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# THE ROYAL SILVER JUBILEE



*Their Imperial Majesties the King-Emperor and Queen-Empress*  
*1910 — 1935.*

*(Distributed by the Poona Seva Sadan Society on the occasion of the 3rd Conference of its workers and helpers held on*

# POONA SEVA SADAN SOCIETY

## RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS TO THEIR MAJESTIES KING GEORGE V & QUEEN MARY

( Passed at a meeting of the *Third Conference* of workers and helpers of the  
P. S. S. Society held in Poona on Sunday, the 19th of May, 1935, under the  
presidency of  
Her Highness Shrimant Sowbhagyavati Ranisaheb of Sangli,  
President of the Society. )

1. The Poona Seva Sadan Society humbly and respectfully begs to offer its warmest congratulations to "Their Majesties the King-Emperor and Queen-Empress of India, on the occasion of the attainment of 25 years of their most benign and beneficial rule. This is justly an occasion for great felicitations and profound prayerfulness on the part of the people of India in general, and the women and the vast masses of the nation in particular. The Society is happy to

observe that during this period, India has undergone a great change for the better, politically, socially, and economically. As this Society is mainly concerned with the all-round upliftment of Indian womanhood, it is particularly gratifying to find that the women's cause in India has made great and rapid strides in the advancement of education, in cultural improvement, and in respect of social and political status during Their Majesties' reign.

2. It is the fervent and humble prayer of the Society, to the Almighty God, offered at its workers' and helpers' Conference held on Sunday, the 19th of May 1935, under the presidency of Her Highness Ranisaheb of Sangli, who is the President of the Society, to bestow on Their Majesties, happiness, long life, and sound health, so as to enable their friendly and fatherly connection with this country to extend the benefits of civilisation to women and others in a backward condition, and to make them capable of participating in the patriotic efforts of the country at large and to themselves with progressive forces in other parts of the Empire and the world.

3. It is a matter of great pride to the Society to mention respectfully here that its then General Secretary Mr. G. K. Devadhar, M. A., C. I. E., K.-I.-H. (1st class), now the Honorary Organiser and General Secretary of the Society, had the rare honour and privilege of having a long personal talk with both Their Majesties, while in England in 1918, as a member

of the Indian Press Delegation. Mr. Devadhar in the course of his long conversation brought to the notice of Their Majesties the work of this Society, which was started towards the end of 1910. It has now, by successive stages, become a country-wide institution comprising of many branches and centres of work. The Society has in various parts of India over one thousand of its trained workers scattered and in its educational institutions there are today over 2000 women and girls, belonging to all castes, creeds, and races. It is further a matter of great and happy coincidence and jubilation to the Society, that its Silver Jubilee synchronises with the Silver Jubilee of His Majesty's benevolent rule, and the Society further begs permission to send to Their Majesties, through the proper authorities a copy of its Silver Jubilee Album, with the ardent prayer that the Society may receive the gracious blessings of Their Majesties, in its growing service, which reaches almost every class in the country in a purely charitable way, in a truly humanitarian spirit, and in an attitude of mind free from sectarian and communal bias.

# FOREWORD

BY

**Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Willingdon.**

I warmly commend the study of this volume to all who wish to read a story of practical service freely and readily given to make life happier, brighter, more worthwhile to many of our fellow citizens whose lives without such help would be drab and cheerless indeed.

I have known Mr. Devadhar and many of his fellow workers from the time when I first arrived in India as Governor of Bombay, and can testify from a practical knowledge of their work to the selfless ideals they have set before themselves in order to advance the well-being of their countrymen.

The volume gives a clear account of their many and varied activities, and will well repay a study by all those who are interested in the important matter of the improvement of the social condition of the people of our Country.

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Hon. GOPAL KRISHNA GOKHALE, C. I. E.



Founder and First member of the Servants of India Society, on the Premises of which was originally discussed in 1907-08 first by Mr. G. K. Devadhar, now the President of the Servants of India Society, the need and desirability of establishing for the training of women workers an organization like the Poona Seva Sadan Society. There were present at this meeting about 40 women from Poona including the late Mrs. Ramabai-sahab Rande and some of the present life-workers and members of the Council who whole-heartedly supported the plan which materialised in the beginning of 1909-10.



