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FEB 17 1896  
DR BROWN

Kolhapur, S.M.C. Jan. 13, 1896

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Feb 20  
*Dr. Wilson*

Dear Dr. Brown,

I have had in mind for some time to write you concerning the High School which as you know I have taken charge of this year. I have waited thus far partly in order that you might have in hand a copy of the minutes of the last Mission Meeting and partly that I might become familiar with the school and so know better what to write - and partly I may also add because the unusual labor of taking charge of a new work has left me little time for letter writing.

You will see by the Minutes that the question of the continuance of the High School was discussed in Committee of the whole. I made that motion myself - not because I wished the school to be closed (I had no opinion on that subject) but simply that the matter might be thoroughly ventilated. You will see from the vote what was the opinion of the various members of the Mission on the question.

While the members of the mission ranged themselves in this vote on two sides, the reasons which governed them were many. In a matter of this kind it is a delicate and difficult task for one of the participants to summarize the opinions of all, but so far as I remember them I think the main objections to the school might be summed up in <sup>five</sup> three viz.-

1. Its expense.
2. It is not a very good method of evangelization
3. It is not needed for the Christians.
4. With the present number of men in the mission it is not good economy to take the whole time of one man in this work
5. Our present duty is a wide proclamation of the gospel.

The reasons for its continuance were:-

1. It is the only thing we have to keep us in touch with the higher classes.
2. It is already showing fruit in inquirers.
3. Its usefulness is by no means to be limited to its direct and open fruits.
4. There is a good beginning of Christian students and the number will increase.
5. If the school is dropped now and again resumed it will greatly hurt its influence.

I ought to add also to the reasons for discontinuing the school, that

6. If the school is dropped now and again resumed it will not hurt its influence.

Let me pass on now to a matter of which I can speak with more confidence - my own position regarding the school.

I had no decided opinion on the question and should have been in doubt on which side to vote, if I had had a vote. Fortunately I was spared that decision as I had not at that time been a year in the Mission. I did not think, nor do I think still, that the existence of the school is justified if it is primarily a school for Christian students. It seems to me that if we are to give "higher education" ( though the word "higher" should not be used in this connection, as a very little examination of the course of study will show) to our Christian boys, that the place to do it is at Sangli, where we have a school already and where classes could be added as fast as there was any need of them and that at only a small part of the expense which is now required to conduct the High School. If the High School is to be continued it must find its

main justification as a school for Hindu students, though of course it will also be useful for Christian students <sup>fast as</sup> as we have them.

I told the mission that I was willing to take the school for a year. That some time before the next mission meeting I would notify the members what opinion I had formed concerning the school, whether I thought the school ought to be continued and whether I wished to be continued in charge of it. There the matter rests.

During the two months that I have had the school it has remained about as usual. The present attendance is about fifty.

Sincerely  
Edgar M. Wilson

1. Teachers salaries  
2. Scholarships

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DR. BROWN.

Kolhapur, S.M.C. Jan. 13, 1896.

Feb 20  
G. M. Hoken

Dear Dr. Brown,

You will see by the estimates for the High School that the salary of one teacher has been increased 288 rupees. This comes about in this way. I found that Mr. Irwin was teaching five hours per day. For the sake of language study and also for the sake of health ( I am sorry to say that mine has not been all that I could wish during my first year) I did not wish to take up so much work. Consequently I have had to increase the hours of one of the teachers. I am just now circulating a motion asking permission to transfer 50 rupees from current expenses and special items to salaries to meet a part of this deficit until the close of the current year. The new appropriation asked is to meet this next year.

The salary of another teacher, Mr. Pitre, the Sanskrit Shastri, has been increased (in the estimates only) 3 rupees a month a total of 36 rupees. This was done at Mr. Irwin's recommendation as a reward for long and faithful service.

2. You will notice a new item of 225 rupees for Scholarships. I asked Mr. Irwin whether it was not possible to conduct the school without scholarships. He said he would not like to try it. My experience makes me echo the sentiment. The other schools of the town offer them on even more favorable terms than we do. They are a practical necessity for carrying on the school, and as such I think should be included in the estimates. Two scholarships are awarded to each class. They amount to Rs. 3 and 2 in the higher classes and from that down to Rs. 1 in the lowest. These are paid monthly and may be forfeited at the end of any month by failing to

attain a high standard.

The amount 225 rupees was what Mr. Irwin said it had cost last year to give these scholarships. I have not the figures by me to refer to, but from Jan 95 to Jan. 96 the amount was Rs. 214 - 8. I have in mind some changes which will make the scholarships a little more difficult to attain which will I think reduce the amount somewhat.

I feel all the more that these scholarships should be a part of the estimates as there is in addition an amount of between one and two hundred rupees which is given annually for prizes which also seems to be a necessity, and which is not in the estimates, and which must therefore come out of the principal's pocket.

And just here let me say that in the matter of these two expenses and many others I am constantly realizing the unselfish devotion which Mr. Irwin showed toward this school as well as the painstaking labor which he showed in bringing it up to a high standard.

As this is my first letter to you since assuming your new position, permit me though somewhat late, to wish for you the best of success in your new duties and the blessing of God in them.

*Sincerely*  
*Edgar M. Wilson*

RECEIVED  
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DR. ROWE

Ratnagiri India

15 January 1896

Rev. A. J. Brown, D.D., Secretary  
New York.

W. H. Cannon

Dear Brother:

1 Permit me to communicate to the Board through you a request of the Mission for permission for a special use of an appropriation. The motion with preamble, adopted by circular on 13th inst., is as follows:

"As it is probable there will be an unused balance under Class 5th of the Panhala Appropriations owing to the absence from work of two masters,

"Moved: That we ask the Board to allow a grant of rupees five each per month from this Class towards the support of the two Christian boys Luke and Ananda while attending the Kolhapur High School. The motion to take effect from Nov. 15, 1895, to May 1, 1896."

Respectfully Yours,

William H. Cannon,

Secy, Am. Presb. Mission in I. I.

G. H. Seiler

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DR. BROWN.

Miraj, S. M. C. India  
Jan. 16. 1896.

Feb 21  
Rev. Dr. A. J. Brown, Secy,  
156. Fifth Ave. N.Y.

Dear Bro:

Soon after our arrival about Dec. 1895. I wrote briefly to you (or Mr. Dulles - I am not certain which) intending to write more fully, after I should be settled.

With the exception of our youngest child who has whooping-cough, aggravated for a time by Bronchitis, we are all well; can sleep well too, which is a great blessing.

(You are already aware that Mrs. S. and I are located here until March, and, by a majority vote, with the expectation that the Gohens will go home on leave in March, we are to take their place.

time, Mr. Gohens had been ill about three weeks, and in the 1<sup>st</sup> inst until yesterday I was at Kolhapur doing work (examining schools, preaching, looking after the interests of the native Christians, &c.) I found my cause full especially at this time, when the Christians are again contending for their right to get water from government tanks and hydrants set up for the public, irrespective of caste. The trouble is in the city and in some villages. Fifteen years

ago, when the late adopted King was in his minority and the English Political Agent had the chief authority in the State of Kolhapur, water was brought by an aqueduct and pipes into all parts of the city for the "public", and it is an outrage that Christians in the city are not allowed by caste Hindus to touch the hydrants, and must pay persons to get water for them. During the present King's minority the British Political Agents here were either indifferent to our cause (if not hostile) or pusillanimous, otherwise our Christians' claim might have been enforced. But last week the Christians were authorized to go to the hydrants nearest their houses and draw water. In a few cases, by aid of policemen, they got it, but elsewhere there was determined opposition. The next day I went there, and altho the Chief of Police, Constable two assistant Constables and 8 or 9 policemen were there the crowd defied us all. The Chief did not arrest the ringleaders, as he should have done, and by the next morning the King wavered, and now he proposes to have a hydrant in each ward assigned for the Hindus, to accept which compromise would be to surrender the principles. I went to the palace with suggestions and reasoned with the King at some length. But like all oriental Kings, he would say one thing to me and do another as he is afraid of offending the people. The British Governor lately gave the King of Kol. State full power, so I do not feel that we can fight this case so vigorously as we could have if we had had the present British Agent a few years ago. So the question is still

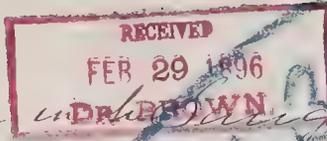
pending. In Kivi, 12 miles north, some persons  
in the low-caste quarter recently embraced Christen-  
ity, several of them being real staunch and firm. The  
non-Christians there, taking their cue from caste Hindus have  
prevented them from taking water out of the common wells  
and are showing a wicked persecuting spirit. The ruler of  
the village encourages the persecutors secretly, tho he  
knows that the leading and best convert uses to commit  
robberies, poison others' cattle, burn property, &c, and he  
and the villagers have encouraged <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ owner of the house that  
our catechist rents among the caste people, and now he  
does not see where he can go. So there is persecution at Kivilah  
8 miles away - so severe and long-continued that several  
converts of two or three years' standing have succumbed  
and gone back. These are only a few of the trials that  
are wearing on most missionaries, and I think the above  
facts and worry incident thereto have much to do with  
Bro Goheen's present illness. I am glad to say he is a good  
deal better.

So far as the higher and middle  
classes are educated they are more reasonable about this  
water question; they are - most of them - ashamed to stick  
to for such petty things, and throw the blame on the igno-  
rant Shudras and outcasts, yet they have not the moral  
courage to stand up for equal liberty, and I presume they  
secretly think that if Christians, foreign and native are auda-  
cious enough to fight Hinduism and make roads, they  
should expect to suffer for it. While I mean as before  
to give attention to the lower classes, their ~~contemptible~~  
~~unreasonableness and obstinacy~~ boycotting and persecuting  
spirit impels me to devote considerable time and effort  
in behalf of the higher and educated classes. I have already  
promised to lecture in the Town Hall here, also in the large

High School. I am more convinced than ever that we must try to understand the people and their ways of thinking, so that we may "rightly divide the truth," and present it in such a way as will gain their attention. When they see that we understand them and their Paganistic system, they are more ready to listen to us and conduct arguments reasonably. We must not forget that they look backward & we forward; that they view this life as a consequence of merit or sin in a previous life, while we regard this life as probationary. Then, too, as regards future punishment, I think it wise to not lay stress on the time element of it. So much as on the certainly of it, using plain Scripture terms rather than such as are made ambiguous by Symbolic language.

Before I was called into Kolhapur, I had been here less than a week, and I had been in the District touring with Messrs Graham and Timonson. (They are still out). We visited 21 towns & villages, preaching two hours in some. Got showers of abuse in one or two places, but generally had satisfactory hearings. The Brahmin convert whom Mr Timonson baptized a year or so ago was constantly improving as an Evangelistic talker. It is sad to see such a fine large hospital here and outbuildings idle because Dr. Haulep cannot be here. The church is now very small. Since Dr. W. left some have acted badly and been disciplined or sent away. Mr. Ganesha Garkwad a native Pkhan is conducting the Dispensary work where I have sent prayer. When I write again I hope to be able to say more about Evangelistic work here. Mr Timonson is a promising Missionary. We were sorry to hear of Dr. Gillespie's accident, but are glad it was not worse. Remember me to him please, also to Mr Speer and Mr Deller.

Yours Sincerely,  
Galen W. Seiler



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E. B. Graham

Sergaon in Dibrugarh field

Jan 27. 1896.  
Rev. Arthur Brown, D.D.



Secretary F. B. F. M.  
New York.

New York

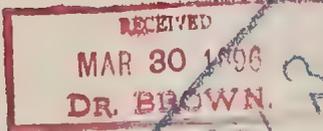
A motion was lately passed by the Mission to the effect that we ask the Board for an appropriation of Rs 5 each per mensem for the support of two boys Ananda & Luke, belonging to the Parbhola Station, while attending the Mission High School at Kothapar. This action places the question, whether or not Christian boys in the High School should be supported by Mission money, where it ought to be, viz. in your hands to be decided.

I have thought however that it was not right that you should know the history of this motion. Some time ago a motion was made to give these two boys Rs 5 per mensem while attending the High School. Some of our members thought that it was not right to support the boys out of money appropriated by the Board without the

Station, while taking a course in English of course the Christians of all our Stations hereafter, will want their boys to study English, & ask the Board to support them while they are doing so. And there will be no reasonable ground on which the request can be refused.

Heretofore when making out estimates the Mission has never consented to the insertion of an item for the support of boys in the English School, but your answer to the request now made, will be the precedent, which will determine whether each year's estimates are to contain such an item hereafter.

I am making a tour in the Mifflin field north of Sangle. We have been out about a month & have visited 70 towns. We are travelling on foot & go to every town in the country passed through. We walk from 6 to 12 miles daily visiting 3 or 4 towns each day & changing our camp about twice a week. I am writing this in the heat of the day when of course we have to remain in our tent. With kind regards, Yours fraternally  
J. P. Abraham



Bi-monthly letter Rachel Brown

Rajapur, Western India.

February 18<sup>th</sup> 1896.

My dear Dr. Brown:-

This month it falls to my lot to write the bi-monthly letter for the Ratnagiri Station.

44 days  
tour

My brother and I have <sup>been</sup> away from Ratnagiri, on a tour, forty-four days tomorrow, and consequently know very little of the work of the other members of our Station, as this letter will of necessity be largely personal.

See it

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child

The sad news came to us at Savant Vadi of the birth and almost immediate death of Mr. & Mrs. Hammum's little daughter. Mrs. Hammum has been very ill - but I am indeed glad to say she is able to sit up a little. As soon as she is strong enough to stand the journey, Mr. Hammum will take his wife and family to Mahabaleshwar where we hope she will gain her strength very rapidly.

Our party, ~~on this tour~~ consists of my brother and myself, the native preacher from Vengurla, an old Christian woman and two servants. We left Ratnagiri on the two o'clock boat Tuesday morning, <sup>Jan. 7<sup>th</sup></sup> and arrived in Vengurla about noon the same day. We rented an old bungalow (very much out of repair) for nine days. From Vengurla as a centre we visited all the towns and villages within reach. While my brother and Balawantrao

talked and preached to the men - Bai (my old Christian woman) and I went from house to house and talked to women. We had some very pleasant times. In one place where we were invited (there were eleven women and one man) they listened with intense interest for nearly an hour, occasionally asking a question or making an ejaculatory expression of approval or astonishment. When we left the men went before us nearly the whole way back to the bungalow and thanked us over and over for coming and kept saying "You have told us the truth." It is a great joy to be able to tell such listeners of Christ. In one place the women and children ran screaming into the house as soon as they saw us. I am sure I do not know what they thought we were.

*Tenguria* Tenguria is a pretty place - the town seems to be built under a grove of palm trees. The roads are good, wide and clean. *Population* The population of the place is about eight thousand of which number two thousand are Roman Catholics.

The people in general did not seem anxious to hear the Gospel. There was no opposition only indifference.

*Land* From here we went to Shiroda, some nine miles from Tenguria and one hundred from Ratuagiri. It took us the entire day to go nine miles (such is travelling in India) because the tide was in and we could not get across the inlet there being no bridge or ferry. We had been told

that there was a rest house in Shiroda, but we found it was in the temple and for Hindus only. It was about dark and we were very tired - but after much talking a Roman Catholic (nativ) offered us a large room in his house. We could do no better so we accepted his offer. I was dismayed however when I found there were no windows and one end entirely open. We removed a part of the roof to give us light and air and tied up a piece of matting, coffee sacks etc for ~~a~~ partitions and so made three rooms where we could partially retire from the public gaze. We brought very little luggage with us, <sup>as</sup> the difficulty in packing and repacking <sup>is great.</sup> - so here I had my first experience of sleeping on the floor. I shall never forget that night! The rats played hide and seek over my body and head and a wretched dog came sniffing about my head - until I thought I should have to get up and sit for the remainder of the night - but after covering my head with the sheet I fell asleep and slept until morning.

The next night we fixed our mosquito-nets up and so slept without fear of those "brasthy" creatures.

The people in Shiroda were not eager to hear the Gospel. Bai and I tried to talk to the women but the men made such a commotion that we had to give up and return to our quarters. The people in the town of Redi, two miles from Shiroda, seemed glad to see us. Crossing the inlet in a

little boat Ben fell into the water. This opened the way for an invitation to a man's house as well as furnishing an illustration. We had three groups of men here who listened to the Gospel story with real interest & belief.

Our third stopping place was Sarantadi where we were very comfortable in a "Travelers Bungalow." This is a town of some importance being the capital of Sarantadi State. Here we met with more encouragement than anywhere else, I think. While in some quarters we met with some opposition as in Phatadi where some Brahmins said "My soul and God is one", still the place is large and many listened well. My brother and many interviewed with educated young men who came to talk about "religion" they said. Some even very desirous that our Mission should establish a High School there.

One young woman, teacher in the Government Girls' School, seemed much interested, and expressed a desire to become a Christian. She is a Roman Catholic, but she told me she did not believe in many of the beliefs and practices of her church. She has a New Testament which she has evidently read a good deal, judging from her knowledge of it as well as the thumb-marked pages. She asked me to come to her house, as she wanted to talk with me.

When I was alone she asked me if she came to me in (Kotangiri) I would let her stay. I asked her if she had her Enimor enough to do. But he wanted her to do nothing and if necessary to suffer for his sake. She said that she did not was ready to spend her life in His service. The principal in the school would not permit of her leaving at once but she said she would come to me in the rains. I believe she will come - pray that she may.

A young man came to the Lingaloo nearly every day and sometimes stays. He seemed nervous and afraid and as soon as any one else came he would go. My brother says he has read the Gospel of John and seems to know what he has read. The morning we left Savant Vadi he came very early and bought an English Bible. There is something very interesting about this young man - and I believe the Spirit is stirring with him.

I was much amused at a young man in the High School in Savant Vadi who came to see us the day before we left. He brought a bunch of plantains which he gave to me - then turning to me he presented me with a worn copy of "Noble Jones' Cabin" saying as he gave it "This Madam is a token of my everlasting friendship, it was written by an

authors like yourself." How many times I  
 wished for a stage and horses instead of the slow  
 two miles an hour rate of travel of bullocks - especially  
*Slow-traveling* was this as we went from Savant Vadi to Malvan.  
 Although the distance was only thirty miles, still  
 it took the greater part of two days to make it - besides  
 stopping over night on the way. This stop may  
 prove a blessing to Kudal however, as a missionary  
 had never been there. My brother preached in the  
 bazar to a very attentive audience and afterward  
 Balavanthas sold a good many Gospels and two  
 English Bibles. The ride from Kudal to Malvan  
 was very disagreeable - the road was poor and dusty  
 besides the day being very warm. We had another  
 night to cross, as we were up at three o'clock the next  
 morning and on our journey by four hoping to reach  
 the river before the tide - but although we were there by  
 day-light we were too late and had to have something  
 even to our Dharmani (bullock carriage) taken across in  
 a boat which took over an hour. (The people in this  
 country were hurry but talk a great deal.) We ate our  
 breakfast and dinner under trees by the roadside.  
 It was about five o'clock in the evening when we  
 reached the rest-house in Malvan, but we found it  
 already occupied by an Englishman - the liquor inspector.

For some time it seemed as if we would have to remain in our hammock until morning and then take the steamer for Drogad. After considerable talking, writing etc. we found there were two rooms in the kitchen or office, where the collector sometimes puts up, but it was badly repaired and a part of the roof was off. When we reached our quarters it was dark but we managed to get something warm to eat and without much ceremony went to bed on the floor and were soon fast asleep.

Malabar is said to have fifteen or twenty thousand inhabitants - but is very backward and has very little trade. The people in general took very little interest in us - except a few who wanted my brother to establish a High School.

One man called quite frequently and listened with apparent interest while my brother talked on various subjects. In our work among the women we found some who seemed interested but many refused

Devoad to hear us at all. Devoad was our next stopping place. From the steamer it appeared to be a pretty place - but we were much disappointed on landing to find it a very small place and poor accommodations for travelers. We remained here three days and my brother and Salasutras visited all the near villages. Bai and I found plenty of work among the women.

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From Devada we went to Vijaydurg, which has the best harbour along the coast. We stopped in the "Crossers Inn" which is in the fort. This is the place where our supplies ran out - and where fresh stores reached us just in time to keep us from going hungry as we could not get so much as an egg or onion in town. The people were very cordial for the most part - some would not hear.

In one of the villages where our brother and Balwantrao went - the people ran and hid when they saw them. One man was brave enough <sup>to</sup> remain. He said the people thought they had come to bride and carry them away. My brother told him why he had come, that he did not wish to harm them.

The man called out and told the people that Salab only wanted to talk to them - but only <sup>a few</sup> were willing to leave their hiding place. From here

Jayapur we went to Jaytapur where we found a good rest-house. The larger part of the population here are Mussulmans and as a rule they are very rude and noisy. Some listened but many did not care for these things - we found several good audiences and one evening we had a fine large crowd. Many copies were sold here. Leaving Jaytapur we arrived in Rajapur after a long journey.

Rajapur

journey by boat up the river. It took us nearly  
eight hours to go twelve miles. The people of Rajasthan  
are noted for their insolence. Our servants did not want  
us to come here - they said that a Sahib was once beaten  
here. I think they are rude - I went out  
yesterday to talk to the women - but almost immediately  
I was surrounded by a crowd of half grown boys who  
began laughing in my face - calling after me - calling  
me names etc. I saw this would not do, so I turned  
back, and when the way was clear we went out in  
another direction to the river. I felt hurt at the way  
I had been treated and feared I would not find an  
opportunity to talk to the women quietly and alone.  
On reaching the river what was my surprise to  
see over a hundred women sitting near their baskets, but  
doing nothing. We went up to them and asked  
them if they would like to hear a good story - and  
by way of answer they spread a blanket on the  
ground for us and asked us to sit where they  
could all hear. How those women listened!  
Once a man came up and asked what was  
going on. One woman without turning to see who the  
speaker was answered "They are talking to me, go on."  
I never heard a Hindu woman speak so to a man  
before. I think she was so much interested that she

thought the speaker was a child - They remained a full hour and listened to the Gospel story and as they were leaving they begged us to come again this evening and talk to them.

This morning my brother was very rudely treated in the bazar.

In this letter I have only named the towns where we made our head quarters - but my brother and Balavantrao have preached in thirty-four different towns and villages - Bai and I have not visited more than twenty-five. During the tour Balavantrao has sold some two hundred and fifty Gospels besides other religious books.

We find the work here in the Konkan quite different from that in the Deccan. Travelling is much more difficult and the villagers <sup>are</sup> so scattered that it requires time to reach only a few places and then too the people are so proud and ignorant.

It has been a great pleasure to us to have been able to see so many people and tell them of Christ - our Saviour and theirs if they will only accept Him as such. I believe that the reaping time in India is near at hand - What a happy time it will be when India comes into the light!

Yours Sincerely

Rachel Irvine.



Station Letter.

1. Illness Mr. Gohsen

2. Letters.

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Miraj, India

Feb. 19, 1896

Rev. A. J. Brown D. D.

Secretary &c

Dear Mr Brown;

According to vote of the Mission Mrs Seiler and I came here in January to stay until Mr Gohsen would leave for America next month. This is a new station as yet, and Dr. Wauless' Medical work was not only systematic, but the prominent feature of the missionary work here, and his absence and the removal or defection of some members of the small church organized here and other circumstances have united to make it "up-hill" work to plan and carry out anything regular and systematic. Mr Gohsen was seized with Nervous Prostration two months ago, when Mr Simonson and I were touring with Mr Graham in the districts, and it was necessary for me to go to Koldapur then and also this month to attend to his work in the city and out-stations. It was difficult for our only native Christian teacher Ramchandra Chinchlikar, to maintain his low caste school in the reaping season, so he accompanied us on the tour. I was in the districts only 17 days, Mr Simonson about 52 days. One hundred towns or villages were visited, and we tried to do the very

work, not preaching hurriedly & perfunctorily, but in nearly every place we spoke from one to two hours, and on dark nights when showing the magic lantern, longer. Some interesting incidents occurred, and even though most of the District had not been visited by any Missionary before, most of our hearers apparently evinced but little faith in their religion. ✕

2. Here in Miraj Mr. Simonson & I conduct daily chapel exercises, as usual (in the Dispensary) This morning, nearly a score of patients and others were present. We have made several visits to Government & private schools, including the High School, in one of which I gave a lecture, in Marathe, on True Benevolence. Expect to lecture in the High School soon. Thus we must try to get & keep in touch with the intelligent classes, some of whom we also meet in the "Town Hall" library. ✕ Here, as elsewhere, I find men who disapprove of caste and say it is only the ignorant who are idolaters; and who pose as reformers. They accept our western civilization minus its chief feature, which is like wanting the drama of Hamlet with Hamlet left out. ✕ It is one thing to disapprove of or renounce caste or idolatry, and quite another to believe in Christ. Against Him Pilate and Herod, Hindus and Mahomedans, who are usually at loggerheads, reformers and old fogies, unite!

Yet, I am one of those who believe that a comparatively large number of those religious reformers who are called Brahmo Sanajists in Bengal and Prathua Sanajists on this side of India, will eventually accept Christ, because they cannot rest satisfied with a vague interstitial religion.

We often go out and preach in different parts of the city, to casto Hindus or outcastes, on the street or in a rented room in the bazar. Sunday P. M. at

4.30 we have a preaching service in the Dispensary Chapel, which I have usually conducted, when here.

We usually take Ramesh Chandra along to preach, and Ganesha Garkwad, the Dispensary medical man.

Ramesh Chandra is sick, in Kolhapur, just now.

Mr. Simons is steadily improving in Marathi.

Our little 15 mo. old child, Elizabeth, was sick almost unto death in January, but now is about well.

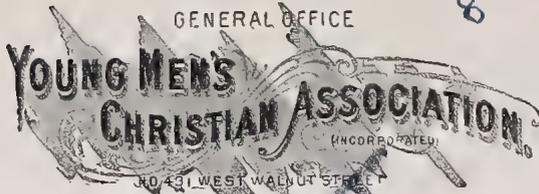
John Perry however has caught measles; otherwise all at this station are well.

Yours Faithfully  
G. W. L. S.

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 153 5th Ave.  
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*appeal for med. missionary,  
 suggest a suitable man  
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 Dr W. Ingham in Phil.*

My Dear Dr Brown

Referring to your letter of Jan. 3rd I would

now say that I expect to complete my work of visiting the colleges about April 1st, and after April 15th. I expect to be in Philadelphia for a few weeks. If it is still desirable I would like to carry out the suggestions contained in my previous letter with reference to the raising of funds for new missionaries to be sent to the Western India Mission.

