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CHURCH KINDERGARTEN—JAMSHEDPUR

By CONSTANCE W. VICHERT

"In Jamshedpur more things are broken than made," was the remark of one of our neighbors when we suggested starting a kindergarten. This discouraging statement did not stop us from going ahead, but it did make us cautious. We determined to begin as modestly as possible in order that there would be no serious financial loss if no students came. The opening day we had twelve children. Today, two months later, the number has grown to twenty-seven. We shall not take in any more this term as we have neither the staff nor equipment for a large school.

Contributions for the school have come from such widely separated points as BC Road, Jamshedpur, and the Temple Church, Minneapolis. Two elderly ladies (both over eighty) in Maine sent fifty dollars, the Radio Operator on the "S. S. Steel Vendor" gave one hundred rupees, the Church of Christ, Jamshedpur, advanced two hundred rupees and local friends provided equipment including two rocking horses, blocks, books, Soap Box Derby wheels and boiler pipes for swings. With this extra help at the start we have been able to finance the kindergarten without going into debt. Current expenses are met from tuitions.

The children represent a variety of religions, races and languages. On the registration blanks the following religions have been given: Protestant Christian, Roman Catholic, Hindu, Zoroastrian, Sikh and Aryan.

The first few days of school there was no common language, but now most of the children understand English, as English is the medium of instruction. Calling the roll sounds like a Peter Piper tongue twister; the A's begin "Adi," "Ashok," "Aspi," "Atul." Two of our favorite names are "Shehernaz Sorab Dastoor" and "Sooni Ichaporia."

"Life" magazine some years ago showed pictures of American children reacting to their first day of school. Many of the children were making frantic efforts to escape. Indian children have similar feelings. Our efforts to win the goodwill of the beginners have been complicated by language difficulties, ayahs (child nurse) and an abundance of exits. One little girl was too fast for us and we had to flag a taxi driver and have him pursue her and bring her back. A Sikh boy proved to be much stronger than his age would suggest and he fought his way through a cordon of teachers to the safety of his home. Other children without sufficient initiative to attempt escape simply sat down and howled. It was over a week before fears were overcome and classes could be conducted without sending out search parties.

One of the major achievements of the first two months has been to win the affection and confidence of a little Anglo-Indian boy who from the beginning has refused to talk or to take part in the kindergarten activities. Last week for the first time he actually played a game and said two words, "Bow Wow." Each child has his or her special characteristics which lead the teacher to triumph or disaster. The whitewash around the base of the pillars in the school room was carefully scraped off by a future beauty queen and transferred to her face. A most deceptive appearing Sikh boy with his hair done up in red hair ribbons has proved to be the school bully. Every morning an under-nourished Anglo-Indian girl brings teacher a handful of crushed flowers. Perplexed parents puzzle over the fragments of English which their children bring home. We are growing accustomed to being asked, "What is Sambo?"

Are there English words, 'Teensy-Weensy'? Who fell off a wall?" Music to the teachers' ears has been the parents disapproval of holidays, "Our children don't like holidays, they want to go to kindergarten."

Our prize story is of the Reja (Indian servant lower in status than an Ayah) who was disturbing the kindergarten by her laughter. The Principal investigated and found she was reading the jokes in "*The Readers Digest*." She was asked to refrain from such light literature and the next day she came with an article on U.S. Foreign Policy. This Reja escorts Sooni Ichaporia to school and she is troubled because Sooni doesn't use English readily. Says she, "What kind of a woman is Sooni going to grow up to be? I am the only one in her house who talks English to her."

On Founder's Day at the Tata Steel Works presents were sent to the schools in Jamshedpur which are officially recognized by the Steel Company. We were pleased and surprised to be given twenty boxes of cakes and candy for our kindergarten. This is the first indication we have had that as a school we have officially arrived.

