

WOLSTEDS WRITE OF WORK AMONG HINDUS

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Wolsted declares that "this is a new day for this great country." He recalls his work of the last year in India and writes as follows concerning conditions there:

"Last year was the most interesting year I think since coming to India. We are beginning to see results in so

many things. Also, perhaps, we are beginning to understand more of the ways of the Orient and to know the things that really count. You have been reading in the papers about the political agitation here. That, however, has not occupied much of our attention. Our field is in the villages or rural districts and the farmers are not much interested in politics. They want peace and justice and an opportunity to do the daily work of the fields. In thinking of India we must remember that this agricultural class

constitutes about 90 per cent of the whole population.

"Throughout the length and breadth of the land wonderful changes are coming. If you have read Miss Mayo's book, Mother India, I hope you will not be discouraged by her descriptions. She has given a distorted and one-sided picture. True there are many evil and sad conditions, but changes are coming and I have confidence in the future. No one could see the transformations of the past 25 years and not recognize that. Living here, I feel very decidedly that this is a new day for this great country. I

have many friends amongst the Hindus and Mohammedans and it seems a remarkable change has come in their outlook."

Cites Farm Improvement

Mr. and Mrs. Wolsted are particularly interested in the agricultural development of India, since the agricultural class in that country constitutes ninety per cent of the population. Concerning progress in the farming industry in India Mr. Wolsted writes:

"The Economic Improvement association has continued the policy of cooperating with the government departments. One agricultural agent under government employ was secured for Manamadura for supervision of the propaganda work. He held 107 demonstrations in 46 villages with iron ploughs and other improved implements. He was able to sell 44 ploughs in the first six months as well as some other materials such as seed, feed cutters, etc. We have also developed a plan whereby every school is to be supplied with a good text book on farming and other Government bulletins. One Board has already purchased 145 books for such use. Each teacher will receive a copy and through his interest we hope to reach the villagers. We again planned a trip to the Experimental Farm about 50 miles away. Fifty-five pastors, teachers and missionaries made the journey and there we studied the approved methods in operation. On the farm the fodder crops grew 10 to 12 feet high. Just across the boundary line were the fields of a local farmer. The difference in crops was a very convincing argument. In December we held a "Farm Day" at Manamadura."

Outlines New Work

The two missionaries from the Winnetka church have made definite plans for the coming year's work. Mr. Wolsted says:

"This year we hope to open work in the large town of Devakotta, which has a population of 12,000. My vision is that some day that will be the center for a new pastorate reaching from the sea inland for about fifty miles. Only two days ago our council referred that plan to a committee for investigation. Another important resolution was the adoption of the plan to make Sivaganga headquarters for Sethur pastorate. You may recall that I once sent you a map showing the untouched territory shaded in black. Sivaganga is the center of government for that area and in many ways an important place. We believe we have made a step in the right direction in selecting that as a Church center for the development of work in that open field."

Garden of Allah Books

Fred Hamm's Orchestra

Coming back to Chicago from a year as headliners on the Keith-Albee vaudeville circuit, Fred Hamm and his Collegians opened at the Garden of Allah, Glenview, Ill., on Thursday, July 12.

Fred Hamm is one of Chicago's original dance and radio favorites, having broadcast several years ago from stations WLIB and WGN. The orchestra was also well known through its many Victor records. Following its Chicago run, the Hamm orchestra journeyed eastward and became so successful in vaudeville, that the Keith-Albee circuit built up an entire unit show around it.

Primarily a dance orchestra, specializing in sweeping rhythms and melodies, the Hamm orchestra enlivens its programs with a speedy succession of novelties, singing and diversified entertainment. The Garden of Allah, where the orchestra is now playing, is located on Waukegan road at Lake avenue, five miles directly west of Lake Michigan.



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