The mission, in addition to the ordained missionaries and the industrial men asked for, is also asking for a physician. The request for another medical missionary has been repeated now during the past two or three years and I trust that this year the effort will be made to send a man. With an institution as large as the Miraj Hospital there ought to be another physician in the mission in order that the closure of the hospital be avoided in the future, in case of the temporary or permanent absence of the physician in charge. It is practically impossible for a medical missionary in charge of the hospital at Miraj to do any interesting unless there be another physician in the mission who can

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occasionally relieve him. The large hospital has been standing vacant since our return to this country, owing to the fact that we have not had a second physician in our mission, and hence the desirability of securing another medical missionary, to be located in some part of our field.

Then the second reason for the appointment of another physician is the fact of the very great need in Ratnigiri District. The British government has done very little to provide for the physical needs of the people in this large colliery area and I am sure that the work of a medical missionary there would prove to be not only desirable but a very important adjunct to the work already established in that district, as well as the means of opening up other forms of missionary work.

The third reason is that the missionaries in Kolhapur may at any time be left without a medical attendant. Dr Sinclair, who for many years has been the faithful and devoted physician of our missionaries there, may at any time be taken away. He is now about 70 years of age and is almost blind so that effective service even now is impracticable, certainly quite impossible in surgical cases. Dr Sinclair has been kept in the employ of the Kolhapur state up to the present time through the wishes of the present king's father. After Dr Sinclair's decease, our missionaries

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either one of which must necessarily come soon, it is quite unlikely that another European physician will be appointed in his place, since the control of the state affairs is now entirely in the hands of the native king, who has already replaced some of the European officials by natives. The present state native physician in Kolhapur, who under Dr Sinclair has the medical work of the hospital there in charge, is a man upon whom our missionaries ought not to be made to depend. Not long ago Dr Sinclair lost his own daughter as the result of a bungling operation at the hands of this native doctor. For these reasons therefore, in addition to the great value of mission work in general as an evangelizing agency, it seems to me that another medical missionary is urgently needed in our mission.

Mr A. S. Wilson, brother of Rev. Mr Edgar Wilson of our mission graduates next month from the Rush Medical College of Chicago. He has already had valuable hospital experience and has concluded that he would like to join his brother in the work in India. It has occurred to me that some of the churches in Nebraska—or in Omaha, where his father is a minister, might pledge his support and I would be glad to do anything in my power to help in securing his support. A visit to a few of the churches in

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Nebraska might accomplish this.

I shall be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience. Please address me care of Students' Volunteer Movement, #60 Insurance Place, Chicago, Ill. I am

Yours very cordially,

*W. J. Cranley*



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Kolhapur. S. M. C.; India.

Rev. A. J. Brown. M. A.

Ms. A. 1. 1. 1.

Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Dear Mr. Brown;

It is my privilege this month to represent our Station in a letter to you, and I take pleasure in trying to tell you of various matters concerning our work in its various departments!

Sickness

W. India

The thing which should be first mentioned is the illness of our beloved Station Secretary, the Rev. J. M. Gohem. The day after Christmas he was stricken down with nervous prostration, the result of over-work. Our good English physician, Mr. Sinclair saying 'it is because he has remained in India, one year too long.' Mr. Gohem was confined to his bed for some weeks but gradually has been able to go for a drive nearly every evening. The young king sent one of his carriages

to take Mr. Echem for a drive in two days. Now he is able to move about the house and veranda with ease.

Rev. S. S. Station  
 Mr. Seiler  
 In a Station where there is so much to look after, it is a serious matter to have our most experienced member laid aside. We are indebted to Rev. G. W. Seiler, who came in from Miraj for a week early in January and February, to give the regular monthly Examinations in all our town and village schools.

The health of the other members of the Station has not been altogether good and at the present writing seven of us are afflicted with the influenza or la Grippe.

In a box from New York last fall there was a copy of Dr. Green's 'Presbyterian Missions with supplemental notes by Mr. Linn'. This is perhaps a late day for an acknowledgement but we do thank the Board for this book in the Station library.

Also we are all individually

Dr. Review  
Book

indented to the Board for a copy sent to each one of us of Dr. Review's book on 'Methods in Mission Work'. It is a book which we all will read carefully and doubtless with profit, though we may not find all of his methods practicable here, where we have Carte to contend with.

Water  
question

In Kolhapur City the old water question, which periodically arises, lifted its head again recently but it seems quieted now to a certain extent. The authorities acknowledge the public right of the Christians to get water freely, at all the public standpipes in the city, but for reasons of prudence, State or timidity, they decided to mark off a hydrant in each of the three wards where we have our people living. The result in one ward was, that the landlord ordered our teachers to leave his house as soon as the time for which rent had been

paid, expired. The school was seriously interfered with, but, since the Hindu master moved the school to his own house and the Christian family moved away, the school resumed its work and nothing is gained on the water question, there. In a ward in the Central part of town, the Hindus still take water from the hydrant, but only for washing purpose. In the third place it is said 'the Hindus take water as before.'

At Kuni the water question still perplexes us. However the King ordered the people to let the Christians draw water. Last week some of the Kolhapur Christians, with Miss Widdes went out to see how matters stand. They found the Assistant Revenue Officer of the State, a Maratha, there and he renewed the order and yesterday we learned that he stood by the well and saw that the Christians were allowed to get the

water. This officer is a graduate of Wilsons College, Bombay, under the Free Church of Scotland Mission. He will probably in a short time be made Chief Revenue Officer. He said of our work at Kiri and the neighboring towns, that he thought it important enough to justify our placing a missionary there permanently. Where is the man or the means?

At last the water from the City pipes is laid on the Mission grounds for an Arabian Hills School. The Board giving one third and interested friends two thirds of the expense incurred. Two doctors have condemned the water of our Mission well for drinking purposes, so on sanitary grounds we needed fresh water and thus as the well was found to be a place where clandestine meetings could occur, (it is in a depression and out of sight from the bungalows) and of few of "marriage given and received," it

seems a relief to have the school supply of water under our own eyes.

The schools for boys and girls in the town and villages seem to be in their usual condition, though the attendance just now is affected as it is the season of the year for marriages and the Holi festival.

*High School* The High School goes on steadily under Mr. Wilson's management and seems to be doing its usual good work, and evidently much interested just now in Astronomy, judging by the amount of star-gazing done by the students and principal.

*Visit*  
*Miss Taylor*  
*Miss Garrett* It has been our privilege to have had a visit from Mrs. J. Livingston Taylor accompanied by Miss Garrett. We regret that they could not have staid longer in Kohapur. Some of us did try to capture Miss Garrett for mission work here but without success. The visit did us all good especially as they know so much of methods and reasons of

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the work. We pray that Mrs Taylor  
may continue to be a blessing to  
the cause of Christ and receive a  
deep blessing herself.

Believe me on behalf of the Sisters  
Very sincerely  
Lucy H. Ferris.

1. Transfer to Priscilla Mission Brown
2. Traveling & inconveniences

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Rev. Arthur L. Brown  
Board of Missions

My dear Mr. Brown -

It was good to receive your letter of Nov. 24th. Since your last letter to me have been transferred to the Bankia field, and now write you from one of its sub-stations. From our Reports of '95 you know that among the low caste people of this place a church has been gathered, and much interest is shown in spite of persecution. So we have weekly converts, assist in schools and visit in the homes, Miss Sherman

And I have remained here,  
while it was necessary for Mr.  
Bedford's family to return to  
Panhala after the cold season.

✕ We are separated from the  
the Stations by very rough cart  
roads. A journey over these in  
a springless bullock cart takes  
at least four hours, and the  
heat is likely to make one ill.  
Eyes suffer too, from the glare of  
the plains where only the  
Cactus flourishes. Spite of  
all obstacles, in a little bungalow  
built by the late Mr. Ferris,  
for temporary residence, Mrs.  
Bedford with her ready aptitude  
for contrivances made our  
household of seven not only  
comfortable but happy for three  
months, and from this coming

June till Mission Meeting in  
October we will try it again  
please God, sleeping three ladies  
in one room as I did in cold  
season. Our journey we are  
learning to make by moonlight;  
I thoroughly enjoyed one such,  
leaving Panhala at 3 a.m. as it  
was necessary for me to come  
alone in the cart; the stars  
over my silent-companions, and  
I watched the Southern Cross  
till the sun in his splendour put  
out its brilliance.

As tent and supplies fail,  
and in our gipsy-like peregrin-  
ations furniture is marred &  
broken, still we try to "take  
joyfully the spoiling of our  
goods" for it is all inexpressible  
pleasure to be helpful to others. ✕

If you think us crowded  
here, let me assure you our need  
is slight, compared with the need  
of new dormitories in Colkapan  
for which we plead in sending  
to the Board our last es-  
timates. Miss Patton, and  
Mrs. Ferris are working under  
great disadvantage! We have  
just sent two promising girls  
from the Kodoli convents, but  
fear the word will be "no more  
room" if we ask to send  
others. I beg you to give us  
the money for the <sup>Christian</sup> girls  
Boarding School at Colkapan  
whatever else you must deem to  
Western India.

We look for fresh strength &  
courage to come to us through  
the prayers of God's people for  
India in the coming month.

Prayer for America's four great  
States, that the people may  
have courage to confess Christ &  
that we missionaries may  
have wisdom to lead them to  
Him.

With thanks for your  
kind letter I am

Sincerely yours

C. Adakaidi, F. W. M.

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80 McKenzie Crescent

Toronto March 10th 1906

Rev Arthur J Brown DD  
156 Fifth Ave  
New York

My Dear Doctor Brown.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 29th ult. I regret that there appears so little hope of reinforcements being sent to the Western India Mission this year. I appreciate the apparently greater needs of other fields with regard to medical missionaries. The whole of India however cannot, I believe, be taken as a criterion for Western India. Our work being confined for the most part to Native States the need for medical missionary work, both in relation to the preaching of the gospel & the care of the missionaries is greater than in the British territories where there are civil surgeons & more extended medical work under the British Government. The Patna district too differs little from Native States <sup>in this regard</sup>.

With reference to additional ordained missionaries I do hope that at least one or two will be sent out this year. The Lohanis are now leaving the country having stayed in India a year longer.

than he ought to have done owing to lack of water.  
The health of Mr & Mrs Lohm both has demanded  
a change of <sup>their pos</sup> more than a year. In the course  
of the next two or three years several of our  
missionaries will be returning on furlough  
& some, from what I hear of them, may be forced  
to relinquish the work & return earlier than they now  
expect so that if reinforcements are not  
sent out this year our work will be seriously  
crippled when the time comes for the Hammons,  
Grahams & Sowins to leave the field on  
furlough.

With regard to Mrs Wailes, I beg to enclose  
a statement of her health by Dr Hunter  
of this city. Dr Hunter has attended Mrs  
Wailes during my absence among the  
colleges & at my request has made this  
independent statement for the Board's  
satisfaction. Personally I think it would  
be very unwise for Mrs Wailes to return  
to India at the end of our furlough on  
May 13<sup>th</sup> <sup>additional</sup> She will need the change of climate  
& good in order to complete recovery from  
her present anaemic condition. It certainly  
would be incurring a good deal of risk  
for her to return to India as early as may  
owing to her present condition which does not

give promise of sufficient recovery by that time, &  
owing secondly to the unfavorable time of arrival  
in India which sailing in May would necessitate.

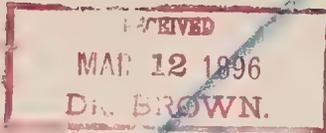
I therefore request that our journey be extended  
until the end of August - any day after which  
time I believe it will be perfectly safe - for Mr  
Wanless to return to India

With reference to aiding the Board in raising  
funds for the work or in extending missionary  
interest in general I shall of course be very  
glad to do anything I can in the interest of  
of our common work of evangelizing the  
world. I desire to spend a few weeks in  
post graduate study in Philadelphia in  
April & May & any speaking in churches  
which I may do I prefer to do near  
that city.

I hope to have the privilege of seeing you  
personally early next month when I shall  
expect to enjoy a personal talk with you  
with regard to some matters pertaining to  
our work on the field

With kindest regards

Very Cordially Yours  
W. S. Wanless



Toronto 9/3/96

Medical Certificate

This certifies that I have attended Mrs. "S" Jackson recently and also that I examined her to-day. I do not find any symptoms of disease other than those directly associated with anaemia. Whilst she has improved very much since her return yet she has not been able to fully overcome her anaemic condition. Therefore I think it would be much better for her if she could remain here some month longer. She would then be in a much better state of health & able to return with far greater probability of her health remaining unimpaired.

J. Hunter  
116 Down Court Row

1. Brother  
2. Hospital Miraj  
3. Hyderabad

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E. M. Wilson

Kolhapur, S.M.C., India, March 20, 96

Dear Dr. Brown,

The last mail brought me the news that my brother had applied to the Board to be sent out to this field with Dr. Wanless. I cannot tell you how delighted I was to hear it. I need not say what pleasure it would give me to have him associated with me here in work.

I have no doubt that the Board realize as we do the desirability of reopening the hospital at Miraj and of supplying it with two doctors so that an accident to one may not close the work. Living as I did last summer with Mr. Simonson with that great empty hospital plant daily thrust upon our view, impressed it very strongly upon me.

I am more and more impressed with the desirability of having a physician who could do touring with other missionaries. It seems to me that there is nothing that would help touring so much as the presence of a physician.

Praying that the Lord may guide you and your associates in this and in every matter,

Sincerely,

Edgar M. Wilson

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Kolhapur March 27 1896.

India.

Dear Dr. Brown,

*amp 30*

Your favor of Feb. 25 and also the mission letter of the same date have been received.

I enclose a memorandum of a photograph of the Kolhapur church which I send you by this mail.

All as usual here.

*Sincerely  
Edgar M. Wilson*



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Kolhapur, S.M.C India,

Rev. A.J. Brown, D.D.,

March 30, 1896.

Sec. Board of Foreign Missions,

Dear Dr. Brown,

*Copied*

Your letter of Feb. 25th came to us on March 24th. Being addressed to Rev. J.M. Goheen, we did not open it until several days later, after being told that the different stations had the letter, with several questions. We then immediately opened it and have thought upon it.

As the members of our station, with the exception of Rev. E.M. Wilson and myself are all away and as it seems best to reply immediately, and as I was at Panhala for nearly fifteen years, I attempt to answer the questions about Panhala.

As to the questions:-

1. Is Panhala a suitable place for a permanent station? I answer

No.

(a) The work has not grown in Panhala. The work there was never very great, but being on a hill surrounded by many small towns and hamlets it afforded ample opportunity of reaching many people. We lived there from Feb. 1880 until my husband's death in March 1894 (and I until Nov. of the same year. By walking I was able systematically to reach thirteen villages regularly and of course my husband on a pony was able to go much further. The Lord gave the increase, not there, but off to the East in Kodoli.

(b) The property was originally purchased by Rev. R.G. Wilder, as I understand, as a place of retreat when the health of the missionaries, and the heat of the plains made a change desirable. Although our predecessors, the Rev. J.P. Graham and family lived there throughout the whole year, from 1875 to May 1879, and we with our little

ones and Miss Patton lived there rain and shine from 1870 until 1889 when we went to America, it seems the general opinion that the rain is too wet and the clouds too damp for proper exercise there during the months from June 1st till Oct. 1st. While the average rainfall for 21 years was only 53 inches, Panhala being a little over 3000 feet above the sea level, it is the lack of sunlight and constant fog which make it peculiarly trying. After our return at the beginning of 1891, my husband was assigned work elsewhere in the rains, so for his last three rains we were not there.

(c) The converts who from time to time have been baptized there, had to seek work elsewhere as there was no work for them in the Mission nor outside and now the church members are almost all household servants who go away when the missionary goes.

(d) The Out-stations though only a few miles away are not easy of access, (for lack of made roads) at any time, and much less so during the rainy months.

Question 2. If not, can the work on that field be satisfactorily superintended from some other Station?      Answer, No.

(a) Kolhapur is the nearest Station and lies to the Southeast of the Panhala spur of the Western Ghats, while Kodoli, Ayatavadi etc. lie to the Northwest. (See map in "Church at Home &" of April 1890 or "Indian Notes" facing page 16 1895) The approach then would be circuitous and in the rainy season sometimes impassible as there are only cart and cattle paths which become flooded.

(b) Kolhapur with its limited supply of men has all it can do to look after its own field, though Panhala town itself could be under Kolhapur.

Question 3 . If both the preceding questions are answered in the negative, what other places does the Mission recommend for the location of the Station? Answer, Islampur. (See Minutes and Estimates of our annual meeting of October, 1893, and "Indian Notes" of December, 1893, page 63)

Personally I can only say that it is a town of nine or ten thousand people, and on several sides are towns of from four to six thousand. Neither Kodoli nor Aytavadi is so surrounded. My husband had studied the matter and I believe it was at his request that the Mission put in the estimate in 1893. I presume he also wrote a letter to Dr. Gillespie in reference to the plan. I understand his plan to be, to have a new plant at Islampur, retaining Panhala as an Out-station and Sanitarium.

Question 4. What would be the expense of the transfer?

Answer, About Rs. 3000; that is an entire new plant.

Panhala is perhaps dearer to me for its associations than to anyone else and I should dislike to see the lovely, restful Mission House sold. Still if the money could buy us another house at Mahableshwar, let it be sold; but it is necessary for us to have a place where we may go for a change not involving the expense of travel to Mahableshwar.

In all honesty I must also refer to the new house at Panhala, "Faith Cottage."

The Mission House, where we lived, was always full in the hot season; not only with ourselves but with others who came to P. for the season. It was too much. Our whole family had to use one room without place for private study. The idea of our having so full a house was to save paying rent of Rs. 1-8-0 a day for a set of rooms

in the Travellers' Bungalow. All of us missionaries gave money and a plain little house with two bedrooms, a dining and sitting room, was put up and given by word of mouth to the Mission in 1894. It saves rent, except when more go to Panhala than can be properly accommodated in the two houses.

Questions 5 and 6 about consolidating Sangli and Miraj certainly are a surprise. I think I have never heard the question seriously discussed.

Sangli was providentially opened to us and we entered the door. Then the Christian Boys' school was placed there followed by the Industrial plant. The work is now too much for one ordained man though at the sacrifice of the evangelistic work, a layman could live at Sangli to carry on the scholastic and industrial departments of the school, if plenty of assistants were allowed him and the ordained man could be at Miraj, superintending the two places. Even then combining the two fields, two men would be needed and therefore why not keep two stations and an ordained man at each, with a layman at Sangli as well as the doctor at Miraj? I do not favor consolidation as I understand the use of the word. I will send you a bound volume of "Indian Notes" for 1895 and an extra copy of Dec. 1893. I believe I sent bound copies of 1893 and 1894 last year.

Believe me in all sincerity,

(*Mrs. Ferris*)

Kolhapur, India March 30, 1896.

Dear Dr. Brown,

Mrs. Ferris has written so fully and with so much fuller knowledge of the subjects involved than I have, that it is not necessary for me to say much. I should answer questions 1, 2, 5 & 6 as she has answered them. If consolidation of Sangli and Miraj be merely nominal, I see nothing to gain by it. If it involve changes in the property of either place I think it very undesirable.

In regard to questions 3 & 4. I have never seen Kodoli or Islampur or any of that region save as it can be seen from Panhala. But from the "lay of the land" and of the towns I should think that somewhere in that region was the place for a station.

The expense of the transfer would be of course either that of a new plant entire, or that amount diminished by something from the sale of Panhala.

Whether Panhala could be sold is perhaps doubtful, but I think it likely as the King is said to want to have the whole hill for himself. I am not yet fully convinced that it would be a wise thing to sell it in any case; but perhaps it might - a part of the money going for extra accommodations at Mahableshwar and a part to the new station.

Sincerely,

Edgar M. Wilson

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St. 2 Franklin

My Dear Doctor Brown - I thank you for your very kind letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> inst., conveying the Board's action with regard to the extension of furlough. I feel quite sure that Mr. Wanless will be fully recovered by the time specified.

I bless the Lord too for the encouragement you give regarding Mr. Meloon. Hoping to see you soon. Most anxious yours  
W. J. Wanless

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*J. P. Graham*

Sangli, India. April 1st, 1896.

To Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D. D., Secretary,

156 Fifth Avenue, New York, U. S.A.

My dear Dr. Brown:-

I am instructed to advise you of the following action, which was taken at our last meeting:-

" Resolved 1st. That No. 5 of the questions on which the judgment of the Mission is asked by the Board in its action of Feb'y 18th, 1896 be answered by Sangli Station in the negative.

" Resolved 2nd. That this Station asks the Board to defer the consideration of requests and estimates relating to property at all the stations of the Western India Mission until the Mission has been heard from on this question."

With kind regards,

Yours Respectfully,

*J. P. Graham* Secretary,

Sangli Station.



Mahabaleshwar India

April 2 1896

Rev Arthur G. Brown D.D.

New York City U.S.A.

Dear Dr Brown:

Your letter of Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> 1896 to the Western India Mission has been received. We were rather surprised by the questions therein raised concerning the consolidation of Miraj and Sangli stations. We regret exceedingly that these questions, as well as those concerning Panhala station, could not have reached us earlier so that the Board's consideration of our mission estimates would not be dependent upon mission action taken in the middle of the year.

As to the question of consolidating Miraj & Sangli station, Miraj station will vote to answer question No 5 of your letter in the negative. Tho' Dr Williams is not in India at present I am sure that he fully agrees with me in this & if in India would concur in such a vote.

As the estimates for new property in  
Muiraj were given ~~among~~ the first  
places in the mission order of preference,  
& as we expect soon to be able to  
send the Board mission action on this  
matter, would it be possible for the Board  
to defer <sup>the</sup> consideration of the mission  
estimates <sup>for new property</sup> until they can consider the  
estimates of Muiraj at the same time?  
If you think such a step as this would  
be wise, it would injure no other station  
but would insure Muiraj stations estimates  
being considered on an equality with other  
stations & according to the wishes of the  
mission.

I am now enjoying the delightful  
climate of our Sanitarium. I trust that  
the weeks spent here may prove as  
now both bodily & spiritually for greater  
efforts when I return to Muiraj.

Very sincerely yours

G. H. Simonson

Secretary of Muiraj Station

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Panhala India April 2 - 1896.

My Dear Dr. Brown

Enclosed you find the action taken by the Panhala station at a recent meeting. I would add the following by way of explanation.

The vote on No. 1 was based on the decision of the Mission about the year 1893.

On No. 2, Mission work especially in the beginning requires the supervision - on the ground of some missionary.

No. 3, Islampur is the largest town in the Panhala field and as it is well situated relative to the field, we <sup>have</sup> chosen it but with the clause following "Some neighboring place". Nerla a good size town only about 3 miles north is now as it has <sup>been</sup> for years, worthy of our attention as a mission station. Among the reasons more favorable to Nerla than Islampur are the following: There we find a nice comfortable bungalow all ready; which I think might be purchased for ~~Rs 2000~~ <sup>Rs 3000</sup> or rented for Rs 30 per month especially during the rains. This it seems would be the most economical transfer; to say nothing about the time and money required in procuring a new site

and erecting new and necessary buildings. God grant  
that few missionaries may have to sacrifice spiritual  
power by supervising treacherous, lazy workmen  
in the erection of mission buildings. Kerala also  
has the advantage over Ithampunam being only  
5 miles from the railroad & on the main  
thoroughfare or fine Government road  
leading from Kollupur to Poona etc. It also  
has better building sites & better water. To say  
nothing about our owning a small house  
used in our work there some years ago.

As regards the N 5 we are of the opinion that  
as the work at Sangli & Miraj are different in  
some respects and as the property in both  
places is quite valuable, a consolidation is not  
advisable.

We would again renew our request that the Board  
grant the small sums asked to enlarge the Kodoli  
Bungalow & wall up the well. Contact with the work  
& people require our living in Kodoli during the  
monsoon rains. But this considering our numbers is hardly  
advisable in such small quarters. And the large tank  
like well does <sup>need</sup> a wall to keep the muddy water out.  
Two small comfortable Bungalows are really needed in  
our large Panhala field. Yours Truly H. B. Bedford

In answer to questions of the Board contained  
in the letter of Feb 25-96, the Paukela Station  
would reply as follows:

No 1 - No

" 2 No

" 3 A stamp or some neighboring place.

" 4 The cost of a bungalow, school house  
and helpers house.

We consider it of the highest importance that the  
property at Paukela be not transferred but  
retained not only as a sanitarium but also  
for the work of the theological class & the Bible  
classes carried on during the hot season.

Evangelistic work is also a part of the hot season  
work at Paukela.

No. 3 No.

(L. B. Redford)

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Tangli, India  
April 6, 1896

Rev. Dr. A. J. Brown, Sec. &c  
Dear Bro:

G. G. Fisher

*Temporary*

*absence.*

*Ratnagiri*

*Difficulties*

*Resolutions*

On Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> I left Panhala where I have been teaching the Theol. Class, to go with Mr. Graham to Ratnagiri and help him transfer the Mission property to the Board. I was reluctant to leave my regular work, but in this country and in Mission fields generally it is necessary for missionaries to spend much time and strength in work of a secular and external character. I often feel sorry when I think of this, and can only pray that the Lord will make his cause prosper in spite of drawbacks, and our weaknesses and mistakes. I can appreciate the heavy responsibilities and trying duties of our N. Y. Treasurer and Secretaries, but here in heathenism we seem to be tugging up hill per ardua, all the time. Questions continually arise with pros and cons of about equal weight, and whichever way one decides, he sometimes doubts whether his decision is right. No one who has not been in a field like this many years knows how numerous are our perplexities and difficulties: native officials high and low thwart our efforts in every possible way, and there are very many trials incident to the training

of converts and engendering & developing a desire for self-support and independence. This last is slow work, and we have it more on our hearts than those at home know. Of course you can see how difficult it is for us to keep pressing the duty of increasing their contributions to the church, upon the native Christians, some of whom do not draw allowances from the Mission, when even the Galatians men sometimes complain that they have not enough!

Although \$900 (more than half of which was subsidies given by missionaries) seems a small sum for the churches to give, yet it is a good deal more than was given before I went home in 1891. In order that a covetous spirit might not be fostered in our converts and agents, this Mission has from the first aimed to keep the scale of pay reasonably low, and as we have succeeded pretty well, I think we should not be sorely disappointed if progress to self-support is not rapid, especially in a community where quite a large portion of the laity are intelligent and hence the social and intellectual needs of a pastor are such that he will unless very spiritually-minded, expect a considerable margin beyond a bare subsistence-allowance. I do not mean to give a gloomy view of the situation, but wish to assure you that we will continue to try to encourage and push the native churches to independence. The older and more experienced I become the more

patiently I can view the slowness of the progress made in Church work here, because I can see better how that under similar circumstances we in America would not do a whit better, on an average.