Even more encouraging was the reaction of one lady who, with her small son, came to the kindergarten as moral support for a friend who was registering her child. After the registration had been completed the first lady said, "May I leave my son here? He is registered in another school but I like what you are doing and with your permission I'll have him transferred." The two women left their children with us and went home to tell their neighbors about a new kind of school which teaches through play.

Two months is not a long enough period to judge the effectiveness of a school, but already we can see results which indicate we are headed in the right direction. When a little girl, who has used only the Hindi language, suddenly says three or four sentences in English we take pride

in her achievement. When a child, who has thought only of his own pleasures, begins to share his favorite playthings with others we are encouraged. When the children as a group do all they can to make a new boy and girl contented we note progress. When, after two lessons in word recognition, the children in the older class can read simple sentences we are as excited as they. And when, each morning, we see all the smiling faces and hear the eager voices saying, "Good Morning, Teacher" we know that these children have found, what we as adults so often miss happiness.

AT HOME IN THE LORD'S VINEYARD

BY ELSIE KITTLITZ

We read of dual personalities. I think sometimes I must be one. When I have gone home on furlough, several times in the past thirty years, I have felt 'at home' as soon as I arrived there. Then, when I have been back in China a few hours, again I am so 'at home' I wonder whether I have really been away, and which is my life, which a dream—America or China. I was just as 'at home' in my year in South India. This same experience of 'belonging', wherever I am in the Lord's Vineyard, is mine again in the Bengal-Orissa Mission. What a proof that Jesus' prayer that we might be one in Him is being answered.

As I write, we are having the last of the year's final examinations in the Mission Girls' High School here in Balasore and are planning for the prize-giving program, and promotion programs which will end the fiscal year of school. Prizes are given for scholarship and for character growth. As we plan, I keep hearing in my heart the words, "Prize for the high calling of God in Christ Jesus", and I wonder what He sees in the heart of each Christian, student or teacher, in my heart, which is of use to Him, to His honor and glory, which would be the very highest prize.

During the year the way of salvation has been explained graphically during Spiritual Emphasis Week, at Christmas through the pageant, and recently at Easter. We had the joy of seeing two of our girls follow Christ in baptism on Easter Sunday. Surely these various witnesses must have some impact on the Hindu students!

In the Hostel, where our girls live, we had a fine Christian Home Week just before Christmas. We are planning a forward work among the girls in their Christian Endeavor Society, trying to lead them into deeper consecration, and to give them a wider vision of the needs of girls in other lands to know of the living Saviour.

India keeps me just as busy as did China. Any school routine is exacting, and there are always the extras and unexpecteds. Requests for speaking at various meetings come frequently, which I must do through an interpreter. Several times for school meetings I have written out my talk in Oriya and memorized it. People seem to appreciate my efforts to learn their language. Students leap to my aid when I try to explain in my halting Oriya, and enjoy "turning the tables" on me in 'tests' as to progress in my writing. The latter is easier than Chinese, but still demands concentration and practice.

The climate, foliage and some fruit are enough like South China's to make me feel very much at home. We have occasional Indian meals with the teachers in their hostel, which is twin neighbor to our house, and they come here for an occasional American style meal, games and prayer, and with the girls to see the pictures shown by my projector for which I have all the Viewmaster Bible reels, and many others of places around the world. The students like to invite us to their hostels to sample their cooking and recently have been giving plays to earn money for their C.E. contribution. I laughed at their carrying chairs from this house and making us pay to sit in our own chairs.

I alternate my Saturday afternoons between the women's prayer meeting and hostel girls' C.E. meeting. Recently I have spoken to a fine C.E. Rally, to the Sunday School on Rally Day, and to two church services. It was heartening to see the number of young people called to receive certificates for having passed their grade in the All-India Sunday School Examination.