**Sir Leslie Wilson's**

## **TRIBUTE.**

“ I know of no Organisation in the Bombay Presidency that can be compared with the Seva Sadan, Poona, for the work it is doing and I have heard it stated more than once on very high authority that there is no other society like it in the whole of India. ”

**SIR LESLIE WILSON**

( Formerly the Governor of Bombay )

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**SECTION I.**

**A SHORT ACCOUNT**

**OF THE**

**Poona Seva Sadan Society**

PART I

**The  
Poona Seva-Sadan Society**

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**Office-bearers and a few typical  
products of the Institution**

**President.**

Her Highness Shrimant Sow. Lady Saraswatibai  
Patwardhan, the Ranisaheb of Sangli, Sangli.

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- (2) Shrimant Dowager Ranisaheb of Jamkhandi,  
Kolhapur.
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- (4) Mrs. Annapurnabai Apte, Poona.
- (5) Sow. Mrs. Sitabai Bhandarkar, Calcutta.
- (6) Lady Thackersey, Poona.

**Hon. Organizer and General Secretary.**

Mr. Gopal Krishna Devadhar, M. A., C. I. E., (Kaiser-I-Hind Gold Medalist), President, Servants of India Society, Poona.

**Hon. Joint General Secretary.**

Dr. N. L. Ranade, B.A., M.B., B.S., Poona.

**Jt. Hon. Asstt. Secretaries to Mr. Devadhar.**

- (1) Mrs. Jankibai Bhat, Hon. Lady Superintendent, Poona Seva Sadan (Branch), one of the two Pioneer Life-Workers, and Hon. Jt. Asstt. Secretary, Poona Seva Sadan Society.
- (2) Mrs. Yamunabai Bhat, Hon. Local Secretary and Treasurer, Poona Seva Sadan (Branch) and a Pioneer Life-worker.

**Nursing and Medical Education  
Committee.**

**Chairman.**

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Poona.

### **Hon. Secretaries.**

- (1) Dr. V. C. Gokhale, L. M. & S., Poona.
- (2) Dr. N. L. Ranade, B.A., M.B., B.S., Poona.
- (3) Dr. V. R. Dhamdhare, M.B., B.S., Poona.

### **Board of Life-Workers.**

#### **(A) Pioneer Life-Workers :—**

- (1) Mrs. Jankibai Bhat, (Kaisar-I-Hind silver Medalist), Hon. Superintendent, Poona Seva Sadan (Branch) and Hon. Asst. Secretary, Poona Seva Sadan Society for development, supervision, and collection.
- (2) Mrs. Yamunabai Bhat, Hon. Superintendent of the Interior, Poona Seva Sadan (Branch) &c.

#### **(B) Other life-workers :—**

- (1) Mr. G. B. Garud, B. A., (Now) Superintendent of the Nagpur Seva Sadan (Branch).
- (2) Mrs. Puttamma Naidu, a Junior Life-worker, now on special duty as Supervisor of the (three or four) Hostels at the headquarters.

### **Permanent Teacher.**

Mr. A. N. Khare, M. A., B. T., B. Sc., Head Master, High School for girls.

N. B. In addition, Mr. Khare there are now on the staff of the High School and Training College six male graduate teachers.

### **Public Health Branch.**

- (1) Dr. (Capt.) A. K. Nulkar, L.M. & S., Hon. Director, Public Health School, Poona.
- (2) Miss Leelabai Jacob, B.A., Lady Superintendent, Public Health School, Poona and Society's Infant Welfare centres, outside Poona also.

#### **(A) Lady Graduates on the staff of the Society at present at the Headquarters and Branches.**

- (I) At the Headquarters for the Poona Seva Sadan (Branch).
- (1) Miss Dwarkabai Bhat, B. A., B. T., T. D. (Lond.), Lady Superintendent, Poona Seva Sadan Society's Bai Motlibai Wadia Training College, Poona (now on leave for one year to the end of October).
- (2) Mrs. Saralabai Naik, M. A., Hon. Superintendent, High School for Girls, Poona.