I can see more clearly too, that by some means we must lessen the gap that lies between

Greater us and the natives, which I think may be done by (1) ~~economic~~ associating more freely with them in their homes (2) Reducing ~~in living~~ our expenses of living. It requires persistent determination and effort to do either, but what else should be expected of ~~to lessen~~ missionaries of the cross? We Americans naturally ~~gap between~~ have many common social interests and easily gravitate to ~~missionaries~~ one another when living near together, whilst most of our ~~relations~~ native nations - the heathen aside & worse - have social ways, habits and tastes uncongenial to us. Still I see that the more we associate with and accommodate ourselves to them the more successfully we can deal with them. In many things individual conduct with uniformity can accomplish what a policy by a large corporate body cannot. For instance, if the people of a country at large are economical and moderate in their way of living while industrious their government will not be troubled much with questions of Political Economy. France is a conspicuous illustration of this. As accustomed to certain tastes, styles of residences and ways of living, we come to this country, and it takes us a long time to adapt ourselves to the new envi-

ronments here. Indeed we hardly even think of it per-  
haps for years, then it begins to dawn on some of us that  
it is possible to live in smaller houses than such that  
the first missionaries thought they must build. X The  
majority of the Mission have voted \$8000 for a new  
Mission house <sup>with out-houses</sup> at Telampur or some neighboring town wh.  
we think should be the headquarters of the Pankala field.  
I have voted for \$5000. The brethren think my esti-  
mate is not the result of a careful calculation, but I  
hold that it is not necessary to pre-suppose a bungalow  
with many and large rooms, or very high ceilings, such as  
the Wilder bungalow and others like it in the Mission.

Let the natives see that we can live in small houses

*Consolidation* too. With the large majority I have voted against the  
*Sangli & Miraj* consolidation of Sangli and Miraj, also against Pankala  
as a station. P. is otherwise useful to us however. The two  
voted houses can be occupied by those of us who cannot go to Man-  
Also Pankala hableshwar and who teach the Theological class there in the  
Station Summer &c.

Yours very sincerely  
G. W. Seiler.



Resolution received

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Pankala S.M.C. India

April 8th 1896.

Rev. Arthur J. Brown D.D.

Dear Bro.

J. M. Brown

I presume you ought to be informed & will be interested to know, that I have laid claim to Miss Helen G. McIntosh whom you sent out here for Miraj Hospital.

Miraj can probably find a substitute, but I cannot.

She has consented to go with me to Ratnagiri as my bride and we are to be married May 14th here in Pankala, D. V. I have written to Dr. Douglas who will doubtless be able to make other arrangements before he sails.

I'm sorry that Miraj Station should have so hard a time with its workers, but it will be Ratnagiri's gain.

I am now teaching the theological class of twelve members, & will be engaged thus until the 10th of May, when we will go, i.e. on the 15th, to Mahabaleshwar for a change. We expect to go back to Ratnagiri the first part of June sometime.

Yours faithfully, in His Name,  
J. M. Brown

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Ratnagiri, India, Feb 25<sup>th</sup> /96

Dr. Arthur J. Brown

C. M. Sum

Dear Bro. -

You may have observed in the Minutes of our last Mission Meeting, that I was appointed on the Committee to prepare a special report on the application of the so-called "Nevius Method" to our Mission field, & that the consideration of the whole subject of the standard & scale of pay for Mission Agents was referred to the same Committee for report next October.

I need not point out to you how important & practical these two matters are. The Committee were instructed to correspond with the Board & find out their opinion of the Nevius scheme. The purpose of this letter therefore is to request you to ascertain the Board's opinion & inform me of it as soon as possible that the Committee may give it due consideration in their report to the Mission next October.

And at the same time may I request you to give me the benefit of any information or opinion of the Board or of the Council, bearing on the other side of the question i.e. standard & scale of pay for Mission Agents.

Our Mission has had this general subject up before them for several years. It is a very difficult problem to solve permanently, justly & satisfactorily to all parties. Of course the extent

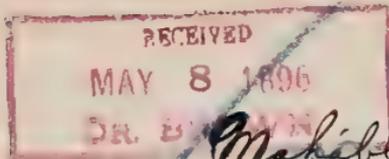
to which the Nevius Method can be advantageously applied in India & in our Mission must be first determined, & then the standard & scale of pay as far as used must be adjusted to it. Naturally our Mission is not a unit in its opinion concerning this matter, & anything that is to secure their approval & adoption must be built on true & permanent principles, & must show excellent adaptations & adjustments. If the Nevius principle is largely adopted, it must become more or less revolutionary, & we do not want to make many ill-considered experiments.

I am personally interested in a special way in it since the Ratnagiri part of our field is comparatively speaking newly opened, & especially the Brugnole part of the district which is in my charge.

I am thankful for the opportunity I have lately had of making a forty four days tour in that district.

Hoping to hear from you helpfully on the question as soon as convenient, I am,

Yours in Christ  
J. M. Swain



Mrs. Hannum's  
letter

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Mahableshwar India

9 April 1896

Dear Dr. Brown:

H. A. Hannum

Your kind letter of sympathy came yesterday. Mrs. Hannum and I are much touched at your tender remembrance of us.

As you requested, I write at once to say that Mrs. Hannum is gaining strength, and there is reason to expect that she will be physically prepared for the surgical operation that is yet necessary before she will be well. This will probably take place on our return to 'Ratnagiri' about 1st June, or if we can get the physician, Surgeon Major M. Collicie, to come to Mahableshwar, it may be sooner. Mrs. Hannum is able to walk about a little and so to enjoy something of this

delightful hill-top. It is at such a time that we specially appreciate the provision bountifully made for us in this Sanitarium. Miss Patton is kind enough to relieve Mrs. Hannum of housekeeping cares at "Mount Douglas".

We trust that the Lord will bring Mrs. Hannum through all this illness. If however the operation should fail again in June, as it did when attempted in January, I fear that we shall have to ask for an early return to America.

I believe that a motion, formulating an answer to your questions concerning Panhala, Dangi etc. is now going the round of the Mission. It seems unlikely that we can successfully solve the problem at this first grapple with it.

Mrs. Hannum joins me in kind regards.

Yours Sincerely,  
William C. Hannum

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Liverpool, England.

April 17<sup>th</sup> 1896.

Rev Arthur J. Brown, D. D.

Secretary

J. M. Goheen

My dear Dr. Brown:

Arrival  
England

I am thankful to say we are this far safe. We arrived at noon to-day. We sail from Glasgow for New York April 23<sup>rd</sup> on the steamer "Circassia, Anchor Line." I hope we will reach New York the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> of May. The agents tell us it will take about 9 days from Glasgow. Will you kindly arrange to have some one meet us to help with the baggage &c. I am much better than when we left India and Mrs Goheen too is feeling stronger.

We have had a fairly comfortable voyage and hope we may get along as well on the Atlantic. We will stop with our Cousins in Brooklyn and if we get in late Saturday or Sunday I may not see you till Monday but we will come to the rooms as soon as we can after we reach New York. Yours very sincerely  
J. M. Goheen.

Here  
London  
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W. H. Hannum

Mahableshwar, India

20 April 1896

Rev. A. J. Brown, D.D., Secretary  
New York.

Dear Brother:

Permit me to communicate to the Board through you ~~two~~ <sup>two</sup> motions of the Mission giving replies to some of the questions put to us by the Board in its action of 17th February last. Enclosed is a copy of the motions.

I would add that the questions numbered 3 and 5 are still under consideration.

Respectfully Yours,  
William H. Hannum,  
Secy. Am. Presb. Mission in N. I.

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Moved That the questions on which the judgment of the Western India Mission is requested by the Board in its action of Feb. 17th 1896 be answered as follows:

No. 1 Is Panhalá a suitable place for a permanent station? Answer, No.

No. 2 If not, can the work on that field be satisfactorily superintended from some other station? Answer, No.

No. 4 What would be the expense of the transfer? Answer, Rs 8000, - see Minutes of last Annual Meeting.

Moved That in view of the urgency of our needs, we respectfully request the Board not to defer action on the estimates relating to property sent in with the minutes of our last annual meeting, but to consider them at once giving due respect to the order of preference indicated.

The above motions were declared carried 18th April 1896.

Attest, William H. Hannum,  
Secretary

26 Parhala S. M. F.

Ludga.

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Rev. G. J. Brown D.D.

156 Fifth Avenue  
New York

Engagement

Marriage

Miss M. E. Intsch

My Dear Dr. Brown: -

You will probably  
hear by this mail  
from Mr. Lewin, but  
I should like to tell  
you myself of my  
changed prospects for  
the future.

Dr Hauleso & the Board,  
but hope to be very  
helpful where I am  
going.

Yours very faithfully

Helen G. Dyer Litch.



When I left America,  
my intention & hope  
was to go to Djiraj  
Hospital, but since

my arrival in Pankhili  
& acquaintance with  
Mr. Irwin I believe  
that God has planned  
it otherwise, for we  
love each other, & I have  
promised to go to  
Ratnagiri as his wife.  
I am sorry to disappoint

22 To Rev. L. B. Ledford

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Panhala' S. M. C.  
India.

Forwarded 28<sup>th</sup> July 1895  
to the S. M. C. to  
Mr. Sutor

Dear Dr. Brown:

As the Mission had decided that I should be, for the present, stationed at Panhala', I thought it best to let you know, in case you had not heard through any one else.

It is very cool & pleasant here. Tomorrow we go touring to Kadoli.

M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Ldford, and Miss and he, is a good old Brown are pleasant & agreeable Scotch Presbyterian, but to live with, & I think we, my Mother died before will be a happy family. I was two years old, & by I have been learning the her request I was adopted Marathi Alphabet, and my by my aunt in Dundee, Pundit gives me great Scotland, my father being encouragement. agreeable.

I think I was wronged, Dear Dr Brown, When I in being kept in ignorance was in Scotland, I found of many things which I that although I had been discovered while in Scotland, raised by an Uncle & Aunt, but perhaps it was best, my own Father is living. I would like you to His house is in Loches, Scotland. paper which I filled out,

in making application to  
the Board, and put, father  
living. I learned that it  
was my father's father that  
was killed, not my father.  
I am so glad that I was  
guided by God to go to  
Scotland, for my Uncle's  
death has I think softened  
the hearts of some of my  
relatives.

I think if it were possible,  
I am praying more earnestly  
than ever, that our Lord  
will grant me a long  
useful life, among the  
sick & suffering people.  
Sincerely yours  
in the Master's Work  
Allen G. M<sup>c</sup>Lusk.

Mahabeshwar India

21 April 1876

Dear Dr. Brown:

The writing of the bi-monthly letter of Ratnagiri Station is this time assigned to me.

Miss Minor and Miss Jefferson have remained in the station this Season and have made visits to some of the near villoges and out-lying wards of the town as well as frequently to houses in town. They were visited for a few days by Rev. H. J. Bruce of Satara, and for several weeks by his daughter Miss Hattie L. Bruce, both being missionaries under the American Board of Commissioners. Mr. Graham and Mr. Seiler have been at Ratnagiri for the past ten days to attend to the transfer of the Mission property at Ratnagiri into the corporate name of the Board. These brethren have all assisted in the religious services, as Miss Bruce has too in the visiting work.

The schools are going on as usual. The services in the Church are under the charge of the elders temporarily, with Elder Samuel Peter

usually for the preacher. I understand that his preaching shows the stimulus of a special responsibility. He preaches as usual about the highways of the town and vicinity. The fruits of it all will come in God's time.

Balavantarava, the other one of the Indian preachers, is attending the Theological Class. His wife was released from the Insane Asylum at Ratnagiri in February as <sup>cured</sup> ~~well~~, but a relapse came on afterward. She is with her husband at Panhala and, I hope, will soon be well again.

The quarterly collection for the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee was taken in March and was above the proportional amount expected from that Church notwithstanding the absence of most of the larger contributors.

With Mr. and Miss Druin and Mrs. Hannum and our two children, I left Ratnagiri in the end of February, Mrs. Hannum having recovered enough strength to travel safely. We went in pony-carts ("tongas") over the Sahyadri Mountains to Kolhapur where we rested two days. By arrangement of the friends in Kolhapur an easy carriage with fast horses in frequent relays was secured from the

Maharaja for Mrs. Hannum's conveyance from Amba Ghata, the summit of the mountain-pass, to Kolhapur, a distance of forty miles.

Mr. Irwin left us on the road and turned off to Panhala to assume, together with Mr. Seiler, the care of the Theological Class, under the direction of the Presbytery of Kolhapur. The class is larger than usual and is going on successfully, though suffering some interruption from the temporary absences of both teachers. The necessity of Mr. Irwin's special attention to new personal arrangements is of course explained by the announcement of his approaching marriage of Miss M. Intosh of Panhala Station. We of Ratnagiri gladly anticipate this pleasant addition to our Station.

From Kolhapur Miss Irwin accompanied us to Mahaleshwar. Here Mrs. Hannum has ~~been~~ gradually regained something like her former strength, though she cannot be counted well till further treatment is received from the physician at Ratnagiri about the first of June. She is relieved of care here by Miss Patton's kindness in managing the house. Mr. Simonson came up shortly after us. Lately

Mr. Wilson from Kolhapur, and Miss Dha f-  
 and Miss Ferguson, two of our workers of the  
 ...ana Bible and Medical Mission at  
 'Ratnagiri', have come. A temporary "wattle  
 and daub" cottage has been erected for these  
 two ladies on the grounds of Mount Douglas,  
 by means of the holiday allowance granted  
 by their Mission. The other two ladies of that  
 Mission stationed at Ratnagiri, Miss Unsworth  
 and Miss Green, have gone for a change to  
 Darjeeling in the Himalaya Mountains to  
 visit their friends Miss Orlebar and Mrs.  
 Constantine, and we hear that they are greatly  
 enjoying the cold climate and other advantages  
 of that place. We too are enjoying the  
 comparative cool of this sanitarium, Mount  
 Douglas. We gratefully bear in mind the  
 Board's liberality in providing this excellent  
 home. As regards breeze, shade, view and general  
 convenience it is among the best house here.  
 Not the least advantage of a stay here is the  
 meeting of many Christian friends, especially  
 the American Congregationalists and the Scotch  
 Presbyterians. We enjoy the English services  
 — with really good sermons — at the English

Church here.

With the united hearty regards and  
prayers of Ratnagiri Station for you and  
for the Board, I remain

Sincerely Yours,

William H. Hannum.

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Ratnagiri, India.  
Apr. 23, 1896

Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D., Secretary,  
156 Fifth-Avenue, N.Y., U.S.A.

My dear Dr. Brown:-

Answers  
to questions  
of Board  
of Missions  
of the  
Church

You will doubtless be  
advised by an official, <sup>letter</sup> from our Secretary  
that the Mission by a formal vote has answered  
some (Nos. 1, 2 & 4) of the questions on which  
the Board in its action of the 17th Feby last,  
asked the judgment of the Mission. The fact  
that no answers are yet given to the other ques-  
tions (Nos. 3 & 5) might naturally lead you  
to suppose that the judgment of the Mission on  
these two questions was doubtful or seriously  
divided. This would be an error, and to  
keep you from entertaining such a mistaken  
view I must first to say a few words in ex-  
planation.

The answer proposed to question No. 3 & sub-  
mitted to all the members of the Mission for  
their vote, was, "Isampur, or some neigh-  
boring place". Opposed to this answer there  
was but one vote. The answer proposed to  
question No 5; was "No." Opposed to this

answer there were only two votes; the same member voting in opposition as before, & being joined by his wife. The same member voted in opposition to ~~all~~ the answers proposed to all the questions except No. 1. So you see that the questions Nos. 3 & 5 received the same support as the other questions that were declared "carried."

Why then were they not declared "carried" also? Because our Constitution, as you can see from the Minutes of our last Annual Meeting, gives any member the right to call for a second circulation of any question brought before the Mission by Circular. This one member has called for a second circulation of the answers proposed to the questions, Nos. 3 & 5. I think it is due to you & due to the Mission, that you should be kept from receiving the impression that the Mission are in doubt about these questions, and want time for further consideration - hence this explanation.

I do hope that you will grant the appropriations asked for Sangli for additions to the School rooms & dormitories of the Christian Bays Boarding School, as soon as you receive

official notice of the action of the Trustee on your question <sup>in</sup> relation to the consolidation of Sangli & Miraj. Although it is right that you should wait for that action, still you have a virtual answer, to this question in an action which has been taken as follows:

"Moved that in view of the urgency of our needs we respectfully request the Board not to defer action on the estimates relating to property sent in with the minutes of our last Annual Meeting but to consider them at once giving due respect to the order of preference indicated."

The vote on this motion would have been unanimous, ~~except~~ for had not the one member who voted in opposition on the other questions before us at the same time voted against this also. The need of the additions asked for School house & dormitory is so great, that the Trustee has been asking for ~~them~~ for years, and for the last three years at least, have given this object the first place in the order of preferences. In order that you <sup>may</sup> see the urgency for this appropriation may I ask you to please read again, what I say about about the matter in my report of the Boarding School presented at the last

Annual Meeting. If these considerations then presented do not have the desired effect & secure the appropriations asked, I feel that it would be useless to say anything further, especially as the Mission has now again, sanctioned & emphasized this object as having special claim to the support of the Board, by passing the motion referred to.

*Second*  
*Bungalow*  
*Sangli* The need of a second bungalow at Sangli will be apparent if only you will consider a few facts. (1) There are more native Christians, & more Christian families at Sangli, belonging to the place than at any other station. (2) There is no other field where the people are more accessible, & that possesses better facilities for working in the districts, e.g. one can reach more than 3 times the number of people in a month's touring, than he could in the Ratnagiri field. (3) The Missionary at Sangli has the Boarding School on his hands. I am the Treasurer of the Mission, which gives me a good deal of work, that takes much of my time. I have had the work of the Property Committee on my hands, for the last 3 years, <sup>e.g.</sup> personally seeing to the roofing of Mt. Duples, making all the

calculations for the timbers & iron sheeting &c  
 making the plan of the roof, & superintending the  
 execution of the work, without the assistance  
 of an engineer or other skilled workmen. These  
 things that I have mentioned are in addition  
 to the ordinary work of a superintendent of any  
 of our stations, such as conducting Sabbath  
 & week day services, instructing native help-  
 ers, correcting native catechists, & superintend-  
ing & examining schools &c &c. Surely you  
 can see that another man is needed at the  
 station, but two families cannot live in  
 one house at Sangli more than they can  
 any where else. (4) There is not an other bungal-  
 ow in Sangli to be rented. At Kolhapur  
 & Ratnagiri, bungalows can be rented as  
 many as required at any time, & at Pan-  
 hala there are two superior bungalows.  
 Miraj is in this respect like Sangli.  
 (5) The superintendent has asked for bungalows  
 at Sangli, Miraj & Venugole, but it has  
 given the preference to Sangli & Miraj,  
 and no one I think who will look at  
 the needs & possibilities of the whole field  
 will doubt that it has acted wisely in this

ing so. I must close to catch the  
mail. I hope you will excuse the  
errand book with which I am  
finishing this letter, & not allow the  
carelessness (apparent) with which it  
is finished to detract from consid-  
eration of its contents.

With kind regards

Yours most cordially  
J. P. Green



than one single manuscript  
in addition to our own family's  
that with our present + mother's  
house will become a real museum  
you are well then unless of  
Mr John H. C. Cooper's gift to the  
Mining Station & his deep interest  
in her work. I wrote to see  
if I may be permitted to  
mention the matter of the  
new building under at Mining  
to Mr C. with the hope  
that he will make another gift  
towards them - Mrs C. is  
a man who thoroughly under-  
stands the business principles & I  
feel sure that another of equal  
gift to the work at Mining would  
in no way lessen his regard

subscriptions to the Board's  
general work.

I hope to meet Mr. Converse  
in a few days & I would like  
to have your approval  
before approaching him on  
this subject.

Cordially yours  
W. J. McAuley

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DR. BROWN

Mahabaleshwar

May 8, 1896

Rev. Arthur J. Brown D. D.

Secretary 156 Fifth Ave. N. Y.

June 10

My dear Dr. Brown:-

Target  
Final

The official letter of the Secretary of the Union advising you of the action of the Union giving answers to some of the Board's questions, on which the judgment of the Union was asked, would of necessity show that for some reason the answers to Questions No 5 was deferred. As I intimated in my letter of April 23rd, the natural inference that you would make would be that on this question the Union were more or less in doubt & required further consideration before they could arrive at a final decision. I showed you that this inference though a perfectly natural one would be wholly incorrect for the answer proposed to it, had received exactly the same support as the answers to the other questions that had been communicated to you

The motion in reference to this question  
(concerning the Consolidation of Sargol & Miraj)  
has now been circulated a second time &  
not a vote has been changed. You see  
then, that there was nothing to justify a  
second circulation - it has however em-  
phasized the fact that the Trustees are  
decided in their opinion & practically  
unanimous. Now thus being the case  
I want to ask you to specially call the  
attention of the Board to the action lately  
taken & communicated to you. "Moved -  
That in view of the urgency of our needs we  
respectfully request the Board not to defer ac-  
tion on the estimates relating to property  
dealt with the Minutes of our last Annu-  
al Meeting but to consider them at once  
giving due regard to the order of preference  
indicated." The Board time & again  
have urged us to show the order of pre-  
ference, in our opinion of the buildings  
asked for. For years the Trustees have  
asked for an addition to the School  
rooms & dormitories of the Boys' Boarding  
School, & a bungalow at Sargol. And

for at least 3 successive years they have  
given the first place to the School room  
& dining.

I am here until Monday only to have  
the Auditing Committee examine my  
accounts for the year, and have no  
time to write further now. I write  
this now to catch the mail or  
the last moment to try of you that  
you will not simply pass by this the  
Society's repeated request, especially  
reemphasized at this time (as has been  
done heretofore) for it takes away all  
encouragement to plan for the success-  
ful prosecution of our work. The edu-  
cation of our Christian boys is a branch  
of our work, that has repeatedly put  
forward as not a bit the most im-  
portant part of the work we have to  
do.

I am sorry I have not time  
to write more carefully & fully

With kind regards, I am

In haste

Yours cordially  
J. P. Watson

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American Presbyterian  
Mission, Ratnagiri,  
Bombay Presidency,  
India.

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POST OFFICE

To, Mr. H. Kamm Samuel Peter  
The Board of Foreign Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church  
in the U. S. A.

156 Fifth Avenue  
New York.

Dear Sirs,

I am an Indian  
Christian in connection with the  
Ratnagiri Mission working as a  
Preacher. I regret very much to say  
that I have been working in the <sup>Mission</sup>  
for two years and have found that  
the Christian Community at Ratnagiri  
is not increasing, on the contrary  
decreasing. What must be the reason  
of it? The real causes of it are the  
distinctions, classifications, partiali-  
ties, jealousy etc. shown by your

Cammal  
"ignoring"

American Agents at Ratanagiri to the  
Indian Christians.

I always experience  
in Ratanagiri Congregation quarrels,  
disputes, jealousy, classification,  
separation from each other etc.

As many as are Baptized  
here none of them speaks good about  
Mr. Hannum etc. I mention their names  
here:- Messrs. Sadashive Pednayker,  
Mallappa Chalkay, H. K. Paul,  
Mrs. Paul, Mrs. John, Mr. J. P. John,  
Abdul Masih, etc. If you really want  
to know whether I am right or not  
in saying so, you are at liberty to ask  
the above named persons. If it be  
so, ask your American Agents at  
Ratanagiri their proper addresses.

I may mention that  
during the absence of Mr. Hannum  
our Church is well attended by the  
Christians as well as the heathens.

I always request the heathens to come  
to our church but they say that  
"we do not like to come to your  
church as Mr. Hannum is always  
of hot temper." No doubt they  
must have seen Mr. Hannum

slapping to the heathen boys, in our  
Sunday School. Mr. Hamman does  
so.

I speak the truth that a  
missionary like Mr. Seiler is badly  
needed here. His work is best  
remembered here. Many are ready  
here to be Baptized but an account  
of Mr. Hamman they don't like even  
to come to the Church.

Mr. Hamman is well  
noted at Ratnaji for riding on  
his bicycle. Our usual Sunday  
collection at our Church is about  
nine or ten annas. It is quite  
impossible for our congregation at  
Ratnaji to send such a large  
sum of one hundred Rupees to  
Mr. Miles of Bogota.

There are at Ratnaji seven  
American missionary ladies, but  
I regret very much to say that every  
day morning and evening I see them  
going for walk in their carriages.  
Christ has never done so.

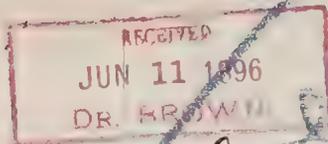
Should Mr. Hamman be  
transferred from here to elsewhere

you will hear of much fruit at  
Ratnagiri in no time.

As I have written the  
true account of the Ratnagiri  
Mission, your American Agents  
will hate me and one day or  
other will dismiss me, so I will  
soon resign myself. (Luke 12:14, 5.)

Yours in Christ,

Samuel Peter



Mahabaleshwar India 8 May 1896

Dear Dr. Brown:

In using lately the Year-Book of Prayer published by the Women's Foreign Missionary Societies, we who are at present together at Mount Douglas thought that some little changes should be made in the Western India Mission's portion of the book.

First, as to pronunciation.

KOLHÁPÚRA	KŌL HÄ POŌR
RATNĀGIRĪ	RŪT NÄ GĪ RĒE
PANHĀLĀ	PŪN HÄR LÄ
SĀNGALĪ	SĀNG GŪ LĒE
MIRAJA	MĪ RŪDZ

These are the names of the Stations in the order of their establishment. The first column shows the spelling by the scientific, or "Hunterian" method. If you will refer to the table in the appendix of Monier Williams's little book on Hinduism, or some like work, you can find from this first column a fairly accurate pronunciation for each name. (The accent ' and the long line - both

alike denote a long sound.) My second column gives approximate pronunciation by the common English discritical marks. The Marāthi has no accent, but puts stress alike on all syllables.

Next, the names of persons should be spelled correctly. It should be Seiler for "Teiler"; Shivaram for "Shivaran" and Moorhead for "Moorehead".

*list of*  
*missionaries* Further, the question as to who should be included in this list of missionaries is worthy of attention. Messrs. Wilder and Moorhead are mentioned as if they were members of the "Western India Mission". We only wish that they were, but until the Board officially designates them thus, only confusion and injustice will result from the printing their names in the Mission's roll. It was a worse error of the same kind to place Mr. and Mrs. Wilder's names in the roll of Kolhapur Station in the April number of the Church at Home and Abroad. I wish that the Board would bring the facts up with that record. Otherwise the record should be kept down to the facts.

I have made these suggestions at the instance of the brethren here, and hope that they may be found practical.

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Another thought is that the year-book would be more useful if so enlarged as to take in all the principal evangelical foreign missionary societies of the United States. The missionary friends for whom we ought to pray are not limited to our own Board. Perhaps the January Conference of Boards could prepare such a broad prayer-list.

Yours Sincerely,  
William H. Hannum.

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W. H. Hannum

Mahablihar India

8 May 1896

Rev. H. J. Brown, D.D., Secretary  
New York

Dear Brother:

With reference to the questions numbered 3 and 5 that, in my letter of 20th ult., I told you were still under consideration, I beg to transmit to you herewith a copy of the sections of a motion giving answers to those questions

Respectfully Yours,  
William H. Hannum

Secy, Am. Presb. Mission in W. I.