Another opportunity given me was teaching a class on "Jesus, the Model Teacher" at the first Convention of Christian Teachers which lasted three days. All agreed that this gathering was a success both spiritually and practically. Some even said it should be held twice yearly. In each Mission school we had "Spiritual Emphasis Week" with fine evangelistic messages. I was struck by the reactions of our two Hindu teachers. One is showing real interest in the Christian faith and listened to the messages with an alert attention. The other, normally a pleasant, smiling man, sat with a set face, as though he built a wall between himself and the love of Jesus. Please pray for both of them. Our other teachers are Christians, as are about half of the students. So we have opportunity to witness to, and heavy responsibility for, almost one hundred girls from Hindu homes.

With the Christian message being the same for people of all countries, I can be joyfully 'at home' where I can have a little share in giving that message. I cannot close this without asking that you continue to pray for the Christians in China who must endure such hardships. Pray also for our Indian fellow Christians, who still may worship freely and in safety.

BACK STAGE IS EXCITING TOO!

BY BEATRICE ERICSON

"You work in the Mission office—oh, I thought you were a *real missionary!*" Strangely enough, many do not realize the amount of back-stage work that is necessary for the missionary enterprise. Missionaries have to be paid, various phases of the work have a lot of paper work which is necessary for the carrying on of the front-line activity. Just the registering and insuring of letters where money has to be sent requires a good deal of time. I had to go to the post-office three times before they were satisfied with the kind of a seal put on the wax for one insured letter! Freight shipments involve red tape; income taxes have to be paid and reported; statistics and reports must be done. The past few months the accountant and I have been trying to keep the back-stage work up while Mr. Roadarmel, Mission Secretary and Treasurer—and also Hatigarh missionary while the Osgoods are on furlough—and Property Advisor and member of many boards and committees—is in and out of the office.

Of course, the Mission Secretary has to write a few letters, both to the Home Boards reporting meetings of Reference Committee, Mission Conference, meetings of the Home Mission Board—(the Indian Convention Executive Body) and, while he is out on the front-line, letters dictated between trips have to be done. Missionaries from various stations write in for this or that information, and some one has to dig it out for them.

Home Mission Board accounts were in a mixed tangle, and many hours have been spent in trying to get the 1950-51 accounts in order. We hope sometime to catch up with 1951-52 accounts and now it is already 1952-53! That has called for new budgets and new allotments with new accounts. Auditing of old accounts and set-up of new ones goes on back-stage.

But what does all this have to do with the saving of souls, the education of individuals? Most of this work is done by other missionaries and Indian preachers, teachers, and Bible women. We are all a part of an enterprise which aims to lead individuals into a vital living relationship with their living Lord, and the back-line work must be done in order that those in the front-line may carry on.

In the Telugu Church in Khargpur, and also the Union Church (English), we have a fine Indian pastor, Rev. G. Koppole. He is an excellent preacher, but there is also back-stage work to be done here. They wanted me to be President of the Women's Society, but I do very little, except behind the scenes. I work out programs which are translated into Telugu and led by the women in turn. We have been studying women of the Old Testament. Mrs. Koppole has been a moving force in this work with the women, translating for me, visiting in the homes and encouraging the women to take part in the meetings. One of my joys has been seeing her develop in leadership, and also many other women taking part.

In the Telugu Sunday School, too, I try to help the Telugu teachers to do the work. I do none of the teaching—tho' I am studying a little Telugu I cannot teach in it yet—and I want the Telugu women to do it any way. It keeps me hopping to see about materials for lessons, and some hand-work occasionally, worship program materials, and programs for special occasions. At Christmas time the Telugu teachers pleased me by working out a pagaent from scripture passages. The youngsters are terribly crowded, fifty to sixty of them crouched on the floor on mats in a small room less than 10 feet square! Not too bad when it is a bit cool, but for eight months of the year it is hot—and two of those hotter! We do have a couple of extra small rooms so when they divide for classes they are not quite so crowded. Mrs. Koppole is Superintendent of the Sunday School and we have three other teachers. The "prompter" back

stage sees that the teachers get some lessons in teaching methods, also. It is a comfort to know that now when I am away on vacation, these women are carrying on in the Sunday School.