- (3) Miss Sundarbai Sukhatankar, M. A., (trained mistress) Superintendent, Training College, Poona.
- (4) Miss Manekbai Gole, B. A., Teacher, Special English Classes, Poona.
- (5) \*Miss Bhikutai Joshi, B. A., Superintendent, Special English Classes. (She was in England for nearly three years for postgraduate Studies.) \*Sir Victor Sassoon, Bart., when in Delhi in 1931 as Member of the Royal Commission on Indian Labour, gave us a donation of £100/— (one hundred £ sterling) to enable us to help this young lady to continue her studies there for one year more.
- (6) Mrs. Krishnabai Phadnis, B. A., Teacher, High-School for Girls, Poona.
- (7) Mrs. Kamalabai Kanetkar, B.A., Lady Superintendent, Medical Hostels, Poona.
- (II) At Branches :—
- (a) At Alibag.
- (8) Dr. (Miss) Anandibai Athavale, M. B., B. S. (Bombay), Resident Medical Officer, Kolaba Maternity Hospital and Nursing Home, Alibag, and a nominated member of the local Municipality.
- (b) At Sholapur.
- (9) Miss Rahamabai Eliezer, B. A. (Bombay), English Teacher, A. V. School.
- (c) At Nasik.
- (10) Miss Kusumbai Kanhere, B. A. (Benares), Ag. Lady Superintendent, English and other Classes' Department of the Branch.
- (B) L. C. P. & S. Workers.
- (A) At Headquarters.
- (1) Dr. (Mrs.) Gajrabai Chowdhary, Resident, Medical Officer, in charge Headquarters Maternity Home, Infant Welfare Centre, and Sick Room.
- (B) Outside Centres or Branches. :—
- (2) Bombay. Dr. (Mrs.) Saibai Ranade, who for the last ten years, has been working as Resident Medical Officer, of the Bhatia Maternity Hospital and Nursing Home, managed by us, ( but now transferred to the donor last year ).

- (3) *Poona.* Dr. (Mrs.) Manoramabai N. Thatte, on Indian Military Welfare Duty. (Now gone to England for post-graduate studies; she is Mr. Devadhar's second daughter).
- (4) *Sholapur.* Dr. (Miss) Akkoobai Shrikhande.
- (5) *Ahmednagar.* Dr. (Miss) Sumatibai V. Kurlkar, Lady Superintendent, working under the Direction of Dr. Ranade.

*N. B.* Dr. H. V. Tilak will be in charge of the supervision of the Medical Work of the Society at Alibag and Nasik, &c.

**(C) Fully qualified and diplomated Nurses who were sent to England for post-graduate studies in Public Health Nursing.**

- (1) Mrs. Krishnabai Kanetkar (now Mr. Phatak) is at present working at Gwalior on Rs. 300 (Rupees three hundred) only per month with Motor and House allowances, as Superintendent of Maternity Homes and Dais' Training Centres in the State.

- (2) *Miss Sharadabai Naidu* was working in Bombay in connection with the Bombay Presidency Infant Welfare Society.

**(D)** A few ladies who are Products of the Society and are now working as *Superintendents of various Branches.*

- (1) Mrs. Saraswatibai Bhade (She is a Matric, fully Trained Mistress, a Midwife, and now a nominated member of the local Municipality and the elected Vice-President of the Municipal School Board).
- (2) Mrs. Umabai Barve a Midwife, and Mrs. Venubai Bathe, a fully Trained Mistress, Joint Lady Superintendents, *Baramati Branch.*
- (3) Mrs. Saraswatibai Bhopale, a sewing Mistress at Satara.

**(E)** *Working Outside.* The following are a few typical instances of Society's products some of whom are working, as Matrons and sisters and some of whom are drawing a maximum salary of Rs. 200 together with allowances and free quarters and free services.

- (1) Mrs. Radhabai Paranjape, Matron, West Hospital, Rajkot, (Kathiawar).