Copy

Moved: That the questions on which the judgment of the Western India Mission is requested by the Board in its action of Feb. 17th 1896 be answered as follows:

No. 3 If both the preceding questions are answered in the negative, what other places does the Mission recommend for the location of the Station? Answer, Islampur or some neighboring place.

No. 5 Is it practicable and wise to consolidate Miraj and Sangli Stations? Answer, No.

The above answers were declared carried 5th May 1896.

Attest, William B. Hannum,  
Secretary.

J. M. Gorman

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P.D. Will you please  
ack Mr. Coyle  
to let me know  
what date he  
shipped my box  
to you N.Y. and  
charge - J.M.G.  
J.M.G.

Rock Spring, Pa.

May 9th 1896

A. J. Brown, D.D.  
Secretary.

My dear Dr. Brown:

Your letter  
was rec<sup>d</sup> just as I left Tyrone  
yesterday A.M. Mrs. Cohen &  
the two youngest children went  
on to Wooster. Dick & I came to  
Rock Spring to see father, who  
had been very ill, but I am  
thankful to find him able to  
be up. We go on Monday eve.  
D.V. to Wooster. I had the best  
night's sleep last night. I have  
had for months. & feel encouraged.  
I was sorry not to see you again

before leaving the rooms Wednesday  
but my head was so bad and  
we were both so weary we  
hastened back to Brooklyn. We  
left at 8 P.M. & had a very com-  
fortable journey to Syracuse. Saw Dr.  
& Mrs. Wankles at the station at  
Phila. - How will they both look!  
Dr. wants me very much to go  
with him to the Assembly. I  
promised him I would, if  
I felt able. If I get on as  
well as I have the past two  
days I think I may be able  
to go, even though I may not  
be able to attend all the  
sessions of the Assembly.

Praying that everything may  
be in accordance with the di-  
vine will.

I remain

Yours sincerely,

J. M. Lybourn.

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R. S. Sumner

Mahableshwar India  
11 May 1896  
Dear Dr. Brown:

Question  
consolidate  
larger  
thing

Allow me a word

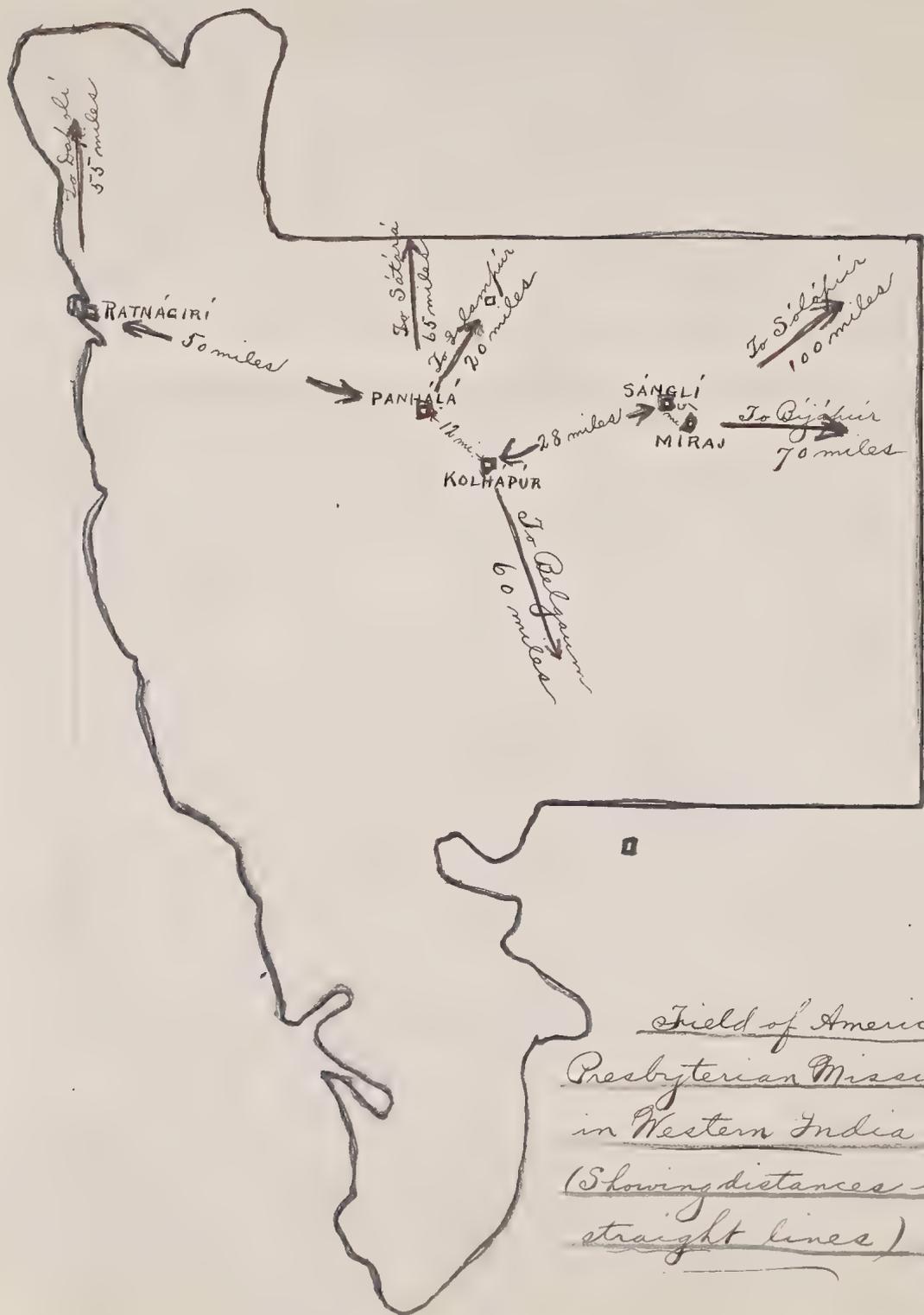
concerning the Mission's negative reply to the Board's late Question No. 5 on the consolidation of Muraj and Sangli Stations. The vote in favor of consolidation was small - I think not more than four. I am surprised at this, for I have heard no adequate reply to the thought that no two stations should ever be maintained at a distance of only five miles with no physical barrier between. The chief reasons for the negative answer of the Mission seem to be (1) a habitual dislike of change and (2) a fear of injuring the feelings of two or three members identified with those Stations. As to the value of such considerations the Board may judge.

Enclosed is a sketch map traced from a school map issued by Government. I have marked the Mission's boundaries as it has to be generally understood. It is

adopted at the next Annual Meeting, as a Committee is now considering that subject. Perhaps a practical way to view the boundaries will be to observe the distances to surrounding stations of other Protestant societies, as I have indicated on the map. The great point to notice is that in our large field, four of our five stations are closely grouped in a small area in the northern central part. This cannot be defended on the ground of uneven distribution of population nor on any other substantial ground so far as I know. I think that you will join me in deprecating this arrangement of forces. The main question then is, What is the Board going to do to remedy this arrangement? And the immediate question is, What is the Board going to do with the present proposition to remedy the worst feature of this unfortunate arrangement?

This question is momentous for the future of the Mission. I pray that the Board may be guided to the right decision

Yours Cordially, William H. Hannan



Field of American  
Presbyterian Mission  
in Western India  
(Showing distances in  
straight lines)

Going to the hills

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Paulela 14-5-'96

Edgar M. Wilson

Dear Doctor Brown,

The news from Kolhapur station may be summarized in a sentence viz. - "As the hot season advanced, one by one we started for the hills where we all are at present." Mr. and Mrs. Seiler, Mrs. Ferris and their children are at Paulela where Mr. Seiler and Mr. Drown have been teaching the theological class. Mr. and Miss Wilder, Miss Pattow and I are at Mahableswar. The above is our location for the hot season, though just at present nearly all the Mission is gathered at Paulela for the wedding.

The schools are all closed for the usual vacation.

Sincerely

Edgar M. Wilson.

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Dr. ...

Panola India

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May 18-1896.

Dear Dr. Brown.

A. B. Seaford

I write in reference  
to the Motion you have perhaps in  
regard to Slampur Land.

The Mission has wisely decided I think  
that the \$2000 should be continued  
over in the Panola appropriation  
for this fiscal year.

The appropriation was granted so near  
the close of the Mission year that it  
would have been almost impossible  
to invest it wisely in land in the  
said place.

It should be remembered that it is a

long and difficult process to  
negotiate for & buy mission property  
in India, or any other field where the  
views are unfavorable to the cause.

Besides it ~~is~~ is inconvenient very  
inconvenient for the Property been & drop  
everything to attend to the purchasing of  
land in a distant place.

I do hope however the Board will  
kindly allow the amount to go over  
thus enabling us to permanently extend  
our work in a very speedy & large  
field.

Now Dr. Brown as I am just starting  
to see of our outstations I trust you  
will excuse this hasty letter

Yours truly L. B. Geiford



Panhala, India  
 May 18th. 1896

Dr. Arthur J. Brown,  
 New York.

Jennie K. Terman

My Dear Dr. Brown:

Your kind letter reached me some time ago and one for Miss Brown came today. Miss Brown requests me to tell you that she is permanently associated with the Panhala station. She & I have been associated together by the mission with a view to touring work for at least a part of the year. We have already realized some of the advantages of being a pair. This made it possible for us to remain down in Kodoli after the Pedfords were obliged to come to Panhala this hot season & it enables us to spend the rains in Kodoli probably without the company of the Pedfords who are liable to go to Miraj to assist in the work there for the next four months. During the rains we will be entirely cut off from other stations most of the time as the streams will all rise & the country roads become impassable. A man on

Permanently  
 located  
 at  
 Panhala

Kodoli

foot will bring bread + mail from Kolhapur (15 miles away) twice each week. Our native doctor at Kodoli left us in February + we are trying to get another one but may not be successful. Kodoli is often visited by cholera in the rainy season so it seems very important to have medical advice both for the native people + for ourselves. Our nearest white doctor will be in Kolhapur. We had hoped this year to all go to Kodoli + have Miss McDulosh with us but she became Mrs. Irwin on May 14th. + goes with her husband to Ratnagiri.

Miss DuL  
Dulosh  
married

Miss Brown + I have spent part of our hot season in study. I do not feel that I lost much of it in my year at home but, like every other language, one can go on learning it indefinitely. One important event in this season's work was the examination of the Woman's Bible class. Some four years ago the ladies of our mission decided to lay out a four years' course of study for our native women. This course consists of the first twelve books of the Old Testament + Luke + Acts in the New. Five of our women

Examination  
Woman's  
Bible Class

have passed the four years' course & four of this number are Bible Women. One of the most devoted of these was devoted or married to a god when she was a child. She was literally "turned from darkness to light" when she turned to Christ.

(We have had about 70 native Christians on our compound this season including the families of the members of the theological class & orphan school children. There has been a good deal of sickness among them from ophthalmia, fever & influenza so that the season has not been altogether a restful one. This question of doctoring our people is becoming a puzzling one. They are so willing that we should do for them & are so helpless about themselves especially in time of sickness. We do not want to pamper them & yet it is hard to refuse help in time of sickness. In Skodoli, after our doctor left, we were constantly besieged for medicine. Theoretically I do not believe in one who is not a doctor carrying on medical work but practically I cannot see a man lying burning up with fever & refuse to give him medicine.

when I know he cannot get to a dispensary  
9 miles away + I know also that the giving  
of the medicine will gain ~~the~~ friendship of  
him + his friends. One of my school girls  
one day said to me - My father used to forbid  
me coming to school but since you gave him  
the medicine for fever, he tells me to go!  
I cannot but feel - the longer I remain in  
India ~~that~~ our preaching is not done so  
much in words as in "going about doing  
good" as our Master did.

I am glad to report all the members of  
Panhala station in good health.

Yours Sincerely,  
Jennie C. Sherman.

Address  
Kolhapur  
S. M. C. - India

*Requests bungalow at Sangli*

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JUN 1890  
DR. BROWN

Sangli, India. May 18th, 1890.

To the Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D. D., Secretary,  
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, U. S. A.

*J. T. Graham*

My dear Dr. Brown:-

The need of a second bungalow at Sangli has long been recognized by the Mission, and they have repeatedly asked for an appropriation for this object for many years. As the request has not been granted: and, more than this, the matter has received no special attention from the Board so far as the correspondence shows, I wish to bring to your notice briefly some of the reasons why this matter has a particular claim to your careful consideration.

*Argued that other stations have more than we do. They were better than we are. But then when they are out for the same purpose...*

1. Mrs. Graham and I are alone at Sangli. Kolhapur has three missionaries (two of them married men) and four single women. Ratnagiri has two missionaries (both married men) and three single women under our own Board; besides four single women sent out by the Zenana and Medical Mission, who are associated with our missionaries at that station. Panhala has a married man and two single women. Miraj has a married man and a single man.

2. Sangli has but one mission bungalow. Kolhapur has three mission bungalows and can rent others whenever needed. Ratnagiri has one mission bungalow, but three rented ones and others are available if required. Panhala has three mission bungalows. Miraj has one mission bungalow: a bungalow was rented there, when there was a call for it: the hospital would furnish good accommodation for missionaries, either married or single. Sangli has but the one bungalow, and under no circum-

stances is another available here.

3. There is not a station in the Mission that furnishes better facilities, or presents more opportunities for mission work; and this is true both in respect to the city of Sanli itself and the thickly settled country about it. Besides the ordinary work that is carried on at all our stations, we have the Christian Boys' Boarding School to care for. You will bring to mind perhaps that the Christian Girls' Boarding School at Kolhapur, with 25 % less attendance, requires the whole time of two of our ladies. Since my return from the U. S. A. the last time, stress of work had prevented me from itinerating in the cold season, but this year I determined I would go on a "preaching tour" if other work had to stand. I did so: in 58 days walking over 300 miles and visiting some 100 towns and villages. Mrs. Graham did not accompany me, but in February and March, accompanied by a Bible Woman, she visited and held services in 185 houses in Sanli, meeting more than 3350 women in their homes. I wrote Mr. Dulles from Camp while on this tour. In reply he wrote me that the Board were "most decidedly impatient" in reference to the transfer of the property in our Mission to the Board in its corporate name, and "from the Board" urged me to press the matter through. I refer to this itineration and house visitation here only to show you the possibilities for work the field presents, I might have continued my tour for 365 days without getting over the field. Three men and as many women would have enough to do. I refer to Mr. Dulles letter as it is the occasion of my writing the next paragraph.

4. I trust you will pardon some considerations of a personal nature which I present as reasons for a second bungalow at this station. I

have had more extra SECULAR work put on me during the past few years, than any other missionary ( or all the other missionaries together ) in the Mission. Let me give you a few specifications as examples. (1) When the purchase of a sanitarium at Mahableshwar was under consideration, I wrote every line of the correspondence, with the Board, the former owners of the property, and the officials of Government from the beginning to the end of the negotiations. (2) After the purchase the building underwent extensive changes and repairs. Walls had to be taken down and rebuilt, twenty five hundred square feet of ceiling had to be put up and fifty five hundred square feet of roof had to be put on. I personally superintended the work without even a trained native workman under me to oversee it. What that means you may understand when I tell you that I calculated the dimensions of every piece of timber in the roof and ceiling before it was purchased so that there was absolutely no waste, I also drew the plans showing the position of all the timbers in the roof of eight sloping sides and superintended putting them in place. (3) I am the Mission Treasurer. With our system of accounts it is necessary to keep a journal, an individual ledger, a general ledger, a book of periodic statements to the Treasurer of the Board and a book of appropriations and disbursements. I have no book-keeper to keep these books but have to do the work myself. I have a great many calculations to make in order to find the equivalents in local currency of salaries, freights, insurances, duties, deposits here to be paid in New York, money orders from New York to be paid here &c, I have no clerk to make these calculations for me but have to make them myself. It is necessary for me to

carry on an extensive correspondence with Mr. Dulles, our Bombay Agents, our Bankers, the Station Treasurers and the individual missionaries. I have no type-writer to write these letters for me; I have it to do myself as well as to take the copies it is necessary for me to keep on file.

(4) The Board has put on me alone the responsibility of seeing to the transfer of property to the Board in its corporate name in our Mission.

*No*  
 You are urging me to make haste. You can see no reason why the work ~~cannot be done up in short order.~~ That is because you are in the U. S., and not in India. Let me give you a little of my experience. The Power of Attorney you sent me must be stamped before it can be used. It has to be stamped in the Kingdom of Kolhapur: it has to be stamped in the States of Sangli and Miraj; and it has to be stamped in Bombay by the British Government. I took it to the Prime Minister of the King of Kolhapur to have it stamped. He said I must send it to him with an official letter. I wrote the official letter and requested him to kindly return the Power with the certificate that the duty had been paid the next day. I got it back after twenty days. I went to Ratnagiri to have the property there transferred. The Registrar said he did not know about recording a Deed like that in which there was no substantial money consideration given for the property. Besides he did not know the value of the stamped paper such a document ought to be written on. The "Collector" to whom ~~the~~ deed then had to be sent for adjudication was out in the districts in camp, still the deed had to go to him. When it came back the "Mamlatdar" who has charge of the Government survey records did not see any need of transferring the property. "If" said he

" it is in the name of the Mission, that is enough." I was away from home on this business at Ratnagiri just three weeks to a day. I had the deeds made out, adjudicated, stamped, handed to the Registrar to be recorded, the relinquishment of the parties in whose name the property had stood and the agreement on behalf of the Board to pay all dues, taxes &c signed, stamped and presented. All was done in due form, now after 24 days the deeds have not yet been returned and I have not yet been officially informed that the transfer has been made. It will all come out right in due time, but one must learn to patiently wait for the end. I sent the money for a new lease for the Mahableshwar Sanitarium to the Collector of Satara, asking leave to transfer the property to the Board, as one of the conditions on which the lease is granted is that no transfer of the property be made without his written permission. As I did not hear from him for two weeks and in the mean time the money was returned to me I went to see him. He said he was sorry to say that the money had been returned to me through a mistake in his office &c &c, and so it goes continually.

Now in view of what I have written in great haste, for I am off to mahableshwar for a day or two at the call of the Collector of Satara, who has promised to put the transfer of Mount Douglas through rapidly if I will come now, do you not yourself think there is a pressing need of another man at this Station? But if we are to have a new man we must also have a bungalow for him to live in. Even if the grants for the coming year have been made Mr. Dulles can tell you that we have saved enough in our Mission this last year to build a bungalow. And it does

seem to me that we are entitled to the benefit of what we have saved.

Excuse haste. My train leaves in a short time and I am three miles from the Station,

With kind regards, very cordially yours,

*J. P. Graham*

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Rs. 900 continued in  
Panhala Appropriation

Mahaleshwar, India

25 May 1896

Rev. A. J. Brown, D.D., Secretary  
New York.

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Dear Brother,

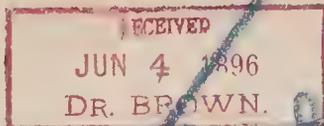
Permit me to present to the Board through you the following request of the Mission:

"As it is probable that the Rs. 900 granted by the Board for land at Islampur cannot be used for that purpose before the present Mission year closes,

"Moved: That we ask the Board to continue the said amount in the Panhala's appropriations for the coming year."

The Motion was declared passed on 18th April. It would have been transmitted earlier, but I have just now obtained a copy.

Yours Respectfully,  
William H. Hannum.



1607 Vine St — 39

Philadelphia June 30<sup>th</sup> 96  
Dr. Converse  
Dr. Wanless  
Bungarion

My dear Doctor Brown

Your of yesterday is at hand. I think you have misunderstood the purpose of my letter regarding Mr. Converse. The estimate in connection with the Miraj Hospital is only \$300 for a house for a native physician. This I do not feel to be urgently needed though it is needed for the proper carrying on of the hospital work.

It is the bungalow for another mission that I am especially desirous of securing & need for a preaching chapel in the town is also urgently needed. Neither of these are necessary in connection with the hospital but they are very necessary in order to the effectual evangelization of our city & district.

We ourselves have been living in a house built for one family - the smallest house in our mission permanently occupied by missionaries & families, excepting the

house at the substation Kodoli now occupied  
by two single ladies

But station is certainly not sufficiently  
managed with the present force of Missionaries  
& we cannot add to the number until  
we provide additional dwelling accom-  
modations.

You will notice the place to which the  
Mission give the Bangalore in the  
estimate indicating that it is regarded  
as urgent by the Mission.

Mr Converse has this far provided  
all the mission buildings at  
Muraj & it occurred to me that this  
fact might induce him to provide  
the additional house asked for

May I not solicit a gift for the Bangalore?  
The early reply is desired. Cordially yours  
W. H. Traub

To the Rev. J. Brown D.D.  
156 5th Ave  
New York

London

(Sept 18)

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Graham

Extract from letter of Rev. J. P. Graham, Sangli, <sup>India,</sup> June 19th, 95

By the way I see that in the appropriations for 1895-1896, you have cut down the grant to Sangli for "Stationery, postage &c to Rs. 20. Last year the allowance was Rs. 50 and by referring to my statement you will see that that was the amount charged, but the actual amount expended was more than double that amount. My correspondence as Mission Treasurer, making it necessary for me to write frequently to every member of the mission, to the station treasurers, to our Bankers and to our Bombay agents, involves considerable expense. When remittances are made in Government currency notes registration of the letters in which they are enclosed is a precaution which it would be culpable to neglect but that too involves considerable expense. The extra work put on me in connection with repairs on Mount Douglas (for the materials had to be collected from different firms in different places); the effort-fruitless so far-to get property forms filled out; the securing of legal advice and proper forms from our lawyers and many more minor matters; also gave me extra correspondence that made additional expense. No separate allowance for this expenditure or for Treasurer's books or for forms was asked. Everything went in under the head of "Stationery, postage &c." for Sangli. I And I assure you there was no mistake in asking for Rs.100 this year, though perhaps it was a mistake for me not to explain the matter before.

and state in your letter that all charges have been settled up to the close of the quarter.

*not answered*

The first year it was a rule in the Homes that if a child was away for any time a deduction of \$ 3.00 <sup>a week</sup> would be made. I have heard that ~~the~~ this rule is no longer in operation. If this is the case, I should think the parents of the children would be notified. I have received no such notification from the Managers of the Homes of any officer of the Board. It does not seem to me right that I should pay \$ 150.00 a year for each of my children, and then if they are absent say for several months ( as I wish them to be in vacations ) no refund should be made on that account. Please let me know if such is the case ?

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

*J. P. Graham*

*Ans. R*  
*except paragraph on*  
*page 5*

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*Graham*

Sangli, India. June 21st, 1895.

To Mr. William Dulles Jr., Treasurer,

JUL 25 1895

INSURANCE OFFICE

53 Fifth Avenue, New York, U. S. A.

(Sept 21)  
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My Dear Mr. Dulles:

As promised in my letter of yesterday I will now reply to your letter of April 19th, which enclosed your statement of the same date showing all payments to the Wooster Homes on account of our children up to the 31st of March. In reference to the items in this statement you write as follows, " Some of the payments were made to Mrs. Frick I have made upon receiving from her a statement, and the statements I have sent to you. I cannot tell now what these payments were, nor had I any means of knowing when accounts came here that they were correct or not. The accounts were presented here and I paid them. and made the charges out to you, sending to you the vouchers." I think your memory is at fault in saying that you sent out to me the vouchers for these charges. A few quotations from your letters will plainly show this. In reference to the first charge in your statement viz.,

" June 4 Cash paid Mrs. Frick - - - - - \$ 111.55 " , you wrote in your letter of June 5th, " I have received from Mrs. Frick, Treasurer of the Home at Wooster, Ohio, an account which is as follows:- ' Due homes from Graham's - - - - One Hundred & Eleven Dollars & Fifty Five Cents.' Mrs. Frick does not state why this amount is due her as Treasurer, nor do I know anything about the account, but I have sent a check to her for the amount and have charged it out to you through the Mission account. - - - - - Why there should be a separate charge against your

children I do not understand, - - - - - It may be that you do not know what this amount was for and will be surprised at receiving the charge." Again in reference to the second charge in your statement viz., " June 10 Cash paid Mrs. Frick for Caroline - - - - \$ 47.19 ", you wrote in your letter of July 11th, " The amount \$ 47.19 I have paid to her and charged it out to you through the Mission account. I do not know for what this was expended, but presume that it was all right." In reply to this letter I wrote you on August 15th, " I am glad you paid the bill for \$ 47.19 as well as the bill for \$ 111.55 which you sent out the month before, but it would be a satisfaction to know what the bills are for or at least to know the dates up to which the accounts are settled by the payment of the bills; especially as the amounts are over and above the allowances received from you." You certainly did not send me the vouchers and under the circumstances you were excusable for not doing so for it is very plain that you did not have them yourself.

On October 31st you sent me two statements; one of expences incurred at the homes, and the other of payments by yourself to the homes on account of those expences, and with these statements was a letter of explanation. As I wrote you in my letter of Jan'y 1st, I did not think that your explanation of the charges was correct, and I thought that a bill of \$ 30.98 which you had paid had not been charged out to me at all, or at least that I inferred that such might be the case from a letter I had received from Mr. Leyenberger enclosing a bill on account of Fred. I cannot say anything more in reference to this matter that will throw additional light on the subject beyond what I wrote in my letter of January 1st. Perhaps I was wrong in the inference I made, and if so then

the statement contained in your letter of April 19th is correct so far as  
 as I know and if there is an error I have no cause of complaint for it  
 is in my favor. The statement is also satisfactory except that it does  
 not indicate the date up to which Caroline's board is paid. In the case  
 of the other four children this is plainly shown, but not in her case.  
 In your letter of October 31st you say in reference to the statement you  
 sent out then, " This settles this account and all board bills and extra  
 expences have been paid up to October 1st of this year." But on November  
 16th you wrote, " On the 30th of October charge was sent out to you for  
 the board of your daughter Caroline in the Wooster Home to November 1st."

I do not see why these bills cannot be paid and the account settled  
 at regular stated times. It would secure accuracy and obviate the nec-  
 essity of repeatedly going back to the beginning. In your statement th  
 there is one payment in June, one in July, five payments in ~~July~~ October,  
 one in January and one in March. Why could not the account for each  
 quarter be settled at the end of the quarter so there would be no occa-  
 sion to go back at any time beyond the beginning of the current quarter  
 unless it were to correct an error ? This is June 1895 and your state-  
 ment contains charges for the board of the children only up to the month  
 of October 1894: i. e. their board account is eight months in arrears.  
 Why should this be the case ? When I have to pay a thing, I like to  
 pay it and be done with it.