We missionaries must lead the Indian Christians to take over responsibility, help them back-stage, both in the administrative work, and in the actual front-line preaching and teaching, and it is a joy to be with them, plugging in the office on necessary details, or planning programs and work. For there are many kinds of missionaries, and back-stage, back-line ones are needed too, and I am happy to be one of these.

PROGRESS IN BALASORE

BY HAROLD I. FROST

Easter morning began with a procession of a group of young men and boys and a few girls, singing heartily. Later a large number gathered at the Church for an appropriate service for the combined Sunday Schools. Following that all hearts were gladdened by the sight of five young men and four young women and one married lady who stood by the baptistry and one by one entered and were baptized by the Pastor. We were especially happy because all five of the young men were from the Technical School, one an instructor, the others students. Noteworthy was the interest shown by the other Christian students of the Hostel who garlanded each of their comrades as he came from the baptistry. Abdul Gaffar, the instructor who was baptized, came here several years ago from a Mohammedan home in Chandbali. From the first he attended Sunday School, often stood first in examinations, and once in the All-India Sunday School Examination. He is a quiet, steady young man. Three of the young women were from non-Christian families. Nine candidates, three young women, and six young men, were baptized at New Year's. For both the above groups the Pastor held a special preparation class for several weeks before the baptisms.

The program for Spiritual Emphasis Week in our Schools went off well. The evangelistic messages of Mr. Sanford were well received by both Christians and Hindus. Five young men stood to declare their acceptance of Christ as their Saviour in response to the invitation at the closing service. One of these was a Hindu student of the Technical School. There has been no attempt at persecution by others such as has happened before. Each evening a religious movie, or silent filmstrip, presented the message in a different way. This Spiritual Emphasis undoubtedly contributed to the ultimate decisions which led several to baptism on Easter.

Another evidence of the fine co-operation between School and Church in Balasore is to be found in the volunteering of their services free by a number of the students and teachers of the Technical School to help construct the trusses for the new roof being erected over the Church building. The Church is wired for lights and fans, so it has been an easy thing to attach a long wire to provide lights for night work, and to run the electric drill. Nearly every evening a group can be found at work. The expense of the roof is thus being much reduced. The Technical School has taken the contract and Mr. K. C. Mohapatra, our Superintendent, who is also Chairman of the Church Committee and of the Building Committee, is directing the work.

We bade the Sanfords farewell on the 23rd April and they are now far along on their journey to the U. S. and to a well-earned furlough. We now look forward to the arrival of the Gilsons about June 8th. By the time this is read probably we will be on our way home also, for the last time, as retirement is due for us.

One of our Christian young men, Rajat Kumar Sahu, son of Rev. R. K. Sahu, Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board, has passed his B.Sc. examination from Utkal University, while another Balasore

youth, Hiralal Das, has just completed his B.Sc. examination at Serampore College, but must wait the announcement of the results by Calcutta University. We expect he will pass. Our Girls' School sent up five girls to Matriculation and all passed. The Boys' School did not make as good a record, but of those passing one made 1st Division and the rest Second.

INTERNATIONAL PRAYER SERVICE

BY CLARENCE G. VICHERT, JAMSHEDPUR

"May men come too?" was the response when the World Day of Prayer service was announced to the congregation of the Church of Christ, Jamshedpur. The women felt that Friday, February 29th, was to be their day, but with Christian charity they permitted men to join in the service.

At first not many women were enthusiastic about taking an active part in the program as some felt the Scripture instructs women to be silent in worship. One who was asked said, "I am not a pastor's wife." However, when it was pointed out that women all over the world would be praying together on this day the Jamshedpur women did not wish to be omitted and there were no refusals. On Friday night they came; teachers, nurses, housewives and students and on the outskirts a scattering of courageous men.