- ( 2 ) *Mrs. Krishnabai Karkare*, Matron, Jaya Arogya Hospital, Gwalior, (Central India).
- ( 3 ) *Mrs. Gangubai Joshi*, Matron, Bhatia Maternity Hospital, and Nursing Home, Fort, Bombay.
- ( 4 ) *Mrs. Annapurnabai Raje*, Matron, Indian Medicines School Hospital, Kilpauk, Madras, (Madras Presy).
- ( 5 ) *Mrs. Anandihai Durve*, Sister, Mayo Hospital Nagpur, (Central Provinces).
- ( 6 ) *Mrs. Lakshmbai Adhyapak*, Matron, Civil Hospital, Sholapur.
- ( 7 ) *Mrs. Amboobai Shrikhande*, Matron, Raja Dhanraj Girjee Hospital, Sholapur.
- ( 8 ) *Mrs. Saraswatibai Patki*, Matron, Balasaheb Deshpande Charitable Dispensary and Maternity Hospital and Nursing Home, Ahmednagar.
- ( 9 ) *Mrs. Gangubai Saravate*, Sister, Nasik Civil Hospital and Superintendent, Nasik Seva Sadan (Branch), Nasik.
- (10) *Mrs. Durgabai Pingale*, Sister, Nasik Civil Hospital and Joint Lady Superintendent for Nasik Branch (Orphanage, Rescue Home, Certified School, and Maternity Home), Nasik,
- ( 11 ) *Mrs. Manjulabai Pradhan*, Matron, Kolaba Maternity Hospital and Nursing Home, Alibag.
- (12) *Mrs. Radhabai Divekar*, Matron, Maternity Home, on the premises of the Poona Seva Sadan.
- (13) *Mrs. Phatak*, a Midwife Asst. Superintendent, Mills one-bed maternity and Creches' in Sholapur to work under Mrs. Saraswatibai Bhade who is the Superintendent of the Sholapur Branch.
- (14) *Mrs. Leelabai Bhate*, Matron, Rajubai Hiraohand Municipal Maternity Home, Sholapur (conducted by the Poona Seva Sadan Society through its local Branch ).
- (15) *Mrs. Umabai Parchure*, a Delhi trained Health-Visitor and Lady Reading Essay Prizewoman, now in charge of the Maternity and Infant Welfare Scheme of work at Sholapur and in the district, earning Rs. 150/- ( Rupees one hundred and fifty ) only per month plus allowances.



- (16) *Mrs. Manoramabai Kashikar* :—a fully qualified Nurse and Midwife. She has been working as a Governess to the young son of the late Mr. Shah, the famous pleader from Sholapur for the last six years on Rs. 150/-. This estate is now in charge of the Court of Wards under the Collector of the District.

The above are a few typical instances of those of our medical women who are doing responsible work in Urban places. Many of the teachers who are products of our Training College and other departments are likewise scattered all over the districts in the Deccan. Similarly, several of our nurses and midwives—some of whom are trained as Health-Visitors are now working in small towns and villages of the Deccan : thus, they are to be seen working now in districts like Poona, Satara, Sholapur, Ahmednagar, Kolaba, Belgaum,

Dharwar, Nasik, and Thana ; they are carrying on health activities to check Infant and Maternal mortality in villages in connection with Lady Wilson Village Maternity Association's work. In the last named district, i. e. Thana, there are six nurses and midwives alone working in three places like Bhivandi, Tarapur, Jawhar, besides the school mistresses.

Even the military authorities at Kirkee, Ghorpari and Wanori near Poona, Deolali near Nasik and until recently those at Bangalore needed the services of some of our fully qualified nurses and midwives or mid-wives and Health-Visitors for their Welfare Schemes for the benefit of the wives and children of Indian sepoys in these regiments or for their Hospitals for the Civil population residing in Cantonment areas ; a few Photos of the Indian Military Welfare workers' life will be seen in this Album.

## PART II

# The POONA SEVA SADAN SOCIETY

(Mission to the Women of India)

( ESTABLISHED IN 1910. )

## A Movement for Adult Women's Education

### Present Day Activities Illustrated

#### Summary of its Work in figures

(as on the 1st of August 1933).

1. Headquarters:— Poona.

2. (A) Branches and Centres of work in  
Urban areas in Bombay Presidency :—

Bombay, (C)—Bhatia Maternity Hospital  
and Nursing Home, (1922-23) (now trans-  
ferred), Girgaum, (C) (1928), and Dadar,

(C) (1930); Poona, (B) 1910), Bhamburda,  
(C) (1918); Satara (B)—(1919); Sholapur,  
(B)—( May, 1923 ); Ahmednagar, (B) —  
(August, 1923); Nasik (B)—(August,  
1925). Another, (Nasik Branch) (Orphanage  
and Rescue Home) —(April, 1927); and  
Alibag, (B)—(March-April, 1925).

(B) Branches and Centres of work started  
in other parts of India —

Madras, (B)—(1927-28) (now transferr-  
ed); —and Gwalior (C)—(15 August 1927),  
Nagpur, (B)—(1928).