I deducted your charge of \$ 81.25 in January's Disbursements, be-  
 cause it was entered " Children's allowance to January '95 " whereas I  
 see now from your statement it should have been " Children's allowance  
 for the quarter beginning Jan. 1st, 1895." Fred's board from Oct. 9th

to Oct. 31st would be \$ 9.17. The board of the five children from Nov. 1st to Mar. 31st would be \$ 312.50. These items aggregate \$ 402.92. I send you a Money Order payable to yourself for this amount. This will settle the account so far as I know for every thing up to the close of the quarter ending Mar. 31st, 1895. If there is any other charge prior to that date, please pay it and send it out to me as soon as you can after the receipt of <sup>this</sup> ~~your~~ letter. You have already charged me with \$ 81.25 in the disbursements for March 1895, being the extra allowance for the quarter ending June 30th. ~~and~~ Send out the charge for the children's board to the end of the quarter, noting please that some of the children will have left the home before the quarter closed. That will settle matters up to June 30th, and after that date we had better have a new arrangement, or at least a new and simple statement of what I would like done.

Hereafter I will draw my children's allowance in the field so all charges against them should be sent out to me. Some of them will not be in the Homes. From July 1st please pay to those in charge of the Homes until further notice from me as follows, viz., For Roscoe and Ralph each \$ 16.67 a month, and for each of the other children that may be there \$ 18.75 a month. These amounts must cover all expenses.

When I wish you to pay any money to any child outside of the Homes or any money beyond what I have specified above for a child in the Homes I will send you a Money Order specifying the amount.

Kindly write me in explanation of any charges made for the quarter ending June 30th, after the last charge in your statement of April 19th, viz., " Mar. 29 Cash paid Mrs. Linn, quarter ending June 30th - \$ 81.25 "

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DR E. W. W.

259 Defferinsh

Toronto June 22/06

H. E. Francis

My dear Doctor Brown

Rev. Suresh Muraj

Your letter

of the 17<sup>th</sup> transmitting the  
 action of the Board with  
 regard to the new bungalow  
 at Muraj & Mr Converse  
 failed to reach me before  
 leaving Philadelphia as I  
 left there on the 15<sup>th</sup> so that  
 it was not possible for  
 me to interview Mr Converse  
 before leaving we were  
 guests at his house for  
 a couple of days before  
 leaving Philadelphia and  
 I would have been glad

plant of \$12,900 was "the best investment"  
he had ever made". This encourages  
me to hope that he will be willing to purchase  
equip the evangelistic arm of our  
station or the gift of another dwelling.

I will of course write you upon  
receipt of Mr. Converse's reply to my letter.

Cordially yours  
W. J. Hulse

of the Board's authority  
to personally solicit the  
gift but I felt that under  
the circumstances it  
would not be wise for  
me to even mention  
the subject to him.

I have however written  
him explaining fully  
the situation at Miraj  
with reference to the new  
house & I feel that if  
it is all possible he  
will aid us.

When we had completed  
the present Miraj building  
& having sent him photo-  
graphs with the amounts  
which the several buildings  
had cost. He replied  
to my letter saying that  
his gift to the Miraj

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To date July 6/96

May has ~~Dr. Brown~~ W. F. Hawkes

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DR. BROWN

Replying to my  
letter Mr Converse has  
subscribed towards the  
second residence at mining  
\$500 payable on or before  
January 1st/97. He also offers  
to make a second donation  
at a later date (or April 30<sup>th</sup>  
97) if we are not able  
to secure the balance  
needed elsewhere. Mr  
Converse does not state the  
amount of the second  
sum which he promises  
to give but knowing him  
intimately as I do, I feel  
safe in saying that it will

be equal to the amount  
\$500 definitely promised

In presenting the case to  
Mr. Converse I stated the  
circumstances & needs of  
the Miraj station with reference  
to a second bungalow & the  
amount estimated by the  
Mission, '\$2,500,' for the building

In view of his quite recent  
& very generous gift to  
the Board for Miraj I had  
not the face to ask him  
out & out for the entire  
sum. I could not, in  
my judgment, wisely  
say to him that the Board  
had authorized me to  
solicit a subscription from  
him alone & hence I merely  
stated the fact that I had  
been authorized to solicit

funds not mentioning  
from whom. I felt that in  
any case I ought not to  
ask him for a definite  
sum but after stating the  
amount required for the  
building I deemed it wisest  
in view of the fact to leave  
the matter with himself.

The above is the result.  
The question now naturally  
arises, How shall we secure  
the balance. I would  
suggest the following, viz. that  
the Board give me permission  
to solicit further subscriptions  
from three or four more personal  
friends in Philadelphia ex-  
cepted with the Prophet  
Creighton Church or from  
the members of that church  
in general. I do not think  
that this would in any way  
interfere with the Church's



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DR. BROWN

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Ratnagiri, India.

June 22, 1896.

Emily J. Irvine

Dear Dr. Brown,

~~hot season~~ Our hot season has now  
passed and we are enjoying the heavy  
Monsoon. As a Station, we look back  
over the last two months with grateful  
heart to our Father in Heaven for His  
countless mercies. To those who went  
away, His care was manifest in  
journeying mercies, as well as blessings  
and privileges unnumbered. To those  
who stayed in Ratnagiri, He gave His  
strength to meet the heat, and carried  
them wondrously through.

Remon  
Station  
members

On June 10<sup>th</sup> our Station was  
reunited, and with the exception of  
Mrs Irwin who will spend the rainy  
season in Miraj, our Members had  
safely returned from Mahabeshwar,  
Panhala and Darjeeling.

Mr. Irvine  
to Mrs

Our Station has also had the  
pleasure of welcoming Mrs Irwin.

& This will be no surprise to the members  
 Mrs. Swin of the Board, as the last Bi-monthly  
 letter stated the intention of Mr. Prwin  
 to marry Miss McIntosh of Panhala  
 Station. Their marriage took place on  
 May 14<sup>th</sup>. The loss to Miraj Hospital  
 is gain to Raturgiri.

Since the return of the members,  
 a Station meeting has been held, and  
 proposed plans for the work during the  
 rainy season were considered. As our  
 Church is at a distance from the Bazar,  
 Mr. Hannum was requested to secure  
 if possible, a room for preaching purposes  
 in some frequented street.

The schools are being carried on  
 as formerly, with one exception. As the  
 children of one school refused to comply  
 with Mission regulations and come to the  
 Church Sunday School, the school  
 decreased in numbers, and it has been  
 considered best to close the school.

During the past two months, visiting  
 in the houses has been carried on  
 regularly. Several new houses have been

opened where we are able to visit and talk with the women. In this work there has been much encouragement, and we feel that the light is beginning to shine into some darkened hearts. One old woman of the goldsmith caste, while ignorant of much Bible truth, believes that Jesus is her Saviour, and finds joy and peace in believing. Miss Bruce of the A. B. C. F. M. during her six weeks stay with us, accompanied us constantly in visiting among the people. She made the interests of our field her interests. The Holy Spirit used her knowledge of the Maráthi language, and enabled her to make the "way of salvation" plain to many people, and we are still visiting in houses opened at that time.

The work is being carried on as before at the Leprosy Hospital. The women have been visited each week and there seems a growing interest in hearing the Gospel story. In Mr. Haunum's absence, the men have also been visited,

The condition of these -lepers is indeed wretched, and we pray that their eyes may soon be opened to see Him, who can give them joy and peace, both here and hereafter.

After the close of the Theological Class at Panhala, Balavantarava with his family returned to Bengwila. In a recent letter, he writes encouragingly of his field of labor, and the way in which the work is opening to him there. There seems little opposition and many come to him to inquire about Christianity.

We see more and more the need of pressing home to our native Christians the importance of self-sufficiency and hope the time is not far distant, when we shall see them taking on themselves the responsibility of some part of the work.

With the united regards of Ratuagiri Station, I remain

Yours in His service,

Emily T. Minor.

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DR. BROWN.

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Kolhapur July 14, 1896.

Dr. A.J. Brown,

150 Fifth Ave., New York,

*J. H. ...*

Dear Brother,

Your official letter of June the twelfth addressed to me, came today. While regretting the fact that no appropriation was made for new property, we nevertheless appreciate the circumstances that made it necessary for the Board to do so. We are glad that the cause of Foreign Missions inspired so much enthusiasm in the late General Assembly. Your stirring address evinces a grasp of the situation as we see it from this end.

The rainy season has been favorable thus far, but, as usual at this time of the year, there is much sickness in the city. Cholera morbus has been prevalent, and many have died. Among other Christians our native pastor, his wife and one child have been ill - the wife very seriously. The superstitious classes, according to their ancestral custom, made daily offerings to appease the "Cholera Mother", "Muriai", and last Thursday her wooden image was taken on a little wooden cart and followed by a large procession to a point beyond the limits of the city and left there. This is usually done about the time that Cholera or cholera morbus begins to abate

This is the time when our work goes on most regularly, and our schools are generally full, because the repairing of houses and preparations for the long rainy season which keep so many busy in the town and in the fields are over, and there is leisure for study and for attendance on preaching services, where often scores crowd in for shelter from rain.

The Sunday School in Kolhapur is full as usual. Last Sunday

*L. J. ...*

*... ..*

I counted 312 teachers and scholars.

At Kini, where the water question is so exciting, the defect in and persecution of Christians has not entirely bound the Word of God. Several there and some at Wathar a mile distant, are enquirers now, I am told. -- Bhiwaji of Wadgaon has procured a house in Bhikar Tasgaon in order to teach and be near the native Christians there.

*In a mission* On the last Sunday of June we celebrated the Lord's Supper in Kolhapur. Some Christians came in from the villages, and many Hindus and Mahommedans witnessed the ordinance. There must have been at least two hundred persons present, and I have seldom seen such an orderly assemblage here. At our preparatory meeting on Saturday, Ranubai, a woman who as a little girl used to attend Mrs. Wilder's school here in the compound over twenty years ago, was examined into the church after baptism, and her two children were baptized. Ranubai is a widow.

There are about 60 students in the High School now - about 10 less than at this time last year. The Vernacular schools are full. While in the villages, on account of the trouble at Kini, it is hardly possible to start a school, in the city we can get more boys than we want.

*66* As to progress in the church, I have nothing special to write. There are the usual encouragements and discouragements, but I can see that the standard of spirituality is higher than it was when I first came to India. So I feel encouraged. Several brethren assist me well in evangelistic services and controversies in front of the church. Some backsliders are seeking entrance into the church or mission fold; we are not sure whether it is because poverty is pinching them, or whether they have worthy motives. Such cases

are nearly always confronting us, and we need wisdom, firmness and charity in dealing with them.

*Nevius Plan* We are giving thought to the Nevius plan, but a great difficulty ty here is that this is a caste-ridden country, and the people of this tropical region are of a different temperament from those of Northern China. But we will do the best that commonsense, mutual ~~counsel and experience in the work with God's help can dictate.~~

On a recent Sunday, at the close of the preaching service, several young men, students of Rajaram College, came up to me and one who seemed to be their spokesman said, "Sir, we wish to speak with you about the existence of God; we are atheists, and wish to know whether you can refute our arguments." I expressed regret that such young persons, who could not yet be well read, and had seen comparatively little of the world, should affect to be atheists, and intimated that their ideas must be borrowed, and that they could not have read up on both sides. Then I went to a quiet corner in the church and talked with them fifteen or twenty minutes. They had hardly anything to say besides putting a few questions. At their request, I appointed an hour for an interview at my house; instead of coming at the appointed time, they came another day, and though I was not very well, I offered to talk with them, but they did not think it well to "trouble" me, and said it would take them at least a half hour to present their objections, so I told them to meet me at our church immediately after service on the following Sunday. I looked for them at the appointed time, but saw none of them.

It <sup>is not</sup> ~~now~~ so grievously disappointing or shocking to me to meet with an atheist in this country as in a nominally Christian country;

because at home, one expects something better of a person who has been trained in a Christian atmosphere, and perhaps by Christian parents. But, here, of the Six Shastras that are the basis of Hinduism, two, the Sankhya and Memansa, deny the existence of God, and four are pantheistic, the favorite of which is the Vedanta. Some Hindus take to the Sankhya others (the great majority) to the Vedanta. As the Vedantist's God is impersonal, we feel that our chance of final success in arguing with an Indian atheist is about as good as when arguing with a Vedantist. But it is plain that when a Hindu throws overboard the Six Shastras and professes to swear by Bradlaugh and Ingersoll, he wishes to have nothing to do with Christ

*Mohammedanism*  
9-2  
*Christianity*  
The English editor of our Bombay Christian weekly - The Dnyodaya, has lately given a good pointer to his Hindu cotemporaries with whom he has to be fencing continually, now-a-days. It is well known that numbers of Hindus throughout India are embracing Mohammedanism, but these conversions seem to take place quietly, and one does not hear of violent opposition and uproar; whereas if a Hindu of any respectable class becomes a Christian, there is a great stir in the Hindu camp, the Vernacular Press raise a hue and cry, and call upon their leaders to gird up their loins and make it harder for persons to become Christians. This difference is easily accounted for. Instinct teaches them that Mohammedanism is an old effete system, that does not affect the thought of the age; an intelligent Hindu feels that he can always keep far above a convert to Mohammedanism. He does not fear that any progressive idea will emanate from the Mohammedan to twinge his conscience or that will bring him up to his level; but Christianity requiring progressiveness in our general enlightenment, and thus stirring up

thought and shaping it all the time towards a peffect ideal, is what he cannot brook.

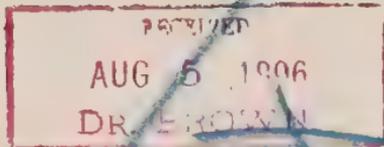
It is quite fashionable now to write about apparent resemblances between the lives of Christ and Buddha, especially since Professor Max Muller's lecture on "Conincidences." The Professor takes it for granted that the New Testament Writers copied from the Buddhist writings or traditions, and says there is a story in the " Pitakas" that resembles the story of Solomon's judgment in the case of the two women and the living child. Does he forget that Solomon lived five hundred years before Buddha, and that he traded with India? Moreover it is said that the earliest extant text of the Buddhist canon is not older than the fifth century after Christ, before which time the Nestorians had carried the gospel toChina, and others into India.

I fear that this letter is already too long so I will bring it to a close. -- Most sincerely yours,

*G. W. Seiler*  
*Sec. Pol. Sta.*

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JAMES H. GRAHAM,  
WARDEN.



CHICAGO, Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1896

*J. L. Wilson*

Dr Arthur J. Brown  
156 Fifth Ave, New York.

My dear Dr. Brown -  
Yours of the 28<sup>th</sup> ult.  
recd. I can't tell you  
what pleasure this appoint-  
ment gives us. God grant  
that we may be faithful  
servants.

Have been attending  
Moody's Bible Institute for  
the past six wks., but  
expect to leave here  
on the 10<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>. If you  
have occasion to ad-  
dress me again this

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month send in care of  
Mr. A. E. Tucker,

Coggon, Iowa.

After Sept 1<sup>st</sup> will be  
at my home in  
Tekamah, Neb.

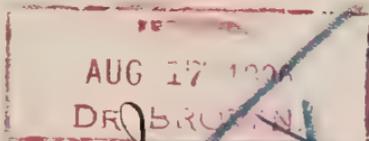
Will correspond shortly  
with Mr. Dulles with  
regard to time of sailing  
etc.

Sincerely Yours  
A. E. Wilson  
Cook Co. Hosp.

COOK COUNTY HOSPITAL,  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

JAMES H. GRAHAM,  
WARDEN.

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Coggon, Ia.

CHICAGO,

Aug 14 1896

Arthur J. Brown, D.D.

176 Fifth Ave, N.Y.

Dear Dr Brown -

Your kind & thoughtful  
letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> recd.  
I thank you for writing  
so fully & frankly. Your  
letter affords me much  
food for thought in our  
future correspondence I will  
endeavor to show an equal  
candor & desire for har-  
mony in our plans  
& work.

I expect to leave here the  
first of the wk. after which  
my address will be  
as below. With

COOK COUNTY HOSPITAL,  
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JAMES H. GRAHAM,  
WARDEN

CHICAGO, ..... 189.....

kindest regards I am  
 Sincerely yours  
 Alex. S. Wilson.

address

A. S. Wilson M.D.  
A. S. Wilson D.D.  
Tekamah,  
Nebraska.



I have devoted much time to the study & practice of book-keeping in the way of my duties as Station Treasurer. This is doubtless good practice for the missionaries, but bad for the books.

Mrs Down & I find Retnagiri very trying to our health <sup>in comparison</sup> with the Deccan but we hope to be adjusted to it soon. It has been rather an unhealthy rainy season all around & we have much to be thankful for when we consider the many answers to our prayers in the sick restored to health & wanderers brought back to opportunities of service.

Our helper Calavintros in Verguola sends good news, that they are all well & finds many friends & interested listeners & is hopeful about the work. He mentions only one drawback viz. that some of the creditors of Hareba a former helper, now dismissed, are giving trouble & hindering the work by quoting his bad conduct. It is very sad to find fields after fields rendered unfruitful at least in a measure by such

Cutting out Bible woman & two helpers &c,  
closes one boys school, & reduces other school  
expenses in Class V, throws out out of school  
houses & preachers' dwellings & reduces repairs in  
Class VIII. Scuts down heavily all the subclasses  
but D. & E. in Class IX: It's feel rather crippled  
by it of course, though it will be overruled for  
good, I have no doubt, by our Lord.

Our local church here has, I am very  
glad to say, voluntarily assumed some items that  
were subjected to the cut, such as some preachers'  
dwellings & school houses. Of course this was  
not accomplished without some influence from  
the missionaries being brought to bear on them.

The regular services of the Church & S.S. have  
been carried on as usual by Mr Hamnum assisted  
by myself occasionally. The ladies report some  
hopeful cases among the women they visit, but  
nothing very special lately. Mr Hamnum & I  
have been engaged at home a good deal on  
Mission Committee work, & I on some work as-  
signed by the Presbytery as well. I have also  
been giving some time to work in the local night school  
& to talks with groups of students with whom I  
have thus become acquainted.

evil lives among Christians. We ask your prayers  
for a blessing on both the Patuagiri & Bragurda fields

Yours very sincerely

J. M. Brown

Normal course 3 mos.

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Ratiajiri, India

August 21<sup>st</sup> 1896

Miss A. M. Jefferson

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My Dear Dr. Brown: -

The Spirit had been searching me of late and revealed something which I should correct. When I filled out the blank form for the Board I stated that I had attended a Normal School. The inference would naturally be that I had taken the full course whereas it was only a three months course. Will you kindly make the change on the form.

I have been praying that I might see light in his light and this has been brought to my mind.

My work is without the six-monthly letter and so I must not be prepared by writing of the work in our Station.

Yours in Christ  
Amanda M. Jefferson.

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Mary M. Peterson

Worles. Q. Aug 26. 1895

Mr. to Mr. Duller - Jr. Pres.  
New York.

N. Y.

Dear Mr. Duller

You hold of the  
22<sup>nd</sup> inst received to-day. You ask for  
the original bills receipts which were  
sent on Aug 6. with \$203.41. to cover  
same. Receipts for all the checks  
received at that time were sent  
you the 14<sup>th</sup> Aug. with the exception  
of the \$37.80 due London Bro. which  
is still unpaid, or they are out  
of town. Probably you refer to the  
stamped account New Expense for  
July. Next minute Home, which I  
enclose with a duplicate receipt.  
As I write you last week I was  
trying to get the accounts of Mr.  
Graff's children, as requested by  
you through Mr. Frick in your  
letter to her of Aug 9<sup>th</sup> /

It is difficult to make a clear statement as to why part of the money passed through Mr. Fisher's hands, and the money at the West. Home who received the remainder, has been gone nearly a year.

The memorial book shows that she received for the four children under her care \$261.99. This sum she sent Sept. 93. to Oct. 1894 of which \$72.00 was for Caroline's board. These entries are made.

Jan. 1894. Monthly board Caroline. \$27.00  
July 1894. Caroline's board 15 weeks 6<sup>1/2</sup> mos. \$45.00  
The \$261.99 <sup>exactly</sup> ~~over~~ all the sum.

you mention as having been received before the quarterly payments began in Oct. 94. except the \$47.90.

This probably went to the other home for food or expenses. I find an allusion to this sum in a letter of Mr. Graham's asking why \$5.86. & it was returned to him.

The \$81.25 received quarterly from Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 94 to July 2, 95 - is to cover the incidental expenses alone of the five children, and does not include board. By Mr. Graham's order it is divided in this way

Caroline.	18.75
Fredrick.	18.75
Isabel.	18.75
Rose.	12.50
Ralph.	12.50
	<u>\$1.25</u>

I enclose Mr. Seyenberger's account for Fred. at the Livingstone Home. Until a definite arrangement was made by Mr. Graham, Mr. Seyenberger included Fredrick's <sup>incidental</sup> expenses in the itemized monthly statement of household expenses rendered to you. As to the items in the incidental expenses the matrons have carefully rendered to Mr. Graham a quarterly statement of all expenditures made

by them for the children.

Hoping that this will prove  
satisfactory I am yours sincerely

May M. Brown, Sec.

Acting Pres.

(Mrs. H. W.)

Enlargement Girls' Boarding School

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American Mission  
Kolhapur, S. M. C.  
India

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DR. BROWN.

August 31st, 1896

Rev. Arthur J. Brown D. D. Miss ~~Sherman~~ Patton.

Presbyterian House

#156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Dr. Brown:

~~Enlargement~~ When our appropriations  
~~Yr~~ came and we understood that the  
Girls' Board was unable, from lack of funds,  
~~Boarding~~ to grant the amount asked for the en-  
~~school~~ largement of the dormitory and school-  
house of the Christian Girls' Boarding  
School, Miss Brown offered 700 and  
Miss Sherman 100 rupees to put up  
some temporary rooms in order that  
the girls we now have might not  
be so crowded and also hoping that  
they might send in a few more girls  
from the Kodoli field.

~~Opposed to~~ The Building Committee and  
~~Embarrass~~ others were opposed to putting up  
~~means~~ anything temporary as the labor would

all be soon lost, and in order to make such a building last through the rains it means a great expense in putting up thatched or other protections.

*Gift of Today* Mrs and Miss Wilder have given, for a good building, 1064 rupees <sup>Mr. & Mrs. Wilder</sup> and Mr Wilder has promised 1000 is to be given November first. Other friends have promised two hundred and fifty more so that we shall have a little over 3000 rupees for the enlargement of the dormitory.

*Description* The present dormitory was built *size* for 25 boarders; we now have 33.

There are two rooms each  $17\frac{1}{2}$  ft x  $11\frac{1}{2}$  ft two end rooms  $14\frac{1}{2}$  ft x  $9\frac{3}{4}$  ft and a small room back of each of the end rooms each  $9\frac{3}{4}$  x  $7\frac{3}{4}$  ft. One of these little rooms is the matron's kitchen and bath and store-room; the other is the bath-room for 33 girls and it contains our <sup>School</sup> store-box and in the highway from the other rooms to the kitchen a "lean-to" at the back of the bath-room —

The end room at the west is for the matron and her daughter who is a teacher in the school.

The first large room is used as a grinding room during the day and has four hand-mills set in the floor. At night the large girls, as many as can find room, spread down their blankets and sleep on the floor. The other large room is used as a dining-room during the day and the younger girls sleep on the floor at night.

The small room at the East end is used for boxes for clothing, cup board for dishes, and hanging shelves for bedding during the day.

In our Report for 1893-94 to be found in bound Volume III of Indian Notes you will find what our aim is in the Boys' and Girls' Boarding Schools, and something of the conduct of the conduct of the Girls' School and of our needs.

Our need remains the same for

the school house, but being crowded and inconvenienced in the school-room does not seem as serious as in the dormitory.

~~Estimate~~ The estimate for both dormitory and school house has been given the first place in our estimates for buildings for two years.

Our plan is simply to add to the present building as many more rooms as we can. That will necessitate taking out one wall of the compound and enlarging the building on the East end.

Walls. The outside walls are of large rough-hewn stone with lime pointing; the partition walls are of pieces of stone, or mud bricks with mud plaster. The floors are of earth beaten hard and they have to be washed once a week & with manure and water. The roof is of good teak timber and Mangalore tiles. The bath rooms have one corner made of stones <sup>in the floor</sup>, instead of earth for a bathing place.

*Can* *be* If we enlarge the dormitory  
 60 making us many more rooms as  
*you* - we have at present we shall be  
*largement* able to accommodate at least fifty  
 boarders safely and well.

In the past seven years the average  
 yearly increase in the number of  
 boarders has been four. If we take  
 this as the average increase for the  
 future it means a yearly increase,  
 in the appropriations for the boarding  
 department of 192 rupees.

There would be no increase  
 whatever in the expense for teaching  
as appropriated this year, and  
only a small increase yearly in  
the incidental expenses of the  
scholastic department.

*Sanction* Knowing that the estimate for  
*mission* the enlargement has had the  
 hearty sanction of the whole mission  
 for two years, and understanding  
 that only lack of funds has pre-  
 vented the Board from granting the  
 money, and knowing that you

will rejoice with us that these friends, seeing our needs and understanding the condition of the people, have contributed so generously for this work, it hardly seems necessary to ask for permission to build the addition; still as it will involve a small additional expense to the Board as indicated above, I ask for permission to build the addition to the dormitory with the money given by the friends.

Thanking you for your prayers for us and our work for the Master, and hoping for a speedy answer

I am

Yours sincerely

(Miss) Esther Patton

Rock Spring, Pa.  
Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1896.

My dear Dr. Brown:-

I am sending the enclosed letter to you & hope you will please hand it to Dr. Wauless when he reaches N. Y. The last time I heard from him he told me he expected to sail Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. I wish I could see him off.

I am thankful to say I am feeling better than when I saw you at S. but I am not strong yet. My wife and children have been with me here since the middle of June. The schools open to day in Wooster so they are returning, she goes with them to get them started in their respective schools and will return here the last of Sept. when we expect to go to Leam. to spend Oct. with her sister Mrs. Hull. I am thankful to tell you my father is enjoying good health, he was 78 years old Aug 30<sup>th</sup>. The death of my youngest brother was a very great shock to him but the "Strong Arms" have upheld him. He feels thankful that I was able to spend the summer with him. I will be spend the winter partly here & partly in Wooster. Remember me very kindly to Mrs. Brown.

Fraternally yours. J. M. Goble.

3i-monthly letter.

repeat best

Kolhapur, India, Sept. 2, 1896.

Rev. A.J. Brown, D.D.,

156 Fifth Ave, New York City, U.S.A.

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E. M. Wilson

Dear Dr. Brown,

It falls to me to write you the bi-monthly letter of the Kolhapur station. Let me speak first of the High School. On July 10th I made the following motion by circular which was seconded by Mr. Seiler, "That the High School be discontinued at the close of the present school year in October, 1896." My reasons for making this motion will I think be clear if I quote from the remarks which I made in support of the motion.

1. The school cost last year Rs. 3100 beside the fees received. The cost this year will probably be about the same.

2. The attendance on the school, which is now about 60, averages 10 to 15 less than last year.

3. The Y.M.C.A. offers a very good opening for work, and I think that time and strength might be expended there with profit and with far less expense than in the school.