The service was led by Mrs. Vichert who, being Canadian, represented North America. Prayers were offered by women from the United Kingdom, Australia and India. Mrs. W. King, an Anglo-Indian, sang "The Lord is my Shepherd" and Miss Anna Kurian, a South-Indian Christian, read the Scripture. Two students, one German, one Indian, took up the offering. With women of various nationalities taking part in

the service all who attended felt the world-wide fellowship of this hour of worship.

The effectiveness of a prayer service can never be judged by external standards. But the quiet reverence with which over fifty people in the Church of Christ joined their prayers with those ascending from services in 103 other countries was deeply impressive. A common desire for a better world and common faith in the power of God to accomplish His will have brought a sense of unity to Christian women the world over. The World Day of Prayer Service in Jamshedpur gave public expression to this unity and reflected the devotion of those who seek to do God's will.

"WHAT THINGS SOEVER YE DESIRE, WHEN YE PRAY, BELIEVE THAT YE RECEIVE THEM, AND YE SHALL HAVE THEM." Mark 11 : 24

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale says, "To pray successfully you must employ affirmation and visualization." He suggests that as you pray you picture in your mind the answer to your prayer. "Remember" he says, "you will receive as a result of prayer exactly what you think, not what you say. If you pray for achievement, but think defeat, your words are idle because your heart has already accepted defeat.

Therefore practice believing that "even as you pray you are receiving God's boundless blessings and they will come to you."

Answered prayer:

1. Fred Osgood, elder son of Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Osgood, has been able to make up the college work he missed, following the accident in February which resulted in the loss of one eye, and to complete the college term at Linfield. He has shown remarkable fortitude all through this trying experience.

2. Rev. A. A. Berg, who had two attacks of coronary thrombosis last year, the second being in October, has received most encouraging reports from the two heart specialists he has consulted recently. It is interesting that, without being asked for his opinion as to the advisability of August's return to India, one specialist wrote in his report: "If all goes well, as I should anticipate it would, he might return to the Mission field in October of this year, since he doubtless will be as well there as here. The attacks come as accidents and, if the Board wishes to take the reasonable chance of returning him to the Mission field, I would favor it. His risk is about the same as any other man's of his age. My impression is that ministers and missionaries do better with these things than the general population. I hope that he may be allowed to return."

Surely the Lord has abundantly rewarded the faith of August and Ruth and the many friends who have prayed for his recovery.

Prayer requests :

1. That Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Berg may have clear guidance in the question of the advisability of returning to India this fall.
2. That qualified, consecrated young people may launch out on faith and respond to the need for more missionaries, even though world conditions make the future seem uncertain.
3. For Indian Christian workers, burdened by the high cost of living, that their material as well as spiritual needs may be met.
4. For Christians suffering from tuberculosis that not only funds may be forthcoming for their treatment, but that beds may be available in sanatoria.
5. That Bengal-Orissa may have a hospital and a missionary doctor.

SANTAL CHRISTIAN ELECTED TO PARLIAMENT

Sri Bharat Lal Tudu, a member of our Midnapore Baptist Church, was elected on the Congress ticket as a member of Parliament in the Central Government. He is the representative of the tribal groups for a constituency in West Bengal. Mr. Tudu is a retired police official.

At the Yearly Meeting of the Indian Churches, held at Haldijuri, a recognition service for Mr. Tudu was held. Rev. R. K. Sahu, Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board, spoke highly of his strong Christian character. During his long service in the Police Department Mr. Tudu never yielded to the rather common practice of taking bribes. He always maintained Christian standards of conduct in his work as well as in his personal life. In addressing the missionaries Mr. Sahu said that when they are tempted to become discouraged because of Christians who fail to measure up to the highest, they should think of Bharat Babu, for one such outstanding representative of Christ was worth years of missionary labor.