(C) Rural Centres of Uplift Work:—

(1) Baramati ( in Poona District )—  
( 1921-22 )

(2) Khed-Shivapur ( in Poona District )  
—(1930).

3. Educational and Medical work:—

(a) Total No. of Classes ... ..115

(b) Total No. of women and girls on the registers  
of both these branches of work ... ..1879

(excluding 31 School Mistresses in the Social Workers' Class at Headquarters).

- (c) Of these the number of women receiving medical education to-day is only. ... 102

#### 4. Hostels:—

- 18 With nearly 421 inmates (women and girls), including 80 women workers who stay therein as full-paying or part-paying boarders ... 421

#### 5. Home for the Homeless at Nasik:—

- 1 With nearly a dozen orphans and helpless women ... 16

#### 6. Crèches:—

- 2 With nearly 300 children belonging to women working in Vishnu and Laxmi Mills at Sholapur ... 300

#### 7. Medical Relief:—

- (1) Maternity Hospitals and Nursing Homes and Dispensaries under Society's management ... 8
- (2) Infant Welfare Centres and Ante-natal Clinics ... 7

#### 8. Results or Achievements:—

Nearly 1320 (320 medical and 1,000 non-medical) women have so far been sent out by the Society as trained Social workers such as Sub-Asst. Surgeons, Health Visitors, Nurses, Midwives, Governesses, Teachers, Sewing and Singing Mistresses, &c. &c. Of these the Society has educated more than two hundred and fifty women entirely at its cost. A very large number of the names of these have been printed in the Prospectus and Progress Book of the Poona Branch and it is priced at As. -/8/- and the remaining up-to-date names together with the places at which some of them are working now would be printed in the second edition of this most useful publication for the whole Society.

9. *Annual Income* during the past few years, it roughly came to Rs. ... 2,00,000, (now reduced to about Rs. 1,46,058, this year, including nearly Rs. 27,000

received as grants from Government which are now steadily on the decrease.)

10. *Annual Expenditure* recently stood at about Rs. 2,10,000 (now reduced to about Rs. 1,75,000); thus, the amount of deficit per year roughly comes to Rs. 29,000 or Rs. 30,000 which has to be collected in a number of ways.

11. *Expenditure incurred every year by the Society* for the complete maintenance and education of nearly 200 poor women now exceeds Rs. 32,500. (Vide statement regarding inmates in hostels. This does not include the free and half-free studentships granted to women students thus helped and also those who are given scholarships or prizes.)

12. (a) *Scholarships*, 41. (b) *Studentships*, 50. (c) *Medals*, 2. (d) *Prizes*, 26.

13. *The staff* which is very large consists mostly of our own products belonging to all castes among the Hindus and creeds like Jews and Christians.

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14. There are about a dozen female graduates working in the Society and the male graduates engaged on the staff number above half a dozen.

### PART III

## Programme for Adult Women's Education

The Poona Seva Sadan or the Home of Service for Indian Women is now a well-defined, steadily growing, and progressive organisation in Poona, aiming exclusively at the all-round progress and well-being of the women of India. We do not now think it necessary at all to say anything in detail about it to the people in Maharashtra, or for the matter of that, even to our countrymen in India, regarding the necessity of institutions like this, nor do we think we need say much, how it is a sacred duty of every one to help them well. The utility of this institution as well as the circumstances of its rapid growth and expansion are now a :

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of common knowledge. The brief account given below accompanied by very many pictures will convince the reader how helpful the institution has become to the people not only in urban areas but as well in rural or backward parts of the Bombay Presidency and even outside it. Its educational activities, when broadly divided, fall into literary, industrial, medical and cultural categories, religious education being attempted on thoroughly non-sectarian lines. Therein is also introduced a very strong element of Social Service to develop which, activities like Medical Relief, Infant Welfare, House-Visiting, and Relief of Suffering on occasions of wide-spread Calamities on Province or Country-wide basis, are undertaken. It must not, however, be lost sight of, that this enormous growth has taken place within a comparatively short period of only twenty-three years now (since 1910).