The motion was passed by a large majority and the school will be closed the middle of October.

Since beginning this letter the September number of Indian Notes has come to hand. I see that the other two subjects upon which I intended to write you especially - Ranubai's case and the cholera - are so fully treated there that it will be unnecessary for me to repeat. Ranubai's case is still undecided.

The unusually heavy rains this year have caused a good many walls to fall, among them one of the walls of the school house at Herla.

Discontinuance High School

Herla school walls.

*Adjustment*  
*Cuts.*

We have spent several evenings this week trying to adjust the cut which is over Rs. 4000 for our station. By closing the High School we have saved some 1400 or 1500 rupees. By the help of this we have not gotten the cut pretty well settled. While we did not close the High School on account of the cut, still without the money which is saved thereby, it would have been almost impossible to have made the cut without seriously affecting the work which we have.

*Station*

The health of the station has been pretty fair until within the past few days when fever has taken hold of several.

*Fraternally.*

*Edgar M. Wilson.*

54 Tekamah, Neb. <sup>Al. S. Wilson</sup>  
Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> '46

Dr Arthur J. Brown -  
156 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, New York.

Dear Dr Brown, -

In reply to a question regarding our date of sailing Mr Dulles says anytime this year will bring us to India in a healthy season & refers us to you for a more specific date. How soon do you wish us to sail? We can scarcely be ready before the first wk. in November.

Also, - How long before the date of sailing do you wish us to reach New York? We want very much to meet the Secretaries of the Board before leaving the country, & I presume this accords with your wishes.

Sincerely yours  
Al. S. Wilson, M.D.,

Patnaqui India

8 September 1896

H. F. Kinnear

Rev. A. J. Brown D.D.

Secretary Board of Foreign Missions,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Brown:

Your letters to the Mission dated 12th and 19th June, 13th and 22nd July, and 4th August have been duly received and circulated through this Station. We rejoice in the appointment of Dr. and Mrs. Wilson.

Your personal letter to me dated in June was ~~Mr. Wilson~~ also received, but it is not before me now, as I ~~received~~ ventured to forward it to another member of the ~~mission~~ Mission to read. Your remarks on Mr. Wilder's place of residence are surprising; for his work is independent of the Western India Mission and of Kolhapur Station, and his visits to Kolhapur are few and brief.

~~Mr. Speer~~ I am glad to notice in an American paper ~~visit~~ an allusion to the prospect of Mr. Speer's early departure for a visit to the Missions in Asia. I hope we may see something of him, though the

absence of official notice from you suggests a disappointment of this hope.

I should like to ask your advice on a project that has arisen at Ratnagiri. The spirit of it, I know, you will approve. It is shown in the following translation of the Minutes of the Session of the Presbyterian Church of Ratnagiri, of date 26th June 1896:

*Transfer*  
*to Board*  
*consideration*  
 "Resolved: First, that it is the wish of the Church Session that the church-building at Ratnagiri should be owned by the local congregation; and Second, that Presbytery be requested to advise as to the practicability of such a transfer and as to the proper method."

If Presbytery favors the scheme, I suppose that it will make some request of the Mission for action, and the Mission's action will then come before the Board. Perhaps it may be of advantage for you to have this intimation beforehand. As to the terms of the proposed transfer, since the property was acquired by the Board almost free of expense, it would seem that the Board should demand no more than a nominal sum; for I understand that the land was a gift from the Bombay Government and that the building was

erected by funds given by Messrs. Boswell and Hunter, two Government officers formerly residing here. (The building is known as the "Hunter Memorial Church"). As to the Mission's use of the building, it is not anticipated that the change of ownership would be any hindrance. Even if it should be, it would be no great misfortune, for the building is badly located with reference to the Indian population, and the missionaries here have long wished a better placed preaching-hall. As to the interests of the local Indian Church in the matter, it might perhaps with some truth be said to be a moral injury to it to receive property without having to pay something, for a prize obtained for the mere asking is likely to be undervalued. It would be to the Church an encouragement to the feeling of Christian independence to own its house of worship, and that feeling is one of the great objects of our labor here. As to the Church's present ability to care wisely for the property, there may reasonably be some doubt. The Church has only two elders, and neither of them has much experience in the management of property. All the members of this Church now in

Ratnāgiri' are either missionaries or dependent for their living on the Mission or on the missionaries. Hence the membership is not quite permanent in Ratnāgiri'. For this reason I rather expect that, if the Presbytery of Kolhāpur advises the Church to seek the proposed transfer of property, it will recommend that the title be vested in a committee of Presbytery to hold the property till Presbytery deems the Church ready to take up such a responsibility. Even that change would, I believe, be an encouragement to the churches to seek to own their church buildings.

Lives: Mrs. Hannum's health is better than several  
 little months ago, though she is still far from well.  
 son. Our little boy Robert Henry, is still confined to bed (tomorrow completes the tenth week) with malarial fever. Our physician, Surgeon-Major Collic, has recommended that Mrs. Hannum and the children spend November and December at Mahāleshvar. As Pankāla is likely to be not unfavorable, I think that they will go there in about a fortnight and remain there till the close of the Meeting of the Mission early in November. The physician

told us yesterday that he had after long consideration  
 Removal decided to give us a certificate of unfitness to  
 from live at Ratnagiri. He classes the whole family  
 Ratnagiri as anaemic. This seems to mean an almost  
 to some certain removal to another Station for a year,  
 other later as the Mission is not likely to disregard the  
 physician's orders. This is a matter of regret  
 to us as we like Ratnagiri.

Physicians Some time ago, hoping that we were about  
 done with medical attendance, I suggested to  
 our physician to make his bill. I was surprised  
 to receive a note from him a few days ago  
 saying that he would rather not make any  
 charge. One of his reasons was his supposition  
 that the charge would come entirely on our salary.  
 As this was not correct I felt obliged to offer  
 him something, and I sent him a check for Eight  
 Hundred Rupees, about half of what his regular  
 fees would probably have been. He declined that,  
 but consented to take Five Hundred Rupees, for  
 which I sent him a new check. I have charged  
 this amount against the appropriation for  
 Medical Allowance, notwithstanding that the  
 whole appropriation for the three families in  
 the Station is only Rs 300, leaving the problem

of this discrepancy for the Mission's Auditing Committee to attempt to solve at the close of the fiscal year.

We should be happier to pay all such personal bills out of our salary, if the salary and our ordinary needs admitted this possibility, and if the Board's financial scheme contemplated that method. I believe that with regard to Medical Allowance as well as several other subclasses, the principle that the Board several years ago propounded under the name, "Consolidation of Salaries", would be an advantage both to the Board and to the missionaries.

With our prayers for blessing in your work, and with the regards of Mrs. Hannum and myself, I remain

Yours Sincerely,  
William H. Hannum.

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DR. BROWN.

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~~Mrs. [unclear]~~

Ratnagiri India

9 September 1896

Rev. A. J. Brown, D.D., Secretary  
New York

W. H. Hannum

Dear Dr. Brown:

May I make an inquiry somewhat personal to myself? For several years from the appointment of Mrs. Hannum and myself under your Board, our salary was supplied by the State Street Presbyterian Church of Albany, N. Y., Dr. J. M. C. Holmes being the Pastor. It is now so long since I have had any communication from any officer of that Church that I have begun to think that that Church has relinquished that burden. Will you kindly advise me whether it is still supporting us?

Yours Sincerely,  
William H. Hannum.

1. Permanently located Panhala.
2. Girls School, Kollapur - cont. raised in missionaries.
3. Homes Panhala be raised in missionaries.

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 DR. BROWN

Miss A. J. Brown

Kodoli India

Sept. 19. 1896.

To the Rev. A. J. Brown D.D. -

My dear Mr. Brown: -

You will soon be deluged with the Annual Reports of your Missionaries, but this answers your letter of April 20th. It gives me pleasure to be personally remembered by our Secretary. You thus strengthen our hands for the work.

1. Yes, I am permanently associated with the Panhala Station, having in view touring through our hundred villages during at least four months of the year. My abiding place has been Kodoli, a village of some 6,000 people. Six months of the year Miss Sherman

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and I have been quite alone, she really doing the work of the head of the Station while Mr. Leadford has been necessarily in other parts of the field. Since January there have been 22 baptisms, all from heathenism. 13 adults, 9 children. These all from this one Out-Station, and uniting on Confession with the Kodoli - Sitivadi Church. Our faithful native pastor is a tireless fisher of men, by night and day.

2. You will rejoice with us that Miss Patton has in hand the requisite amount for the addition to the Christian Girls' Boarding School at Kolhapur. No contributions from English residents have been asked or received - The Missionaries seeing the urgent need, have privately

given the money for it, as the Board is so hard pressed. In Kodoli we appreciate the value of the Boarding Schools, as we send 12 boys and 14 girls - but Miss Patton has positively refused to take any more into her overcrowded rooms. It is our ambition to send promising girls from the Vernacular schools <sup>to Kolhapur</sup> where they may breathe the atmosphere of a Christian home, and eventually leave the school as earnest Christian women. Such a girl I hope to secure to teach my heathen <sup>School</sup> in this village, when Miss Sherman and I begin our touring early in November.

3. We look forward to welcoming Dr. + Mrs. Wilson soon, + with the return of Dr. + Mrs. Wanless our Mission quarters for hot season will be taxed,

so that I trust the Board will see the necessity of our retaining Panhala, both for that time and for Mission Meeting just now to convene in October. For a health change Panhala is available at a small expense, whereas Mahableshwar means a much greater outlay for travelling expenses.

Mission Meeting will have some knotty questions for discussion and we need your prayers.

With thanks for your kind letter  
Sincerely yours,

A. Adelaide Brown

Address  
Kolhapur  
India -

Kodoli, India:

September 19th: '96

Dr. Arthur J. Brown,

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New York:

Miss E. L. Brown

My Dear Dr. Brown:

Good health Your letter of June  
24th. reached me several  
weeks ago. I am glad to  
be able to report that, while  
there has been much illness  
in <sup>almost</sup> every station of our mission,  
Miss Brown & I have been  
in the best of health during  
the entire rainy season up  
to date. During the cholera  
epidemic in Kolhapur, we  
had a few cases here but  
none of our native Christians  
have been attacked.

encouraged We have both been much  
encouraged about the work.  
You know from other

sources of the baptisms here. Six or seven more have asked for baptism & expect to come next week. Some of these are from a village 5 or 6 miles from here where our Pastor formerly lived. My school for girls has flourished wonderfully taking into consideration the fact that most of the girls, even the smallest, have to do their share toward the support of their families. Two of my oldest girls have been baptized within the past six weeks. There has been a decided change of sentiment on the part of some with reference to the school. I think of one father who was very angry with his two girls for coming last hot season

but who now comes <sup>2.</sup> & looks  
in with every indication of  
satisfaction & says he wants  
to send them to our Christian  
boarding school in Kolhapur.  
I wish you could realize how  
much this means to a Hindoo  
being willing to put his  
children in a Christian  
home where they will eat &  
drink with Christians "the  
polluted." It is for this  
reason that some of us have  
taken it upon us to build  
the addition to the girls'  
dormitory. I have four girls  
in view to send next term  
but the school is already  
too full & Miss Patton feels  
that she must refuse to take  
any more with her present  
amount of room. Something  
was said in the last Board.

letter with reference to encouraging  
our native Christians to put  
up their own buildings. I  
believe we as a mission are  
unanimous in our desire  
to promote self support among  
our native Christians; but  
being on the field & knowing  
the financial state of each  
individual, we realize that  
we must go slowly. This  
church has a membership of  
over 50<sup>adults</sup> of whom five beside the  
pastor are in mission service,  
the others for the most part  
being poor farmers & day  
laborers. I know that many  
of these independent Christians  
go hungry during this season  
of the year before the harvest.  
I know that when they are  
baptized, they suffer financial  
loss because no Hindoos will

employ them & because they  
do not as formerly help out  
by stealing when they can't  
earn a living. A man said  
to Miss Brown recently, "I can't  
become a Christian for then  
I should have to give up  
stealing & where would my  
living come from." A Christian

widow tells me that not  
only do her Hindoo neighbors  
refuse to employ her but they  
charge her half as much  
again for weeding her field  
as they did before she was  
a Christian. Another woman  
with a large family used  
to get grain enough to last  
her for two months in  
payment for work & now  
all this is cut off. The feel-  
ing of a great step in advance  
has been made in the past  
years by establishing two self  
supporting churches & having

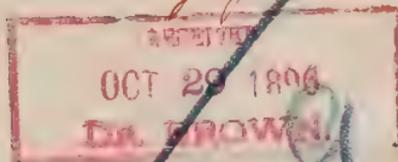
the parents pay all expenses  
to + from the school.

can assure you that the  
building contemplated is no-  
better than any good native  
house built of stone & the  
training our girls get is  
native in every particular.  
I cannot think of a single  
American innovation in their  
mode of living. I write thus  
at length to let you see that  
the boarding school is not  
station interest but that  
all the members of our mission  
look to it for help in training  
up our girls to be good & true  
wives & mothers.

Yours Sincerely,  
Lennie H. Sherman

Kolhapur,  
India

Engagement Miss Green.



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Kolhapur 30-9-96

Dear Dr. Brown,

E. M. Wilson

I have great pleasure in telling you of the engagement of Miss Kate Green and myself. As you know Miss Green is working in connection with <sup>our</sup> Mission at Ratnagiri, as a member of the P. B. M. M. Our acquaintance dates from my arrival in India.

The rules of her society require Miss Green to give six months notice of her intention to withdraw. How much longer than that (if any) we will think it best to wait, I cannot say at present. I will let you know as soon as possible.

Sincerely

Edgar M. Wilson



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Ratnagiri

Ratnagiri Oct. 1 1896.

Dear Dr. Brown:

Mrs. Hannah

~~confined~~ ~~to~~ ~~house~~ ~~at~~ ~~all~~ ~~times~~ During the entire year I have been confined to the house - except while at Mahableshwar - by the illness of one of the family or of myself.

~~little one~~ In January a little one was given to ~~me~~ ~~us~~ and immediately taken.

~~Return from~~ After our return from Mahableshwar ~~in~~ ~~June~~ our four-year old son fell ill with malarial fever which lasted over ~~six~~ ~~two~~ months. Miss Minor and Miss ~~Kindness~~ ~~Jefferson~~ nursed Robert for six weeks ~~everybody~~ I want to acknowledge here their great kindness to us and ours; as well as that of Miss Sharp and Mrs. Dyer, who for the time gave up their work and care for me through a severe illness.

~~Improvement~~ ~~health~~ Our family has improved even beyond our physician's expectations and we are praising God for answering the prayers of our sympathizing friends from all over our mission.

Yours very sincerely  
Annabel M. Hammond

51 Mrs. Cohen

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Maryville, Tennessee

Oct 15, 1896

My dear Dr Brown -

I was very much surprised and half-frightened by your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> inst received this morning, and wholly dismayed by the statement of receipts on the card you enclosed.

An upshot I can understand the connection between what you have heard and what has taken place so far as I know it - It is not a question of High School buildings - Our hope to have them was given up years ago and the High School was itself closed

this month, that being one of the places where the Western India Mission could most safely stretch.

The matter in question is evidently the enlargement of the dormitory and school-house of the Christian Girls' school at Kalhapur. I spoke of the pressing need of this to two friends in the Huntingdon Pres. (Pa) Society in August. They proposed making it a special object in their Pres. Society and agreed with me that it would be necessary to have the consent of the Board in order to do this.

They said they always had some special object and they would be glad to have this as they had always kept up an interest in this school.

At their Ex-Com. Meeting the last of August they took

action to this effect and informed me of it advising me to write at once to Mrs Thorpe to get permission to make appeals. This I had meant to do. I had no idea that they were to have their meeting so early - as I had already returned to Worcester.

Mrs Thorpe replied to my letter at length effectively discouraging me from mentioning the needs of the school in any public way. She said she thought it would be unjust to expect any Pres. Society to do more than redeem its ordinary pledges this year.

I understood that the  
proper secretary for that  
work would communicate  
to the Huntington Pres.

~~Record~~ the decision of  
the Philadelphia Ladies  
on this point -

I acquiesced at once in  
that decision and I am  
sure my friends too must  
have done so. I have heard  
nothing from them. I had  
made no appeals and shall  
make none. My talk with  
my friends was in the way  
of giving information, but  
of course the statement of  
the needs of the school is  
to those who are interested

an appeal in itself -  
 Before leaving India  
 I agreed with Miss Patton  
 to do what I could to get  
 help, knowing very well  
 that I had <sup>the</sup> support of  
 our Mission in this. She  
 was to do what she could  
 in the field. She has been  
 more successful than I,  
 as she has about ~~\$~~ 3000  
 subscribed - the greater part  
 of it being given by the  
 Wilder family and Miss  
 Brown. This will en-  
 large the Dormitory and  
 the school-house will  
 wait.

My plan was to wait

until I was more rested  
and there was less pressure  
from family affairs and  
then to get permission to  
speak publicly of our  
schools and some other  
things. I have spoken  
at very few meetings and  
have not mentioned this  
school at any one of them.

I shall now write to my  
friends trying of course  
to be judicious in <sup>the</sup> writing  
and beg of them to make  
special efforts to enlarge  
the general fund.

I am sorry to trouble  
you with so long a

letter. but there seemed  
to be no other way in  
which to be frank.

My husband wishes to  
be most kindly remembered  
to you. He is greatly en-  
joying the life at home  
and gradually gaining  
health.

With kind regards -  
I am - Cordially yours -  
A. M. Gohsen -

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DR. BROWN.

Personal Report for ~~1895~~ 1896  
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Panhala India

19 October 1896

Rev. A. J. Brown, D.D.

Secy Board of Foreign Missions

New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Brown:

Allow me to present a personal report for the year ending 30 September last, as follows:

*Spent year* I have spent the year at my Station 'at Ratnagiri', except the months of March, April and May, during which, chiefly for the sake of my wife's health, I was at Mt. Douglas, Mahabaleshwar. While there I did some reading in Marathi and some practice on the cornet.

*Good* My health has been good nearly all the year.

*Distribution* In the Station, my work has been distributed in the following departments, the care of the services in the Church, with the duties of pulpit supply, of moderator of the Sessions, of superintendent of the District School and of occasional substitute in teaching examinations of the schools; private instruction and Bible study with the students.

to our home, mostly young students; two months of an hour's daily study of the Hindustani language, in conversation and reading the Persian character; and continued service as secretary in several lines assigned by the Mission, by the Station and by the Presbytery, and as member of committees.

I have, as for five years past, retained my seat in the Board of Municipal Commissioners of 'Ratnagiri', and have acted as a member of its School Committee and lately as chairman of a special Committee on Water-works. Notwithstanding the somewhat unusual demands upon my time and the fear of confirming the popular mistake that missionaries are Government servants, it has seemed best to continue in that Board for the sake of the acquaintance, not otherwise obtainable, of the more influential native gentlemen of the town.

*Zenana* Under the Zenana Bible and Medical Mission two new missionaries, Miss Annie L. Sharp and Miss Mary J. Ferguson, arrived from Scotland in the early part of the year. The four ladies of that Mission have a long

the year occupied a house rented for them with the funds of that Mission. They cooperate cordially with our American organization

With thanks to God for strength to do His work, for the restoration of the work in the family and for sweet concord with colleagues, and praying for continued blessings in the home branch as well as on the field, I remain

Yours Sincerely,  
William H. Harman



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Lauhala, India  
Oct 27. 1896

Rev. A. J. Brown D.D.

Secy N. Y. I. N. S.

My Dear Dr Brown:

I send you by next mail my personal Report. Hope I can send you a better one next year. I get tired sooner than I used to before I had nervous prostration in 1891, and I presume that under ordinary circumstances even, a person is not quite so vigorous at 53 in this climate as at 43. In 1891 I had Insomnia, - now I am often overcome with drowsiness, especially at noon.

*Annual Meeting* Our Annual meeting began on the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst, and we have already accomplished a good deal, having discussed some questions exhaustively I think, and pleasantly, too. I think you may repose confidence in the collective wisdom and judgment of so many Brethren and sisters - at least, generally. At the present stage of missionary work here, questions of the highest importance seem to be many-sided and require much thought and discussion. One of *Economy* hobbies is Economy. You will see that a Bengal is not asked for at Delampur or any place in that vicinity. Some of us think it best

to settle a native fore-runner there a year or two, and if the Panhala Missionary moves there then he should, if it is not possible to rent a house in a healthy locality, have a small bungalow, like the one at Kodoli, built. Then Kodoli would be left to the native pastor and Elders there, at least that is my idea, and I think Mr Tedford's.

Means  
method

We are thinking hard to find where we can apply the Nevius method and when. The conditions there (in Shantung) and here are different. In the Shantung stations the converts belong to the middle class generally; here, in the villages, the converts are all of the low castes or outcasts, and are without exception, poor, and the rigid caste spirit subjects low-caste converts to disabilities and persecution not only at the hands of the high and middle-class non-Christians but also of the low-caste non-Christians. We urge our converts to abide in the calling in which they were converted, and our employees are persons not recently converted. We help village converts more or less to get rid of debts or mortgages resting on their lands, so that they can get a start for themselves.

Famine  
all over  
India

There is a cry of famine or scarcity nearly all over India. Only in Bengal was there sufficient rain. In 1876-7 famine here we could get grain from Central India & North India, but now the famine is there too!

Yrs sincerely  
G. W. Peiler.



score confess Christ as their Saviour. The good  
hand of our God has been upon us, and we  
give Him the praise.

Yours in His service

A. Adelaide Brown



Panhalā, India  
Oct. 29th 1896.

Rev. Arthur Brown, D. D.  
Secretary, 156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, U. S. A.

My dear Dr. Brown:

*Only missionaries at Sangli.* As Mrs. Graham and myself have been the only missionaries at Sangli the past year I have had charge of all departments of the work at this station except that which is exclusively woman's work. The evangelistic part of my work has been the stated Sabbath and week day services of the church, the superintendence of the Sunday School, the conducting of a Bible class, held on the Sabbath & attended by most of the adult Christians and the larger pupils in the Boarding School, and the supervision of the two catechists by whom street preaching is regularly carried on in the city and in the neighboring towns and villages. During the gold season the catechists accompanied me on a tour of two months in the district north of the station.

In educational work I have had the superintendence of the Christian Boys Boarding school and the supervision of five vernacular schools for Hindu and Mohammedan boys. Of the vernacular schools three have been carried on during the whole year; - the other two for a few months only. As in other years a considerable part of my time has been given to my duties as Mission Treasurer. I have not especially enjoyed my work as the Board's Attorney to obtain the transfer of mission property to the Board in its corporate name, and to manage its real estate. It has been uphill work from the beginning. At first - I was told that it could not be done; then that it was recalled for; then that it would be very expensive; then that no deeds of transfer were needed as the property already belonged to the Board, and then that the registration of such deeds was not required. Also objection was made to school houses and church buildings being entered in anybody's name in the government

Attorney

records on the ground that they were for public use. Even after these points were yielded, it was often hard to get anything done. Sometimes I had to wait weeks and even months for replies to official letters. As I am the sole attorney of the Board, and the same correspondence in the main with many variations in details had to be carried on at each station, and the same work done over and over again it was rather a tedious process. Except at Sangli where I resided it has been necessary for me to virtually lay aside other work for the time being, and give my time exclusively to this business.

I have sometimes adopted Hindoo methods with good effect, going personally to government offices and sitting there until the work was done. When Dr.

Waulers has signed the papers for the transfer of Miraj property, the transfers for Rotmagiri, Sangli, Miraj and Urahatleshwar, will be practically accomplished. Holkopur and Pambhala, which are in

transfer to Board

der one administration (that of the  
King of Kolhapur) remain. I would  
respectfully ask the Board to appoint  
*attorney* a missionary at one of these stations  
*missionary* as their attorney, as it would be far  
*wanted* more convenient for him to see to  
the transfers there, and as I have  
said the work elsewhere is practically  
done

With-kind regards

Very Sincerely Yours

J. P. Graham.

P. S. As the Station report is long and  
not in the form of a letter I am sending  
it in a separate cover to save postage.  
Yours J. P. G.

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

Describe the activities of the Children's Festival.

I was greatly surprised and pleased to find that the children were so interested in the festival and were so active in the various games and sports. The festival was a great success and the children were very happy and enjoyed it very much. The festival was held in the school playground and was attended by all the children of the school. The festival was a great success and the children were very happy and enjoyed it very much. The festival was held in the school playground and was attended by all the children of the school.

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W. J. WARELESS.

Madras, Nov. 2nd., 1890.

CONFIDENTIAL

Regarding the activities of KING and the Children's Hospital, I have already explained this memorandum to you. I wish to turn your attention to the fact that the Board of Directors of the Children's Hospital is not a charitable organization and is not exempt from federal income tax. The Board of Directors of the Children's Hospital is not a charitable organization and is not exempt from federal income tax. The Board of Directors of the Children's Hospital is not a charitable organization and is not exempt from federal income tax.

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W. J. WANLESS.

Miraj, Nov. 2nd., 1911.



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W. J. WALLACE.

Miraj, Nov. 2nd., 1923.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

Regarding the matters of 1912 for the Children's Hospital, I have already explained this somewhat to you. I wish to state that nothing material has been done in the past with the office held and held by the Board of Trustees of the Children's Hospital. The Board of Trustees of the Children's Hospital has been unwilling to attend attention to the fact that the Children's Hospital is situated in the City of New York. The fact is a part of the city originally and lawfully owned by the Children's Hospital. It is a fact, and it is a fact, that the Children's Hospital is situated in the City of New York. I have already explained to the Board.

I am sure the Board of Trustees of the Children's Hospital is in the mood of an organization to maintain with the children whom I am not at present personally able to distinguish, whether I prefer to see the Children's Hospital existing and very much under the control of the Board, which I prefer to see, or the transferring of control of the Children's Hospital to the Board. The fact is the Children's Hospital has been situated in the City of New York, and it is a fact, that the Children's Hospital is situated in the City of New York. I am sure the Board of Trustees of the Children's Hospital is in the mood of an organization to maintain with the children whom I am not at present personally able to distinguish, whether I prefer to see the Children's Hospital existing and very much under the control of the Board, which I prefer to see, or the transferring of control of the Children's Hospital to the Board.

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W. J. WALKER.

Siraj, Nov. 2nd., 1880.

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Regarding the subject of 1911 and the Children's Hospital, I have already explained this somewhat to you. I will be sure this building will be given over to the Board with the other land and buildings from the transfer of same to the United Charitable Trust. This building is situated adjacent to land now included in the plan of the proposed building now in the possession of the Board in New York. The land in a part of the site previously had temporarily been occupied and used by the Children's Hospital, and I have already stated to the Board.