Bharat Babu attributes to early missionaries what he is to-day. He is a convert from a non-Christian family. He had the joy of seeing his mother, in her old age, accept Christ and follow Him in baptism

SEASIDE RETREAT

BY LILLIAN BRUECKMANN

A spirit of co-operation and fine Christian fellowship prevailed throughout the three-day retreat for pastors' wives and Bible women. Eight Bible women and seventeen wives of pastors came by train and bus to Balasore from whence the Mission station-wagon and Land-Rover

carried everyone the final ten miles to the seaside at Chandipore. For several of the women this involved a full day's travel so that by 9 p.m. everyone was ready for her evening meal and a good night's sleep. The invigorating sea breezes, bathing in the sea, and afternoon walks along the beach were a welcome change from home and family responsibilities in secluded villages. Everyone shared cheerfully in the serving of meals and simple camp duties. Even the six little children who came with their mothers seemed to require a minimum of attention.

Each morning before breakfast the women gathered in three groups for a period of meditation and prayer, with a Bible woman or a pastor's wife directing each group. After breakfast each day Miss Daniels led us in a period of Bible study based upon the Epistle of Paul to the Romans, assigning certain key verses for memorization each day. In three periods Rev. Koppole, Pastor of the Telegu Church and the English Church of Khargpur, very ably led the women to consider their responsibilities and opportunities for Christian service as wives of pastors and Christian workers. Each afternoon, under the leadership of Miss Brueckmann, the group considered the importance of winning the children to a saving faith in Jesus Christ in their early childhood, enabling them to grow into a life of Christian service. After our study periods Miss Knapp conducted a period of Bible quizzes and memory drill which all enjoyed. Two evening sessions were devoted to discussions on the Christian Home with helpful contributions from Rev. and Mrs. Koppole. The closing evening a consecration service was conducted by Miss Knapp. In one morning session opportunity was given for the women to share their experiences in the observance of the Christian Home Festival in their churches.

The value of such a Retreat in providing instruction, inspiration, and fellowship may not readily be measured, but we know that through the leadership of such consecrated women in each of our Christian communities the work of Jesus Christ and His Church will move forward.

NEWS ITEMS

Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Sanford with their three children, Connie Lou, Dan, and Virginia Kay, arrived in New York by the "Queen Elizabeth" early in June. Between boats in England they had ten days which they spent in visiting former members of the Union Church, Khargpur, of which Mr. Sanford had been pastor. All of these friends left India to take up residence in England during Mr. Sanford's pastorate, believing that there were larger opportunities for advancement both for them and their children there than there would be for them as Anglo-Indians in India.

Mr. Sanford has registered at Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, California, for this fall. The Sanfords home State is Washington and they may be addressed at 1075 Old Guide Road, Bellingham, Washington.

Rev. and Mrs. H. I. Frost, after more than forty years of service in our Bengal-Orissa Mission, will sail from Bombay July 21st on an Italian Liner, changing ships at Naples for New York. They will reside at one of the missionary apartments in Granville, Ohio, until they are able to make definite plans for a permanent residence.

These dear friends, who have been a part of our missionary family for so long, will be sorely missed. Our love and prayers go with them and we know they will find opportunities for service wherever they are. We wish them great joy in reunion with their four sons and one daughter and their respective families.

Early in April Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Kau, on furlough in Illinois, rejoiced in the arrival of a son, Lawrence. Ina, their second child, now

has three brothers. We are looking forward to the return of the Kau family to our Misson this fall. While on furlough Louis has been studying at Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago.

Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Long, having successfully passed the necessary medical examination for overseas service, have been reappointed for missionary service and will be sailing before the end of the year. Mabel has been in the U.S.A. since 1937, due to the illness of Adella, one of her twin daughters. Herbert returned to the States in 1947. He has held a pastorate in Susanville, Northern Calif., but after the passing of Adella in January of this year he and Mabel felt that they should again offer to serve in Bengal-Orissa. Altho' they are close to retiring age, we are happy to welcome them back to our Mission for as many years of service as good health makes possible.