**2. Our Purpose is very well explained by an American lady worker in a similar field** in the following words relating to her institution; "remembering that a successful democracy needs trained leaders, both men and women, it is our

purpose to send throughout the land women with strong, not nervous bodies, with kind, not callous hearts; with joyous, not pampered spirits; with broad, not petty minds; with trained, not idle hands; with sympathetic, not critical eyes; with refined, not, tawdry taste; with direct, not shifting speech. Women who can meet wealth with simplicity, and poverty with dignity; who can face life with quiet strength and not lose one feminine quality; who in quiet homes keep a wholesome atmosphere, so that, the home may minister to the righteousness of the State, to the end that the State may reflect the thought and guidance of God".

(Report of "Miss Mason's School," New York, America) extracted from the annual Report of the Poona Seva Sadan Society published in 1918 for the year 1916-17 ending March presented at a big Prize-giving ceremony at the hands of Her Excellency Lady Willingdon when His Excellency Lord Willingdon as the Governor of Bombay Presidency presided on the 16th of October 1917 in the Amphitheatre of the Fergusson College, Poona.

### A. The Educational Departments at the Headquarters, i. e. Poona.

2. The subjoined table shows the educational activities maintained at the headquarters of the Society.  
Courses of Instruction.

Serial No.	Name of Department.	Course of Instruction.	No. of Classes.	No. of women attending.
1	Facilities for Medical Education	L. O. P. S. Course-B. J. Medical School, Poona. Nursing and Midwifery; at the Sassoon Hospital. ...	7	55
2	Bai Motilal Wadia Training College for Women	Women Teachers' Training College Course for Mistresses for Girls' Elementary Schools ...	4	102
3	Practising School (for little girls)	Attached to the above Training College wherein the full primary course for girls is taught and, in addition, English is also taught in Standards V. & VI ...	10	302
4	Primary Classes for grown up or Adult Women	Primary Education for Women of ages ranging between 15 and 35 ...	6	111
5	Special English Classes (Teaching up to III Reader)	English alone is taught to Women taking up two of the Medical courses and to others wishing to acquire some practical knowledge of English ...	6	101
6	High School Classes	All subjects leading to the Matriculation examination are taught with special emphasis on subjects like domestic economy. These are also attended by such women as do not want examination. ...	9	256
7	First Aid and Domestic Economy Classes	First Aid Course, general lectures in Domestic Economy &c. to married women. ...	...	In most classes
8	Work-Room or Industrial Classes	Sewing, Weaving, Hosiery, Embroidery, Toy-making, Composing, Printing, and other useful or domestic industries, such as, Laundry, & Dyeing, papad, pickles, making &c. Vocal and Instrumental Music including Harmonium, Sitar, &c. ...	11	147
9	Music Classes	...	3	43
10	Social Workers' Training Class	For those well placed educated women who are keen on social work ...	1 1	31* 11
11	Public Health School	For those ladies who want to do preventive medical work		
12	Cultural Courses	Weekly Lecture Series, Women's Club, Library, &c. &c.		All classes
			58	1159

These are School-Mistresses working in the Society's Branch at Poona and a few outsiders.

### **Six Hostels in Poona for women from outside.**

3. The Institution conducts six Hostels for the benefit of women coming from the mofussil who find it difficult to stay in the City so as to enable them to attend regularly any of the courses of instruction mentioned above. It has also made special arrangements for the boarding and lodging of small girls with or without parents. The total number of all the inmates in these six hostels is 246 including 22 workers ; they all belong to various castes and creeds. One of these six Hostels is for women of the untouchable or suppressed classes mixing with all. There are in it 18 women of this class to-day. Thus, this highly useful institution arranges for the education of women, irrespective of their caste and creed, and these come from almost every part of the country. Thus, among 224 inmates (pupils) there are 126 Brahmins (including the Saraswats) and 98 non-Brahmins which figures give 56.2 and 43.8 percentages respectively. It also shoulders the full responsibility of maintaining and educating, entirely at its cost, a large number of poor and helpless women especially widows. Thus, among the 224 pupils

boarders 93 of them are either partly or wholly supported by the Society and the remaining 131 are paying pupils showing the percentages of 41.5 and 58.5 respectively. It has not yet fully put into execution the generally accepted theory of conducting an educational institution by charging fees particularly in view of the fact that professional education meant for the benefit of poor adult women has not yet come to be established as a tradition acceptable to the society at large which attaches greater economic value even today to boys' or men's education than that attached to that of girls or women ; the undersigned can assert from his personal knowledge of other Institutions with which also he is vitally connected that High Schools and Colleges for boys and girls are at present getting nearly self-supporting.

