerary, Archibald G. Gilruth, Clark P. Hard.

SINDH DISTRICT.

GEORGE I. STONE, PRESIDING ELDER, (P. O. QUETTA.)

- Karachi, English Church, Fawcett N. Shaw.
" Seamen's Mission, Supplied by M. F. Smoots.
" Marathi Mission, To be supplied.
Quetta, George I. Stone.

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BOMBAY DISTRICT.

- Baroda, Medical Wor Miss Ernsberger.
 „ School and Zanana Work, Miss Thompson.
 „ Woman's Work, Mrs. Frease.
 Bombay, Christian Girls' Boarding School, Miss Kennedy.
 „ City School and Bible Woman's Work, Miss Carroll.
 „ Zenana Work, Miss DeLine, Miss Lawson.
 „ Woman's Work.—
 „ „ „ English Circuit, Mrs. Crane.
 „ „ „ Marathi Mission, Mrs. Stephens.
 „ „ „ Gujrati Mission, Mrs. Park.
 Poona, English Girls' School. To be supplied.
 „ Zenana Work & School, Mrs. Fox.
 „ Marathi Boys' Boarding School, Mrs. Bruere.
 Tanna, Woman's Work, Mrs. Prautch.
 Miss Abrams on leave to America.

CENTRAL PROVINCE DISTRICT.

- Harda, Woman's Work, Mrs. Morton.
 Jabalpur, „ „ Mrs. Johnson.
 „ Girls' Boarding School, To be supplied.
 Kampti, Woman's Work, Mrs. Elsam.
 Khandwa „ „ Mrs. Vardon.
 Nagpur, „ „ Mrs. Grenon.
 Narsingpur, „ „ Mrs. Denning.
 „ Schools & Zenana Work, Mrs. Butterfield, Miss Nash.

SINDH DISTRICT.

- Quetta, Woman's Work, Mrs. Shaw.
 „ „ „ Mrs. Stone.

APPOINTMENTS OF THE SOUTH INDIA CONFERENCE, 1893.

HAIDARABAD DISTRICT.

(GEORGE K. GILDER, PRESIDING ELDER, (P. O. HAIDARABAD, DEKKAN.)

Bellary, Supplied by Joshua Parker.
 Gulbarga, David O. Ernsberger.
 Haidarabad, English Church and Hindustani Mission, George K. Gilder.
 Jagdalpur, Supplied by William H. Batstone, M. D.
 Kopbal, Benjamin Peters.
 Secunderabad, Albert E. Cook.
 Sironcha, To be supplied.
 Vikarabad, Joseph H. Garden.
 Yellandu, Charles B. Ward.

MADRAS DISTRICT.

ALBERT H. BAKER, PRESIDING ELDER, (P. O. RICHMOND TOWN, BANGALORE

Bangalore, Richmond Town and St. John's Hill, Albert H. Baker, Richard Sorby.
 ,, City Kanarese Circuit, Joseph G. Turton.
 ,, South Kanarese Circuit, John B. Buttrick, Satyaveda M. Job.
 ,, Tamil Circuit, To be supplied.
 ,, ~~Baldwin High School, Supplied by T. R. Tausanai.~~
 ,, Betmangal, Mallappa Lewis.
 Kolar, Kanarese Church, Ira A. Richards, John Narappa.
 ,, Educational Work, William H. Hollister.
 Madras, Black Town Tamil and Telugu Circuit, William F. G. Curties.
 ,, Vepery English Church, John N. West.
 ,, Vepery Tamil and Telugu Circuit, William L. King, K. R. Gopalab Aiyar.
 ,, Agent of Publishing House, Abraham W. Rudsliff.
 Mulbagal, Benjamin Luke.
 Rollingspur, Suhrudia Noah.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

HAIDARABAD DISTRICT.

Gulbarga, Woman's Work, Mrs. Ernsberger.
 Haidarabad, Zanana and City Schools, Miss Blackmar.
 ,, English School, Miss Heafer.
 ,, Woman's Work, Mrs. Gilder.
 copbal, Woman's Work, Mrs. Peters.
 Secunderabad, Woman's Work, Mrs. Cook.
 Vikarabad, Woman's Work, Mrs. Garden.
 Villandu, Woman's Work, Mrs. Ward.

MADRAS DISTRICT.

Bangalore, Deaconess Home, Mrs. Baker, Miss Maskel.
 ,, Orphanage, School and Zanana Work, In charge of Deaconesses.
 ,, South Kanarese Circuit, Woman's Work, Mrs. Buttrick.
 Kolar, Orphanage, Schools and Woman's Work, Mrs. Richards.
 Madras, Black Town, Woman's Work, Mrs. Curties.
 ,, Vepery, Woman's Work, Mrs. King, Mrs. West.
 ,, Deaconess Home, Miss Stephens, Mrs. Jones.
 ,, Orphanage, Zanana and School Work, In charge of Deaconesses.