I will see the Board (I think) on this in the course of an afternoon in connection with the building which I am not at present personally able to discuss, besides I prefer to get the children's building building and land under the control of the Board, which I expect to do with the understanding of course that the work in it will be continued on the Board. The work in the Children's Hospital has been liberally supported by funds from personal friends and relatives in Canada, and this will continue to be the case so far as possible.

I expect to complete the transfer of the Mirej property to the Board's corporate name about the present time. Should I hear to the contrary, I will take the liberty of including with the other buildings the Children's Hospital with the transfer of the same.

The amount of the bill only when the amount asked for - Rs. 48. - is  
paid, and the bill is cancelled - will be duly given and registered.

W. J. WATLESS.

1911, 1912, 1913, 1914.

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Panhala, India, November 6th, '96

To the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian  
Church in the United States of America.

Dear Brethren--

In accordance with the instructions of the Board in its action of July 6th recommitting the question of the consolidation of Miraj and Sangli Stations, for further discussion, the Western India Mission now in session at its Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting respectfully begs to state that after a full and careful consideration of the whole question, it sees no sufficient reason for departing from the opinion already transmitted to the Board through the Secretary of the Mission.

In view of the action of the Board and the known position of the Board's Secretaries at the time of the taking up of Miraj as a Mission Station the question; "Is it practicable and wise to consolidate Miraj and Sangli Stations?" took us entirely by surprise. All the facts concerning the proximity of Sangli to Miraj and any possible overlapping of work were fully in possession of the Board at that time and one of the Secretaries of the Board visited the two Stations before the occupation of the latter. Since then growth in work, additional buildings and diversity of institutions have only enhanced the difficulties connected with consolidation of the two Stations. As a Mission, therefore, we would respectfully state that definite reasons have not been shown why this consolidation should now be made, and the gain therefrom, either to the Mission or to the two Stations, we are at a loss to discover. Reasons for the action of the Mission in re-

plying to the question of the Board's letter of February, 1905, were not given as we could not perceive that the consolidation would be advantageous, and the vote of the Mission so near unanimous (two votes only being cast in the negative) was deemed a reply that would be satisfactory to the Board.

However, we shall now endeavor to give a satisfactory reply to the reasons that in your opinion favor consolidation, so far as we can gather your reasons from the Board's action of July 5th and Dr. Brown's letter of July 13th advising us of that action.

The main reason in favor of consolidation that is presented in the Board's action seems to be that the missionaries at Sangli and Miraj are living and working within five miles of each other with no physical barrier between, and that their circumstances are therefore similar to those of missionaries in Shanghai, Oroomiah and Peking where as Dr. Brown says: "the various enterprises are separated almost if not quite as widely as Sangli and Miraj". In reply to this we would call the attention of the Board to the fact that the Mission Stations at Miraj and Sangli are not in different parts of one city or state but are situated in different cities and in states governed by two independent governments under different laws and different regulations. Questions as to property, social or civil rights or matters of mere privilege that may arise in Miraj Stations have to be decided in Miraj those in Sangli must be decided in Sangli. In all such affairs the consolidation of the Stations could afford no help, and it might be the occasion of increased difficulty. Difficulties with government or people that may arise in either Stations cannot be adjusted in other Stations.

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six and a half miles apart according to state survey prevents the overlapping of work that might occur if the Stations were only in different parts of the same city or state.

In the territory directly between these two Stations there is not one village or even dwelling house, so in village schools or ~~itinerating~~ itinerating the missionaries from the two Stations have distinct and separate fields. Miraj Station is in a corner of a large field and Sangli Station is in a corner of an equally large field. Considerations other than geographical have necessitated in both cases the corners rather than the centres of the fields being chosen for the Stations.

The distance between the two cities hinders that uninterrupted intercourse that is essential between members of the same Station. This difficulty is emphasized by the Rainy Season in which there may be continuous rains for weeks and by the hot season when travelling except in the early morning or late evening is not advisable. Not only so but the necessity for continuous consultations between missionaries so separated would necessitate either the additional Mission expense for hiring conveyances or the purchase of such conveyances by the missionaries, none of whom are so provided.

We would judge that an administrative union was all that the Board desired in the proposed consolidation. While this in many cases has proven a great advantage we fear that such a union between Miraj and Sangli would not prove advantageous, but would result in a union merely on paper or a union that would hinder rather than promote "harmony and efficiency".

Our reason for such a conclusion is the diversity in the special work of the stations. The medical work is the peculiar feature at Miraj and the Christian Boys' Boarding School is the peculiar

feature at Sangli. The missionaries separated by distance and diverse interests cannot keep so well informed in reference to each other's work, as to be of real assistance to one another in case of union. Doubtless the consolidated Stations would delegate to the missionaries of each Station the authority to carry on their separate work just the same as at present and the union would then be merely in name. Should the opposite course be followed the attempt would impair rather than promote the harmony and efficiency of the work in both places. This we have learned by experience. A few years ago the Mission adopted a rule providing for a Visiting-Committee the duty of which was to visit the whole Mission<sup>1</sup> field each year that they might recommend action that would be conducive to the good of the Stations and the Mission as a whole. The report of the first<sup>2</sup> committee under this rule caused considerable discussion and feeling and it became so evident that the missionaries in each field were the proper ones to recommend what was there needed, and to conduct their own work under the direction of the Mission only, that the rule providing for such a committee was at once repealed and the record of its work expunged from Mission Minutes.

The meetings in Sangli and Miraj for conference and prayer have been in the past blessed and without consolidation and any difficulties that may arise therefrom, we trust they will continue to be promotive of harmony and efficiency.

The consolidation of these two Stations would not diminish the expenditure necessary for the development of the work in the two fields. The present status does not necessitate a duplication of institutions in the two cities. The number of institutions required in a consolidated station would not be less than are now necessary for maintaining the present organized work. The Boarding School at Sangli

and the Hospital at Miraj are Mission institutions rather than Station ones. For the proper conducting of both two bungalows at Sangli and two at Miraj are necessary. The want of such house rooms in either Stations means crippling the only Boarding School for Christian boys in the Mission or diminishing the force engaged in the only Hospital in the Mission. How the Mission has realized this fact is shown by the Annual Estimates every year since the organization of these two institutions.

What has been written above has been on the supposition that the property at Sangli is to be retained and the work there carried on as heretofore. We do not believe that it would be advisable to dispose of the property at Sangli for the following reasons: (1) We have a church in the city, a bungalow and out houses, a school house with a house for Christian teachers and a dormitory near by also a workshop, all well built and of good materials, the erection of which would cost much more now than when they were built, while the sites of these buildings could not be purchased for double what we paid for them. (2) There is no place in the Mission that presents better facilities for work than the city of Sangli and the Sangli field. (3) There is not the least doubt that the property could be disposed of only with very great loss and it is highly probable that it could not be sold at all.

Attest. (Signed) William H. Hannum.

Secretary.



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Western India  
Mission note on this Report 17 yes & noes  
see mission minutes p. 40-1 November 6, 1896.

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 adopted a rule providing for a Visiting Committee

the duty of which was to visit the whole Mission-Field each year that they might recommend action that would be conducive to the good of the stations and the Mission as a whole. The report of the first Committee under this rule caused considerable discussion and feeling and it became so evident that the missionaries in each field were the proper ones to recommend what was there needed, and to conduct their own work under the direction of the Mission only, that the rule providing for such a Committee was at once repealed and the record of its work expunged from Mission Minutes.

The meetings in Sangli and Dindaj for conference and prayer have been in the past blessed and without consolidation and any difficulties that may arise therefrom, we trust they will continue to be promotive of harmony and efficiency.

The consolidation of these two Stations would not diminish the expenditure necessary for the development of the work in the two fields.

The present status does not necessitate a duplication of institutions in the two cities. The number of institutions required in a consolidated Station would not be less than an amount necessary for

maintaining the present organized work, The Boarding School at Sangli and the Hospital at Miraj are Mission institutions rather than Station ones. For the proper conducting of both-two dingalows at Sangli and two at Miraj are necessary. The want of such house room in either Station means crippling the only Boarding School for Christian boys in the Mission or diminishing the force engaged in the only Hospital in the Mission. Now the Mission has realized this fact as shown by the Annual Estimates every year since the organization of these two institutions.

What has been written above has been on the supposition that the property at Sangli is to be retained and the work then carried on as heretofore. We do not believe that it would be advisable to dispose of the property at Sangli for the following reasons: (1) We have a Church in the city, a dingalow and out houses, a school house with a house for Christian teachers and a dormitory near by also a workshop, all well built and of good materials, the erection of which would cost much more now than when they were built, while the sites of these buildings could not be purchased for double what we paid for them.

- (2) There is no place in the Mission that presents better facilities for work than the city of Sangli and the Sangli Field.
- (3) There is not the least doubt that the property could be disposed of only with very great loss and it is highly probable that it could not be sold at all.

Attest. William H. Hannum.  
Secretary

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My dear Dr. Brown, L. G. <sup>Leaves</sup> ~~Leaves~~

Enclosed you find something that is called a personal report. Well personal it really is. Leave you to judge.

After perusing some minutes you will see how we have been treating the "Review Method".

The object & aim of the matter is Biblical in the sense that it is a kind of a reproduction of the Apologistic Treatise <sup>caste ridden</sup> but how far it will work in India must yet be seen.

Must say to carry out the aim of the method in a consistent manner & think American & foreign missionaries themselves should first set examples of "sim de uera".

For if success we must be  
 called upon to part with our son  
 Arthur. It is unnecessary to say,  
 this will be one of our great  
 sacrifices.

Glad were we to welcome Mr. Francis,  
 he is ~~so~~ <sup>so</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> his ~~visits~~ <sup>visits</sup> are among  
 our great blessings.

Your very truly

G. B. Bedford

1. Wooster Homes.
2. Anna (Crested).

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J. P. Graham

Sangli, India. Nov. 8th, 1895.

To Revd. Arthur J. Brown, Secretary,

156 Fifth Avenue, New York, U. S. A.

My dear Dr. Brown:-

Your letter of Sept 23rd, in reply to the part of my letter of June 21st to Mr. Dulles, which related to the payment of board at the Wooster Homes during vacations when the children were absent, came while I was attending our Annual Mission Meeting, and has consequently remained unanswered. All I can say now (and I do not suppose it will avail anything to say it save that I shall have the doubtful satisfaction of showing that I do not think the action of the Board was right) is that I think you have looked only at one side of the matter. You did not consider (1) that our children are costing us much more in the Homes than they did before there were any Homes; (2) that before the children went into the Homes the definite statement was made to us that we should be allowed \$ 3.00 a week for every week they were absent; (3) that board was being paid for the children elsewhere at the same time it was charged in the Homes; (4) that -- but the satisfaction of writing in this way isn't doubtful and I'll stop it. Probably you have had enough, I certainly have.

You will see from our Minutes that the two great questions before us at the Annual Meeting (which are closely related to each other) were Higher Education (or more properly speaking English Education) and the scale of pay for Native Christian Agents. The Minutes will show the results at <sup>which</sup> we did and did not arrive, but not the views ex-

pressed. If I had time I would like to write somewhat on these two subjects, and hope to do so at some time in the not distant future, but cannot now. I sent you yesterday the report of Sangli Station, and the personal reports of myself and Mrs. Graham, and doubtless they will reach you at the same time as this letter. Our meeting was one at which we felt God's Spirit was present, and we enter on another year with the hope that it will be a year of His continual presence and power. With a hearty welcome to you in the relation you hold to us as our Secretary and the assurance of cordial cooperation in all that will promote the object on account of which this relation exists,

most sincerely yours,

*J. P. Graham*

P. S. Excuse my type-writer: it hasn't been used while I was away and doesn't seem to know where one word ends and the next begins. I hope it will do better next time

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Yrs &c,

*J. P. G.*



Panhala India

14 November 1896.

Rev. A. J. Brown, D.D.

Secretary, New York.

W. K. Edmunds

Dear Dr. Brown:

Your kind letters of 2nd and 13th October were lately received. I thank you for your replies to my inquiries and for your sympathetic references to the recent sickness in my family. I am glad that the Lord has raised up your sick ones too. Our children are now quite well, owing largely to this delightful air at Panhala, where we have been a little over

*Mr. Edmunds* a month now. Mrs. Edmunds has gone to Miraj *under* for a month's treatment under Dr. Hanless. *He* *treatment* thinks that our stay in India for another year or two will not be at any serious risk to her, though he gives but little hope of her complete recovery in India.

*Kapji* The Mission Meeting just closed seemed to *mission* me the happiest that I have yet attended. It *meeting* shows that the best feeling may coexist with wide differences of opinion. The Meeting was longer than usual. One result was haste the close. As the Estimates always come about

east, this haste results in their getting <sup>less</sup>  
 Estimates attention than they seem to require. I could  
<sup>hurry</sup> point out many places where I think money  
was asked that need not have been. Let me give  
<sup>x</sup> Request some instances. Under Sanitariums, where more  
 for than Rs 400 are asked for a station, it seems to  
 Sanitarium be with a view to the possible renting of a  
 Appropriation at Mahaleshwar for a season; but when  
<sup>the</sup> Board has purchased for us so much house-  
~~unecess~~ room at two sanitariums and has lately granted  
 appropriations for some good tents, I see no  
 propriety in the Mission's requesting the rent  
 of another house ~~at~~ at a sanitarium. Again, I  
 notice large requests from all the stations for  
<sup>x</sup> Repairs repairs on missionaries' dwellings, for which I  
<sup>ditto</sup> know no good reasons. Again, estimates for  
~~Personal~~ Personal Teachers have been made at Rs 150 each  
 for a number of missionaries. There is scarcely ever  
 any need of paying more than seven or eight rupees  
a month for a personal teacher at any station in  
 Rs. 90 this field. Hence Rs 96 would be sufficient even  
<sup>represent</sup> if - as never happens - the missionary studied  
 twelve full months in the year. It appears to  
 peculiar me that Kolhapur and Singli Stations, which are  
~~allowance~~ within a half-days' reach of Miraj, could ~~at~~

very little Medical Allowance. There is the

new regard to the proposed new dwelling for missionaries  
 at Sangli, I venture to think it - quite aside  
 from the question of the continued distinct  
 existence of that Station - altogether unnecessary.

The house now in use there is large enough  
 for two families even if they had a good many  
 children. You will, I think, be convinced of this  
 if you examine the records of the original  
 erection of the house and of the large wing  
 subsequently added. The Boys' Boarding

Boys' Sch. School at Sangli, I notice, is made the  
 Sangli object of some large demands. The number  
 over - of pupils (75) for whom provision is asked  
 is nearly one-half more than were in attendance  
 the past year. Even if there were room for  
 so many, that would seem a large forecast.

But the request for rent of a missionaries' dwelling  
 at Kolhapur is understood to be contingent  
 on Mrs. and Miss Wilder's changing their plan  
 and remaining in Kolhapur another year.

I suppose that you will know their  
 conclusion by the time the appropriations are  
 made out.

As to the new missionaries asked, I shall

~~men~~ the Mission to be more in need of men than  
~~than~~ of women. Of the twenty-three members now  
~~women~~ on the field, only eight are men. I hope that  
 needed the Board will in general provide for new  
 missionaries rather than for erection of new  
 buildings.

~~over~~ The question of Dāngli' and Miraj was  
~~union~~ discussed in the Meeting, but I must say  
~~of~~ that I think the objections, made to the  
~~Miraj~~ administrative union proposed by the Board,  
~~of~~ inapplicable. The Reply, prepared by a  
 Committee (the majority of which was  
 from Dāngli' and Miraj Stations), and just  
 now forwarded to you with the Minutes,  
 may be supposed to be a full statement of  
 the case against the union. It is apparent  
 from what is said in that Reply concerning  
 the Visiting Committee, that the Mission has  
 thus far allowed itself, in this question of  
 union of the two Stations, to be governed  
 largely by feeling. The appointment of the  
 Visiting Committee indicates the Mission's  
 conviction that there was some medium  
 necessary to bring the various stations to  
 a closer ~~of~~ if methods than had existed

I may add my belief, based on discussions in the Mission Meetings, that the abolition of that Committee was largely due to the insistence of the members of the two Stations now under consideration. Not only so, but when that means of unifying the work of the various Stations failed, the same good end was sought, with reference to schools, by means of inspecting committees. The members of the same two Stations urgently objected to that plan too, and again to avoid feeling, the Mission yielded. I have hesitated to hint at what is after all one of the worst features of the present situation. It is the conversion of a station to a family affair. It is now apparent that the present members of Singli Station do not desire any one outside their own family to live in the same Station, except Mr. and Mrs. Jolly, but Mr. Graham has openly said that they do not want any other family than their own permanently in their same house. This family arrangement defeats what would seem the main objects of the organization of a station, safety in council and check on individual action.

Singli  
Station.  
not  
included.

The Reply seems to me to contain some remarks that may mislead. The statement that "Difficulties with Government or people that may arise in either Station cannot be adjusted in other Stations", is perhaps ambiguous. If it means that one cannot adjust such difficulties without visiting the town where the difficulties have arisen, it has no application to the present question. If it means that no missionary can go to another state than that in which he lives and remedy such difficulties, it is contrary to the experience of the Mission.

*Distance between Sangli & Miraj*  
 Again, the allusion to the distance between "Sangli" and Miraj, as being 6½ miles, may convey a wrong impression, unless it be remembered that our Mission residence at Sangli is about a mile from the centre of that town toward Miraj; and our Mission residence at Miraj is probably a half mile or more from the centre of that town toward Sangli. Do too, let us not be misled by the name "cities". The town of Miraj had, by the Census of 1891, a population of 26,060; and the town of Sangli 14,798. As to the fact that harmony would be hindered by

the union, it is possible that a great deal of little ill feeling might arise, but I do not see that it could be between the members of those Stations, for they seem quite in personal accord now; and I do not believe that Christian workers in such a cause as ours would long suffer their lives to be embittered by such considerations.

*Statement in re consolidation*  
 As to the statement that "the consolidation of these two Stations would not diminish the expenditure necessary for the development of the work in the two fields", I think that the estimates just now sent you for new property and for repairs indicate that larger demands are made than if the two were one. The statement *to me* incidentally made that none of the members of those Stations are provided with conveyances seems erroneous, for all three of the men have bicycles (unless one has lately sold his), which could easily traverse those five miles of smooth road. I remember too that Mr. Graham and Dr. Manless used to own horses and driving-carts, and I think that the present want of such conveyances may be merely temporary.

Excuse me for writing at such length, but it seems necessary for the sake of what

appears to me for the ultimate good of our  
great work.

I expect to go to Kolhapur today, and  
thence in a few days to Ratnagiri to send  
our goods to Kolhapur. We are to live in the  
house with Mrs. and Miss Wilder, and after they  
leave on furlough, we expect Mr. E. M. Wilson  
and his bride to share the house with us.

Sincerely Yours,  
William H. Hannum.



W. India Mission

H. H. Kinnear

Panhala India

14 November 1896

Rev. A. J. Brown, D.D.

Secretary, Board of Foreign Missions,  
New York

Dear Dr. Brown:

~~Under separate cover~~

Under registered

✓ I send you today the Minutes of the 24th Annual Meeting of your "Western India" Mission, including Estimates; the Missions reply to the Board's inquiry concerning Singli and Miraj Stations; the General Report of Ratnagiri Station; and the Personal Reports of the members of that Station.

Please notice in the Minutes the following points:

1 Reply to the Board's inquiry concerning Panhala Station (page 11).

2 Reply concerning the opening of a station at Islampur (page 15).

3 Adoption of the Reply, above mentioned, concerning Singli and Miraj Stations (page 40).

4 The fixing of the first of April, 1897, as the approximate date of the departure of Mrs.

and Miss Wilder on furlough (page 44).

5 Request for the Board's permission for Mr. and Mrs. Tedford to send their son Arthur to America in the coming Spring (pages 44 and 67).

6 Instruction to Dr. Wanless to give the Board the information requested in the Board's circular letter of 28 September on Covinity in regard to Medical Expenses (page 45).

7 Instruction to me to give information likewise on Personal Teachers (page 45). The Rule of the Mission is, "A missionary at any time may employ a personal teacher, whose pay shall shall not exceed Rev. 150 a year".

8 Request for permission to establish an orphanage (page 46).

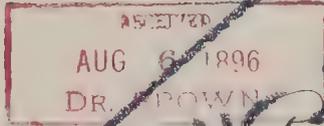
9 Adoption, for preparation of statistical reports, of the "Annual Tabular View" sheets sent by the Board (page 47).

10 Request for special appropriation for dwelling at Miraj (pages 92 and 87).

With kindest Christian greetings from the Mission to you, and to the Board,

I remain

Yours Respectfully,  
William H. Hannum, Secretary



Patnājiri India  
7 July 1896  
Rev. A. J. Brown, D.D., Secy  
New York

Dear Dr. Brown:

Your personal letters of 13 February, 26 May, and 4 June are received, as is also the Mission letter of 15 ~~May~~ <sup>May</sup> with statement of appropriations. Some of those should have been acknowledged long ago. Pardon my delinquency.

Mrs Hannum's Many thanks for your kind inquiries about Mrs Hannum's health. The expected operation was performed on 26th June, by Surgeon Major M. Collie, who has charge of the small hospital maintained here by the Bombay Government. Mrs. Hannum was wholly unconscious with chloroform for the two hours of the operation and has been very weak ever since. She is now mending rapidly, so that we hope that she may begin to sit up in a few days. Unless some marvellous change takes place

she will be incapable of active missionary work for some months. Miss Sharp, one of our colleagues of the Zenana Bible & Medical Mission, cares for her day and night, with an occasional hour's relief from Mrs. Irwin. (We are fortunate in having two trained nurses in the Station.) As it was necessary that the children should be out of the house during this time, Miss Minor and Miss Jefferson are caring for them. Both children have been ill for the last few days, and under the physician's care, but Mary is about well now. Robert has malarial fever but is better than he was. We are grateful for the provision by which the Board pays for medical attendance, for if this physician charges anything like his usual rates, the bill will be at least 500 rupees, including all his services within the past few months. We very much regretted that we could not go to the Miraj Hospital and have our own Mission physician do this work, but it was not safe to postpone it longer.

We are glad to be advised of appropriations

for the current <sup>year</sup> As to how the cut of Rs 12,000  
 is to be distributed among the Stations, the  
 Mission has taken no action as yet. However,  
 to facilitate such action, this Station has  
 recommended that the cut be distributed in  
 proportion to the appropriations for the  
 several Stations exclusive of Class I. We  
 have also noted certain amounts in the  
 various Classes (footing up Rs 1225) that  
 can probably be spared by the Station  
 without seriously crippling the work. At  
 the same time it was voted to reduce the  
 salary of one preacher, Samuel Peter, from  
 Rs 18- to Rs 15- a month, and he consequently  
 announces his intention to leave. This is,  
 I think, not a wholly evil result, for a  
 salary of Rs 15- is relatively so high that  
 his refusal of it amounts almost to a  
 conviction of mercenary motives. I quite  
 believe with you that a cut in the appropriations  
 may be a means of grace to the churches on  
 the field.

Some of us think that cuts should be  
 made so extensively (while still judiciously  
 so as for instance never to cut the number

of well-qualified missionaries to be sent out) as to prevent permanently the incurrence of one cent of debt by the Board.

I am glad to note in your letter of 4 June that the debt was nearly all paid, and I hope it may prove true, as I have heard elsewhere, that it is entirely paid. The question raised in the Assembly as to the disposal of the building at 156 Fifth Avenue is a surprise, but I pray that the Committee of Eleven and the Boards may be Divinely guided to the wisest and most becoming solution.

We rejoice to hear that Dr. and Mrs. Wilson and an industrial worker are to come to the Mission this year, and that Miss Graham - though not commissioned by the Board - is to join our circle.

I meant long ago to refer to a surprising item in the Board's Report for 1895, as issued by the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly. In the "Summary View," on page 216, it is stated that the Native Contributions from the Western India were 1,249 Dollars!

If it was not a mere clerical error, may I ask how those figures were obtained? I do not think that the collections in the churches here can quite fairly be called "Native Contributions", for the larger part of them are from givers who are foreigners in India. But the total contributions from the churches of the Presbytery (including congregational purposes etc.), are shown in the Assembly's Report, page 415, to amount to only \$195. Whence then the other \$1054?

The Rains are upon us, and indoor tasks, such as language study, Mission Committee reports, and with me various "secretarial" duties, figure largely.

With prayers and kind regards,  
I remain

Yours Sincerely,  
William H. Cannon.

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DR. BROWN.

Kohapur. India

Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 1896

Rev. R. J. Brown. D.D. Miss. F. X. Ferris

Dear Doctor Brown:

In making out our estimate for 1897-98, I asked the Mission to allow me to put in an estimate for an additional year for my oldest son.

Wm. Chauncy, was 16 eighteen on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May & therefore not entitled to the allowance heretofore allowed for him.

As a special case & favor I ask that it be continued at least for seven months, that is till May 31<sup>st</sup> 1898.

Higher prices here make it almost impossible for me to save anything, certainly not enough to support him another year & I do want him to have at least one more year of school life. He did try this summer to get work - he desired "journaliers" - but failed to secure anything.

Beyond my salary & their allowance  
I have nothing except - \$150.<sup>00</sup> interest  
on my late husband's insurance money,  
and I have to send at least one  
hundred dollars <sup>each</sup> beside the Board's  
allowance to my sons.

I trust this great favor may be  
granted to me.

You will see in the estimate sheet,  
that the Mission asks for home al-  
lowance for me for this year. Our  
Holkapur Station sanctioned my put-  
ting it into the estimate & the Mission  
unanimously voted for me to send  
it on to the Board with ~~the~~ the regu-  
lar estimate sheet, as you will see.

May I ask for an answer as soon  
as possible, so I may know what  
is depend upon, from next - May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Yours sincerely and in great hope  
of a favorable answer,  
(Mrs G. W.) Lucy S. Ferris

Mrs. Ferris, Boston, in writing

Explanation Estimates

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Kolhapur, Nov. 19, 1896.

Sec. Kolhapur

Rev. A.J. Brown, D.D.,

156 Fifth Ave, New York City, U.S.A.,

Dear Dr. Brown,

The following letter from the Kolhapur Station is in explanation of the estimates recently to you.

*Ferris boy.*

1. In Class I you will see that a child's allowance for one year is asked for Mrs. Ferris' eldest boy. (Three boys in all). Of this he is entitled to but one month's allowance as he will be 18 years old on the 31st of May next. Under the circumstances the Station and after them the Mission felt that they should join with Mrs. Ferris in making this request.

*Kn Girls' School*

*Anandrao's salary 210 Rs.*

2. Under the "Christian Girls' Boarding School" Anandrao's salary is put down Rs 105 old and 105 new. This happens in this way. We had an appropriation for "one teacher to be appointed" Rs 300. Anandrao is this teacher; but he was not engaged until the year had half expired, that is after the closing of the High School in which he had been employed. As only Rs 105 were needed for his salary for the remainder of the year, we used up the balance of this item in making our cut. You will see therefore the necessity of our having the full 210 rupees next year.