### **B. Outside Branches or Centres.**

4. It was found that women from the mofussil places could not naturally take full advantage of the Society's many-sided activities in Poona. It, therefore, definitely undertook the policy of opening its Branches or Centres outside Poona, as shown on the next page. In doing that the Society had to take up

in the beginning much financial liability to get the work outside somewhat well started.

Thus, the Central Institution and its Branches and Centres outside conduct nearly 115 classes and have on their rolls about 1910 individual women and girl students (including duplications of the number of 31 women teachers attending the Social Workers' class in charge of Mrs. Yesubai Kulkarni, B. A.).

### **Demand for Further Expansion.**

5. In addition to the branches mentioned above the Society is prepared to start more branches where local moral as well as *financial support* is vouchsafed.

### **C. Medical relief.**

#### **(1) *Hospitals, Dispensaries, and Infant Welfare Centres.***

6. The above description covers only the instructional side of the work. But in addition to this there is another highly useful and beneficent

activity undertaken by the Society, in which it has attained a fair measure of success, in the form of assistance to poor mothers and infants in Poona and in many other outside places. The Lady Lloyd Infant Welfare Centre was started by the Society in Poona for free distribution of medicine, milk, and clothes to the children of the poor as the City Branch of the Bombay Presidency Infant Welfare Society. It has now ceased to function under that name as the Bombay Presidency Infant Welfare Society has stopped all grants to it for the last five years; but our Society is continuing the work. Besides this, expectant mothers are given free advice and treatment at this Centre. Moreover, Hospitals, Dispensaries and Maternity Homes have been established at many places, such as Poona, Bombay, Sholapur, Ahmednagar, Baramati and Khed-Shivapur, Nasik, Alibag (for the whole of the Kolaba District), where Medical relief is given to a very large number of people belonging to the poorer classes. What is further to be noted is the fact that all this work is being carried on mostly with the help of lady doctors, nurses, mid-wives, and Health-Visitors trained by the Society itself.



**Table showing work done outside Poona by the Society's Branches or Centres.**

Serial No.	Names of places where Branches or centres have been opened.	Nature of Instruction imparted and medical work done.	No. of classes.	No. of Women attending.
<b>A. BOMBAY PRESIDENCY. ( Urban Centres or Branches )</b>				
1	Satara.	Classes for Industrial and English Instruction under Mrs. Saraswatibai Bhopale, a sewing mistress.	4*	35*
2	Ahmednagar.	Maternity Hospital, Nursing Home, Dispensary and an Infant Welfare Centre.	1	4
3	Sholapur.	Educational Classes ( preparatory and final ). Mid-wifery and Nursing Classes, Maternity and Creches in mills, supplying trained nurses to Civil and other Hospitals, and managing a Municipal Maternity Hospital and Infant Welfare Centre.	14	310
4	Bombay—Bhatia Maternity Hospital and Nursing Home.	Now after 10 years' most successful work it is transferred last year to the donor ( therefore, no figures are counted in this volume.)		
5	Bombay—Girgaum.	Only Medical work, and Sewing Classes in charge of Mrs. Sudame, Nurse and Mrs. Oka a sewing mistress.	2	30
6	Bombay—Dadar.	Sewing Class in charge of Mrs. Bhimabai Khopkar.	1	16+10
7	Allbag.	Medical work and only one Educational Class.	1	4
8	Nasik ( Medical and Educational Work. )	Medical Education in Nursing, Sewing class, English classes, Supply of trained nurses to the Civil Hospital, Harmonium and sewing classes.	7	101
9	Nasik ( Another Branch ).	Orphanage, and Rescue work, a certified School, and Maternity Home.		

**Bombay Presidency—( Rural Centres. )**

10	Baramati.	Primary, Final, Educational and Sewing classes for Grown up women, Music and English classes. Midwife's work at the Municipal Dispensary, attending on Labour cases in town and villages and in the one-bed Maternity maintained at the branch.	10	61
11	Khed-Shivapur.*	General Rural Uplift work (Educational and Industrial) and Health work in villages round about by the Midwife stationed there.		
<b>B. OUTSIDE BOMBAY PRESIDENCY.</b>				
12	Nagpur.	Women Teachers' Training Classes, Educational classes supplying trained nurses to Civil Hospitals and training in nursing at the Mayo Hospital.	19	214
13	Madras.	After starting it for all kinds of work it was handed over to local friends ; and no figures, therefore, are counted.		
14	Gwalior.	Nurses' training centre, supplying trained nurses to the local Jaya Arogya Civil Hospital. The State meets all expenses.	1‡	10‡
<b>Total...</b>			<b>57</b>	<b>751</b>

\* Since this is an old figure relating to Satara Branch it has been excluded from the total.