New Missionaries.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Howson have been appointed to Bengal-Orissa and are likely to sail towards the end of July. Mr. Howson is a graduate of Northern Baptist Seminary and also of McMaster University. Mrs. Howson has had nurse's training. The Howsons will probably be located at Balasore, Orissa, occupying the house left vacant by the Frosts. Their first responsibility will be the study of the Oriya language.

We anticipate having these young people join our staff and pray that others may respond to the call of the need in our field for more laborers.

Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Gilson and son, Richard, arrived in Bombay from the U.S.A. on June 7th. John went directly from Bombay to Landour, Mussoorie with Dick to see the latter settled at Woodstock School. Alice proceeded from Bombay to their home in Balasore. We appreciate their cutting their furlough short to help meet the shortage of staff here.

Gertrude Brox will have completed the three months course at the Bengali Language School for missionaries, Darjeeling, at the end of June, and will return to Bhimpore where she will continue the study of Bengali with tutors.

Vacations.

A month or six weeks in the mountains during May and June brings to our missionaries not only a welcome relief from the heat of the plains at the season when the thermometer soars the highest, but also an opportunity for fellowship with missionaries of other areas and Missions, and the chance to participate in conferences and institutes bearing on Mission service.

Mrs. Glenn R. Hill with three children, and Mrs. Clarence Vichert are keeping house at Landour, Mussoorie in northern India surrounded by the Himalaya range. Glenn Hill will join his family later. Clarence Vichert is remaining at Jamshedpur.

In southern India at Kodaikanal, situated among the Nilgiri Hills, is beautiful "Swain House" where the Misses Grace Hill, Elsie Kittlitz, Nina Bowers, Lillian Brueckmann, and Ruth Daniels are boarding. This house is available to the missionaries of our W.A.B.F.M.S. Rev. and

Mrs. C. C. Roadarmel are boarding with Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Fishman of our South India Mission and Miss Beatrice Ericson is living with Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Boggs, also of South India.

Miss Naomi Knapp is remaining on the plains as are Rev. and Mrs. H. I. Frost.

Five girls were sent up from this year's class of the Balasore Girls' High School for the Matriculation Examination (equivalent to H. S.), and all passed. Three of these girls are Christian. All five are going on for higher education.

Dr. and Mrs. John C. Slemp arrived in Khargpur the night of March 10th for a tour of our Mission. Dr. Slemp is Associate Editor of Missions and is succeeding Dr. Liphard upon his retirement. The next morning they set out in the Jeep station-wagon for Bhimpore. On the morning of the 12th they returned to Khargpur. Dr. Slemp was not feeling well and by afternoon it was necessary to call the railway doctor. He advised that he be admitted at once to the Railway Hospital. There were some anxious hours before his trouble was diagnosed as a violent stomach upset. After two days he was able to return to the Roadarmel's home, but was unable to see any more of Bengal and Orissa. The night of the 15th he and his wife left by train for Ongole, South India.

On the afternoon of March 15th Grace Hill was brought by car from Bhimpore to Khargpur, a distance of about 30 miles, 20 of which is over very bad road, almost in a state of collapse. Again the head railway doctor was summoned who made arrangements for her to be admitted to hospital. Grace had been ill for several days, but, with no doctor at Bhimpur, had been treating herself for digestive upset. When high fever and some pain

developed it became necessary to have medical attention. From a blood test her trouble was diagnosed as malignant malaria. After a week she was able to return to Bhimpore.

We are thankful for the services of the Khargpur hospital and the kindness shown to missionaries by the staff, but we do hope that someday we may have a missionary doctor in our Mission.

Mrs. Mary Ager passed away on June 17th at St. Mary's Home Hospital, following a long illness. For many years she has served our Mission at Salgodia, Orissa. A more detailed account of her life will appear in the next issue of *Tidings*.

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