*New pupils*

3. In the same school are the two following items. Rs. 192 new is asked on Boarding, Clothing etc. This is to cover the expenses of four new pupils. From the experience of past years we estimate that this will be about the increase of students this year. Rs 25 additional are also asked for books, paper etc. This is also for the expected new pupils, for whom at the outset there are

always extra expenses.

*Rs. 72 for Watchman*

4. In the same school Rs 72 new are asked for the watch man. Up to this time this has been paid out of the allowance for Board, Clothing etc. The famine prices which now prevail and in all probability will increase, make an additional allowance here necessary. Prices of grain have already more than doubled.

*Increase Bible women etc.*

5. You will notice that there is a uniform increase in the pay of Bible Women, Other Helpers and Teachers. This increase is apparent rather than real. According to the new rules which we have adopted no helpers are to receive house rent and no perquisites are to be given in the schools. The increase asked for simply compensates for these. So far as we were able we have tried not to alter anyone's actual pay in changing from the old rules to the new. There are several minor increases in helpers salaries due to increase in their families. One of the allowances given them is a Children's Allowance.

*Day School*

6. The estimates for the Day Schools are not strictly in accordance with the Board's instructions as regards old and new work. It was almost impossible to make them so as the appropriations were sent in a lump sum and the estimates are asked for in detail, beside other complications which we will try to explain. However we think there need be no misunderstanding: Under Teachers for Day Schools Old Work, the total estimates amount to Rs 1758, and under New Work Rs 444. As there was only 1563 appropriated for teachers this makes a difference of Rs 195 which should be subtracted from Rs 1758 and added to Rs 444 making the former 1563 and the latter 639.

But this Rs 1758 is the amount actually paid out this year We exceeded our appropriations Rs 195 and made it up from the item Other Expenses.

The reason is this. Last year two schools which had been supported independently through Miss Wilder by the Presbyterian church of Newark, N.J. of which Rev S.E.Young is pastor, were, according to the wish of the Board taken over by the Mission, and the church in Newark was asked to send its contributions direct to the Board. By an oversight however these schools were not included in the estimates sent in last year for this year. So we found ourselves this year in a difficulty, two extra schools to be provided for out of the appropriations.

*Contribution of Newark Church* 5. Last year the Newark church contributed about Rs300 for these schools. Will you please let us know whether this money was sent direct to the Board this year?

In considering the 639 rupees new asked for, please note the matter of these two schools, and also that we have cut down the Other Expenses of Day Schools to Rs 400, and have omitted any item for rent of Teachers' Dwellings.

*Theological Class* 7. Under Theological Class we have asked for Rs 50 new. The class has been transferred from Panhala to Kolhapur and this amount is to provide accomodations and books for all who come, and travelling for the helpers of our station.

*Addition Girls* 8. You will see that we are asking for Rs 2100 for an addition to the school house of the Girls' Boarding School. As to the need for this you are already fully informed. We are the more encouraged to ask for this, as we understand that the ladies of the Huntingdon Presbytery have some thoughts of making this a special object above their regular contributions.

*New rent* 9. The item Rs 420 new rent of Missionary's Dwelling which was used in our cut this year, has been put back in the estimates.

If Mr. Wilson is married during the year and Mrs and Miss Wilder do not return to the Unites States, it will be needed.

10. The Rs 6 new for school house tax is for a school house which was formerly private property but has been given to the Mission.

11. In Class IX we have asked only Rs 75 for Mission Meetings. It has been thought best that Panhala station should ask the entire amount needed for the rent of the Travellers' Bungalow at Panhala during Mission Meeting, instead of distributing it in small amounts among the different stations.

12. The increase asked in Stationery and Postage is because the Mission Secretary, Mr Hannum, is now stationed at Kolhapur.

13. In general please remember that a famine throughout all India is apparently upon us, and that this is a very inopportune time for urging self support or cutting down salaries; though you will see from our Minutes that we are alive to the importance of a self supporting native church.

14. We are asking for two new ladies that they may be preparing either to take charge of the Girls' Boarding School when Mrs Ferris and Miss Patton go home, or more probably to take the places of others who have been longer on the field, who may be transferred to this work.

Yours Sincerely  
J. W. Seiler  
Cecy Kolhapur Station

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DR. BROWN.



R.M.S. "BRITANNIC"

Edinburgh, Scotland.

11/20/96.

*Wilson*

Dear Dr Brown -

We reached Liverpool about 4.30 am. today & were put ashore at 8 o'clock. Had no trouble at all with the Customs officers.

We come up here at once after landing & will spend a few days in Scotland.

We enjoyed the voyage very much. I escaped being sea-sick, it all, & my wife was only ill two or three days & remained on deck most of that time.

It was a great pleasure to us to have the Dummings' company. We soon found we had many mutual friends & acquaintances.

I think you need have no anxiety over De Staffin's influence with him as he seems to have very little regard for the Doctor. With kindest regards to the other members of the Board,  
I am Sincerely yours  
Alec S. Wilson.



Miraj Nov 20<sup>th</sup> / 96

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Rev Arthur L Brown D.S.  
156 7<sup>th</sup> Ave  
New York

29 - 2 Francis

My dear Doctor Brown,

Journal

You will doubtless be interested in knowing that we have arrived safely & that we are again very happy in & full of our work. The voyage did us all great good so that we arrived here in excellent health.

The weather in the Red sea was very trying. I never experienced such hot weather anywhere. The best arrangement we could make for passage out was on an Anchor Line freight ship which took thirty two days from Liverpool to Bombay. We had the upper quarters & but for the slow passage every thing was all that we could desire. With Mr Russell & family we had the ship to ourselves & so had all the liberty we desired. We were glad to be able to save \$5 on each ticket by taking the freight steamer but I do not recommend others to follow our example owing to the

slow speed (8 1/2 knots) in the Red Sea, the important thing for me was to get out for Messer's meeting & this we could not have done had we not taken the steamer we did.

The Messer's meeting was a most delightful one to me. We greatly rejoice in being back among our missionary brethren again.

Review  
Method

I trust the large amount of time spent in consideration of D. Woods' Method & self support in the native church will soon begin to bear fruit among us.

Certainly an advance ought to be, & believe can be made, in this direction. The fruits of <sup>our</sup> efforts may not be very apparent for a few years but I trust we who are now here may live to see the churches standing more & more upon their own feet.

The work here suffered considerable loss in our absence. I am thankful

Good  
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however that Mr. Simonson was able to hold the fort as well as he did. Not having passed in the language before we left & being most of the time alone in the station the burden was too heavy for him. It is remarkable that he was so abundantly sustained under

Frequently trying circumstances.

We have opened the outdoor Dispensary & people have already begun to come in large numbers & we have also begun our daily preaching services in the Dispensary chapel. Mr. Jensonson already finds a splendid opportunity for work among the patients & their friends.

We expect to open the large hospital on Monday next the 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

Mrs.

~~residence~~ Mrs. Tedford is now occupying one of the Tedford hospital wards. On arrival at Panhala I found her suffering from uterine hemorrhage & severe hemorrhoids. At the close of Mission meeting I had her brought down here & operated on her for both troubles. She is now sitting up & will return to Panhala quite well again in a few days. Mr. Irvine has been nursing Mrs. Tedford <sup>since</sup> the operation.

Miss

Miss ~~Kannum~~ Kannum is also here undergoing local treatment. She will be here for 6 months at the end of which time I expect she ~~will~~ will be able to resume her regular duties in Kolhapur.

~~Miss~~ We have made arrangements with the B D Z  
M D M, for the loan of Miss Sharp of Raturgiri  
until a nurse can be sent out from home  
to act next fall. Miss Sharp has had some training  
as nurse in midwifery & I think we will be able  
to manage with her, Mr Wavless assisting,  
until we can get a more fully qualified  
person from home. Miss Sharp is already  
with us, having arrived yesterday.

Of course it would be possible to engage  
an English or Eurasian nurse in this  
country but it is very difficult to secure  
one who is willing to do missionary  
work as well as nursing. They generally  
ask more pay than our single ladies  
receive, & it is not at all certain that  
we could get one to remain permanently  
with us. What we need is a nurse with  
the missionary spirit, a lover of the  
Bible, & one who has had the real  
training in midwifery, one whose age  
if not her looks will keep her single for  
a few years at any rate.

The work having been closed for 5 months we  
are able to provide for Miss Sharp during

the present fiscal year, out of the Hospital  
appropriation

Mr Wailes joins me in warmest regards  
to yourself & the other members of the Council  
My kindest remembrances to Mr Brown  
I am glad to learn that your children  
got safely through the attack of diphtheria  
they had when we left New York

My Cordially Yours  
W. Wailes

DEC 18 1896  
DR. BROWN.

May 25/96

Res. Arthur I. Brown D.D. 24. 2. 1896  
New York  
N.Y.

My dear Doctor Brown,

1. Medical fees

I have been instructed by the mission to reply to the section of the Board's letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> Sept/96 bearing on the question of Comity & medical fees.

I would say in reply that we have not yet charged missionaries of adjacent missions for services. The fact is we have not had but one or two cases. While at Mahabeshwar in 1894 I treated Mr H.G. Bissell for several weeks & one or two other missionaries of the A.B.C.F.M. incidently. In another instance I extracted a tooth for one of the Free Church missionaries. This has been the extent of my practice among missionaries of other societies. Mr Bissell & the Free Church missionary both offered to pay for my services but I declined to accept anything as I had always understood that it was not customary for missionaries to charge

for medical services.

It is only while at Mahabaleshwar that I would be likely to treat missionaries of other societies since the S. P. G. Mission in Kolhapur are the only other missionaries within calling distance. In Kolhapur the English Surgeon Dr Sinclair attends all missionaries free of charge.

2 Regarding the special request by the Mission for the Miraj bungalow, see Minutes. I hope the Board will grant this request which is of course for a full sized bungalow costing Rs 7000. but in case the Board is not able to secure the full amount that it will appropriate the sum already promised by Mr Converse \$500 on Jan 1st 1877 & another gift by Appleton, which I presume from Mrs Converse's letters will amount to \$500 more. This sum <sup>Rs 1000</sup> would enable us to put up <sup>a</sup> part of the bungalow sufficient to accommodate two English ladies. I entertain the hope that the Board can persuade Mr Converse to give the full amount (Rs 7000) so that we may have a bungalow

Miraj  
Bungalow.  
Rs. 7000.  
or  
Rs. 1,000  
miscellaneous

similar in size to the present one.  
*More room* Until we have more dwelling space  
*needed.* the nurse must live altogether in the  
hospital ~~which~~ as you are aware is  
intended entirely for natives. The nurse  
will have a room in the hospital but  
the missionaries are all of the opinion  
that she should not be made to live there  
entirely. She should have quarters outside.

*Miss Sherman* We expect another single lady in the  
*to go* station but we have no room as yet for  
*Miss* permanent residence. It is expected  
that Miss Sherman will be sent here  
at the beginning of the rains if we can  
secure a place for her to reside in.

*For instance* Again the missionaries are coming  
*patients* frequently for treatment to Miraj. Just  
*occurred* how Mrs. Hammon is occupying our  
*missionaries* <sup>the</sup> nursery & Mrs. Tedford has a whole ward  
in the hospital which cannot be occupied  
by native patients while she is here.  
When the hospital is opened for native  
patients it will not be possible to  
accommodate more missionaries  
there without emptying the ward of all

the beds for Native Patients. There are  
additional reasons for the immediate  
erection of a full sized house. Then too  
it will be cheaper to complete the whole house  
now than to <sup>build</sup> part now & complete it some time  
in the future. Our station cannot be  
sufficiently manned until we have more  
residence accommodation.

We shall be glad of the \$1,000 if we cannot  
get more. A half calf is better than no feed.

3  
~~Estimate~~ You will notice that the estimate for the  
hospital work is considerably decreased this  
year. The increase however is chiefly to  
make provision for Miss Sharp  
until an American nurse arrives.

It is not possible for us to say how  
much the income in the medical  
work will be. During the last fiscal  
year before leaving for America  
I turned over to the Board about  
\$1,700 received in fees. The amount  
received in fees had steadily increased  
from some \$300 in my first year 1889 to  
\$1,700 in '95. It shall be my aim to maintain

Rs. 1,700

Sec.

the medical work has increasingly ~~been~~  
~~approaching~~. However since it is never  
possible to predict just how much  
we are likely to receive in fees I trust  
the Board will continue the course of  
last year in making the full appropriation  
for the medical work allowing the fees  
to revert to the Board as usual. This  
allows us to plan for purchase of medicines  
etc at the beginning of the year which we  
could not do in case we were obliged to  
depend upon an uncertain quantity of fees  
to be received throughout the year.

4 I trust the Board will endeavor to secure  
Trained a trained nurse to be sent out next fall  
nurse  
needed We expect to open our medical class  
next winter & we will need a person  
competent <sup>to give</sup> instruction in nursing to  
the students. The pupil nurse women  
also need a person competent to train  
them. She is needed also for duties  
which I myself must necessarily perform  
until she arrives - preparing dressings,  
preparing for operations etc. I wish to be

free for work strictly medical & surgical.

5 Regarding the estimate of \$130 for the Children's Hospital, I have already explained this hospital personally to you. I wish to turn this building costing \$750 over to the Board with the other land & buildings (when the transfer of these is made to the Board's corporate name). This building is situated adjacent to but not included in the plan of Mary Mission buildings now in the Treasurer's office in New York. The land is a part of the site originally & independently bought by myself & cost me altogether about \$1000 all of which, excepting the land on which the Children's Hospital stands, I have already donated to the Board.

I ask for the \$130 (\$450) as this is the amount of an obligation in connection with the building which I am not at present personally able to discharge, besides I prefer to, but the Children's Hospital building & work under the control of the Board to which I offer to do with the understanding of course that the work in it will be continued by the Board.

The work in the Children's Hospital has been hitherto well supported by funds from personal friends & relatives in Canada, & this will continue to be the case so far as such gifts will allow.

*Transfer* We expect to complete the transfer of *Mrs. A's* the nursing property to the Board corporate property. Name during the present fiscal year

Unless I hear to the contrary I will take the liberty of including with the other buildings the Children's Hospital with the Board that it becomes the property of the Board only when the amount used for (B-450) is sent & for which a receipt will be duly given & registered.

Yours Cordially  
- J. M. Wilson

Miraj Nov 27/96

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My dear Doctor Brown

J. J. Hämäläinen

I intended in my letter  
last week to speak of our reception by  
the people but in my haste to get the  
letter off to catch the mail I overlooked it -

*Cardia* We went direct to Messon meeting  
meeting at Panhala from Bombay & upon our  
by *miraj* return to Miraj at the close of Messon  
meeting we were given a very warm  
welcome by the people of Miraj.

State carriage was in waiting at  
the station for us. The state Karthari  
(State Secretary) with several of the state  
officers met us & accompanied  
to our bungalow. The people had literally  
taken possession of the house & with  
the help of our Native Christian Ramehanda  
& the servants had it beautifully decorated  
with lamp & lights of various colors  
Special lamp posts were put up in  
front of the house in the garden, an arch  
over the gate way & another with three  
sides in front of the house were also

was also erected, Chinese lanterns hung  
in the trees. The large space in front  
of the house was covered by a carpet  
& seated with the dispensary benches  
& chairs brought from the town hall,  
some five or six hundred people  
were assembled to meet us including  
a number of state officials. An  
address of welcome was made by  
the head masters of the <sup>high</sup> school to which  
I made a brief reply re affirming  
our <sup>two fold</sup> purpose in coming here namely  
to preach the gospel as well as to heal the  
sick. Then there was the usual distribution  
of flowers, garlands, perfume fruits  
sweet meats etc. fire works, & music  
by a band which was in attendance.  
The people have since repeatedly expressed  
their pleasure at our return to Kei-aj  
& we feel that God has given us an  
open door & opportunity here in which  
to heal the sick & preach the gospel in  
His name.

Already the dispensary is daily crowded  
with patients. The Hospital opened five days

ago has already 20 patients & I have  
performed more than a dozen  
major operations.

Mr. Simonsen has an excellent  
audience every day in the patients  
& their friends who come for treatment  
& he has also begun personal work  
among the hospital patients.

May his words be owned of God in the  
salvation of many precious souls.

Your brother with kindest  
regards  
J. W. Wallace

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E. M. Wilson

Kolhapur, S.M.C. India, Sat. 30 Nov '95

Dear Dr. Brown,

I send you by this mail under a separate cover two photographs which may be of interest to you. They were taken on the occasion of Mr. Irwin's leaving Kolhapur. Eight members of the YMCA were not present when the picture was taken.

Cordially.

Edgar M. Wilson

India

Ratnagiri, December 30, 1896

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DR BROWN.

My Dear Dr. Brown: —

Miss S. M. Jefferson.

Welcome to Dr. & Mrs. Wilson

Today we have had the

privilege of welcoming Dr. & Mrs. Wilson to our midst. Mr. and Mrs. Irwin have taken them to their hearts' home in the Mission Bungalow. We rejoice that they have been brought safely over the waters, and that they were kept from the pestilence. Doubtless you shortly will hear directly from them telling more particulars of their journey. We pray that God may fulfil all the good-pleasure of his goodness in bringing them to this needy land.

while in Bombay.

Miss Wilder's Miss Wilder of Kolhapur has been with us for a week, but today we were compelled to say good bye. Her Bible Readings with the Christians were very helpful. She and Miss Minor had spent a week touring from Kolhapur to Ratnagiri. This tour proved to be one of great interest and blessing. An unusually large company of Christians journeyed together and had opportunity of witnessing in different parts of 19 towns and villages. Miss Minor says she was impressed with

the fact that a man in an out-of-the-way village had a Gospel which had been sent him by a Hindu in Ratnagiri. — "The word of God is not sound." The poverty and oppressed condition of the people were marked to Miss Wilder, and she felt she could better represent the needs of the great Konkan having had a glimpse of this part of our Mission's field.

Christmas. This afternoon thirty-four little girls from Miss Dima's School gathered on the veranda of our house for a little Christmas treat. Our new comers were present and Mrs. Wilson enjoyed awarding the prizes receiving in return many grateful "salaams".

Transfer You have been informed that Mr. and Mrs. Lammun Dammun have been transferred to Kolhapur.

While we would ever say they will be done yet we cannot help desiring that this change may only be a temporary one.

Self-support Mr. Irwin is faithfully pressing the importance of self-support in our Church and already they have begun to keep the record of foreign contributions separate. This method will show in what proportion the church is self-supporting now. A part of the Christmas

collection is to be sent to the famine sufferers and the remainder is to be used in defraying expenses of the Church here.

**Bhivaji** With the concurrence of the two Stations **Pandurang** concerned **Bhivaji Pandurang** and wife have been transferred from Kolhapur to Ramagiri. Their six months old child was taken sick on the way and died the day after they arrived here. The funeral service was held in the evening and the little body was laid away in the Government cemetery making the fourth child of our Mission which is buried there.

**Encouraging** **Balavantarav** in **Vengule** sends encouraging reports up to **Dr. Swin**. He has made a tour into **Goanese** territory and found unusual readiness ~~to~~ on the part of some people to give heed to the Gospel. **Mr** and **Mrs. Swin** expect soon to make a tour to **Vengule**. Both have been very busy getting settled in their new quarters in the Mission **Bengaloo**. After Mission Meeting **Mrs. Swin** spent fifteen days in the **Miraj** Hospital nursing **Mrs. Sedford** and **Mrs. Hannum** and giving much assistance to **Dr. Wanless** in his work.

In our absence in the Deccan Missions

Hareworth, Green & Ferguson carried on the schools & kept up their regular visiting.

Miss Ferguson is at present visiting her friend Miss Sharp in Dinaj, but we expect her next week with Miss Betteridge from England, who is to be associated with us in the work here.

Miss Betteridge is <sup>in</sup> Natugiri

We should like to ask you to unite in

prayer for a young man Lakshman for Poredi who testifies of him to his classmates, who attends church regularly, who shows marked interest in and love for the Bible, but who nevertheless fears to meet the storm of opposition in his publicly confessing Christ.

The year has been crowned with God's goodness but we look forward to even better things with the new year. Accept warmest Christian greetings from all

Yours in Jesus  
Amanda M. Jefferson

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The for with letter of -  
the Kolhapur Station -  
12/30/96  
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FEB 28 1907  
DR. BROWN.

Dear Dr. Brown -

I fear that I am a poor one to console  
our Station work as during the past month I have been  
in Kolhapur about three days only.

Grace E. Wilder

**Welcome** We have had the joy of welcoming Rev. & Mrs. Harrison to our  
**Home** Station. They are now settled in their new home and are a  
great addition to our Station circle.

Mrs Ferris and Miss Patton have been busy arranging for  
a new school year and planning for additions to the dor-  
mitory of the Girls' School.

**Touring** Early in Dec. Mr Seiler joined Mr. Sedford for a  
tour in the district north-east of Kolhapur. At the same  
time I spent some days in villages where a few have re-  
cently become christians. At Kiri, I found Mucoba and  
**Converts** his wife giving clear testimony to their faith in Jesus.

As it was harvest time, Mucoba was diligently watching his  
crops. One morning failing to find him at home, we had  
our talk and prayer at the door of his booth in his field.  
Speaking of God's care of him, Mucoba gave the following  
incident - One night while I slept soundly, I heard my  
name called. I came out but I could see nothing and  
the dogs were silent - so I slept. Again I was awakened. This  
time I walked to the further end of my field and there  
found an animal grazing! Thus God takes care of me!

This man was a noted robber. His life is now a testimony to the power of Jesus. Sam told that his neighbors now leave their fields in his charge.

At Taryu I found much poverty among our people. They are tempted from within and without. At noon, five Christians of Taryu met with us for prayer. As we spoke freely together, these Christians were asked to give their experience of God's goodness.

Ramji said - "Being as Sam (Blind). God guards me all the time.

Another Christian man present was asked to give his testimony and it brought out this incident. His wife (a woman baptized at the time of our recent visit) was in need of a garment. She grieved about this and also that her husband was not speaking to her as usual.

"For four days, said she, it went so heavy with me - always it was so heavy. At last, I answered back - not much - but a few words.

He rose to beat me and ran out of the house. Looking back, I saw he had a large stick in his hand. When I saw that, I felt I must throw myself into the well. So at once, I jumped in. Down in the water, I could hear my husband speak. He jumped in after me - but could not get me out. In the water we folded our hands to God. We said -

"Oh Lord - then a Hindu man came and drew us out. The woman seemed to feel that in their home a lesson had been learned never to be forgotten. She said to me - "Our neighbors say - Both have been saved from death - nothing can now separate them".

A few hours spent in the homes of these people brings us into much closer relation to them. Their lives have emphasized to me

The petition lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Since this trip in our Kolhapur field, I have toured with Miss Minor to Ratnagiri. On this side the Ghats, I find very many, poor hard worked people. Villages are more difficult of access and in many of these the name of Jesus is not known. The headman of one remote village had a copy of Luke's Gospel. It had been sent to him from Ratnagiri and he had been reading it.

~~Visit to~~ I have had much joy in this my first visit to our dear Ratnagiri missionaries and Christians in Ratnagiri. Their field is a hard one and they greatly need more help.

Before leaving Ratnagiri, I had the joy of participating in the welcoming of Dr. & Mrs. Wilson to that station.

My Mother and I continue to feel that we sh. take our farewell to America this Spring. I am beginning to realize how very hard it will be for us to leave India.

With kindest wishes for the New Year, in which all our Station would join.

Yours in Jesus service -

Grace E. Wilder.

Ratnagiri Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>/96.

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Letter from Miss Amanda L. Jefferson, May 7th, 1897.

Ratnagiri, Western India.

*Amanda Jefferson*

With reference to my letter to Mrs. Parker of Brooklyn I

would say that while I would not for a moment say anything which would tend to decrease one's gifts for Missions, yet when the of increase in salary was brought up by Mrs. Parker, she stating that she did not contribute the extra amount as she had understood the previous allowance was sufficient. I felt I should frankly state to her that \$500, was an ample salary for India and that four young ladies of our Mission had asked the Board not to increase their salary. The Board either misunderstood their desire or did not deem it wise to act according to their suggestion. After an experience of over five years I can confidently say that my present salary is larger than necessary for my needs but of course it is very pleasant to have the extra to use for others. If, however, it would mean more missionaries on the field I should be glad to have our salary reduced \$100, or \$150, I do not know to what extent my views of these matters are shared by others.

Perhaps it might be well to bring the question personally to each one. I have always felt that our Board deals with us in a most generous manner and I sympathize with all your difficult questions, but I believe that these necessary cuts on appropriations are and may be yet greater channels of deep blessing to us and to the native church.

*Please return to Sec. Brown*

*Salary*  
*single women*



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Ratnagiri, India  
7 May 1897

Amanda L. Jefferson

Dear Dr. Brown:—

I have not given your letter of 13 March the speedy attention that it deserved. I received it while on tour in a neglected portion of our vast field. And since my return my days have been very full. The Wilson-Green wedding passed off very happily and the bride and groom have left for Mahāleshwar.

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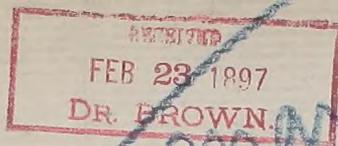
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I thank you for your appreciative words regarding the Minutes. It was a pleasure to me to be able to help in that way. We have had an unusually cool hot season in Ratanagiri & soon we shall look for the monsoon.

Yours in the service of the  
Lord Jesus  
Amanda M. Jefferson.



Kolhapur India

16 January 1897

Rev'd A. J. Brown, D.D.

Secretary, Board of Foreign Missions,  
New York

Dear Dr. Brown:

Allow me to

Request communicate to you the following action of  
for the Western India Mission:

special " Moved: That the Mission ask the Board,  
appropriation in accordance with para's 27 and 50 of the  
375-Rs. Board's Manual, for a special appropriation of  
Rs. 375 to supplement the appropriation  
available in Ratnagiri Station under the head  
of medical allowance, in order to meet the  
special expenditure for medical attendance  
in Mrs. Hannum's late severe illness. "

This motion was declared carried on 15th  
inst. All the votes cast were affirmative.

By way of explanation I would quote the remarks  
made on the motion by Mr. Drwin, Secretary of  
Ratnagiri Station: "The medical allowance appropriated  
for the current year in Ratnagiri Station is Rs. 300,  
for three families. Mr. Hannum has presented an

account to the Auditing Committee containing an item against medical allowance of Rs. 520. The Auditing Committee has sanctioned Rs. 300, the amount of the appropriation and asked the Station to suggest a way to meet the balance. The amount mentioned in the motion will meet the unappropriated balance of Rs. 220 and leave Rs. 150 available for the rest of the Station, who are in need of it. A transfer under the present appropriations cannot be effected wisely."

Respectfully yours,  
William H. Cannon.