@ Regarding details of work at the above branches or centres, please see the detailed reports by the Society for their rural activities printed in the full report of the Deccan Agricultural Association in Collaboration with which the Society carries its medical, social, and educational and industrial work i. e. all non-agricultural activities are in charge of the Poona Seva Sadan Society.

‡ As a matter of fact there are four classes at Gwalior including one for English. Girls trained here are sent for work to Hospitals in the State. Thus, three of the seven trained nurses at Gwalior are now working at Ujjain.

7. Thus, the Society conducts to-day eight small maternity hospitals and Nursing Homes and dispensaries, and seven Infant Welfare Centres. It had, to start with, to undertake partially the monetary responsibility for outside work and had also to make up the deficits on that account for some years until recently

### **Public Health School.**

8. With a view to providing facilities to our medical workers for learning practical methods of preventive Medical science in addition to the curative methods learnt at the hospitals, a Public Health School in charge of competent Instructors had long been opened to train generally women who had passed in mid-wifery. This year there were eleven students in this school and nine of them passed the final examination successfully. There is a separate hostel at the headquarters for students who are non-vegetarians. So far 25 Health-Visitors have passed out and have been employed in various fields.

### **Results or Achievements.**

9. The results achieved so far by the Society have been very encouraging. It has sent out workers, numbering about 1320 trained by itself, throughout

the Presidency and outside, after retaining for its own work at various Branches and Centres women trained by it entirely at its own cost. Thus, trained nurses had been sent all over the Presidency and to outside places and to Indian States such as Mysore, Rajkot, Jodhpur, Bangalore, Gwalior, Akola, Amratoli (in C. P.), Palithana, Kishangarh, Bhavanagar, Dharampur, Hyderabad (Deccan), Indore, Jath, Jamkhandi, Phaltan, Sangli, Savantwadi, Janjira, Kolhapur, Ichalkaranji, Jawhar, &c., &c. At many of these places, medical and Welfare work was started after the Society had sent its trained workers many of whom are still in service at a majority of these places.

### **Urgent needs of the Society.**

10. In order that the present growth may be uninterruptedly continued and be made to yield further results the following requirements, among others, ought to be mentioned:— a Permanent Fund, additional Accommodation, more Endowments or Funds for scholarships or prizes to poor women, Books for Libraries School-Apparatus, Museums, Provision for Promotion to Permanent Teachers, Provident Fund or Pension Provision, &c. Our ever-increas-

ing need especially in Poona is for more built-space or buildings as would be seen from the comparative table of figures of the numbers on the rolls of the classes and hostels conducted by the Poona Branch. In the year 1931, the total on the rolls in Poona for all departments was 886 whereas in 1933 it has gone up to the figure of 1128 showing an increase of 242. In the hostels in Poona there is also an increase in the number of inmates therein. In 1931 there were 190 women staying in our six hostels in the city, but in 1933 the number has gone up to 246 showing an increase of 56. Our built-space, however, has not yet increased in that proportion. To meet all these above mentioned needs it is estimated that a very large sum of money of at least Rs. 10,00,000/- (Ten lakhs,) would be required. Moreover, the Institution has to pay off a debt amounting to about Rs. 75,000/- incurred to satisfy the ever pressing needs like the one for accommodation, &c. by purchasing in Poona the Kurundwadkar's Wada, which in all, cost the Society a sum of Rs. 60,000/- including a sum of Rs. 30,000/-, spent on necessary additions, alterations, and repairs, besides the Interest and other charges incurred so far.

## Our Students' and Teachers' help in collection.

11. In order to meet the annual deficits the students, teachers, and life-workers of the Institutions volunteered to go to different places to collect funds during Dewali and other holidays. It is now found urgently necessary to carry on this work all the year. In this connection, though it is wrong to make invidious distinctions, the names of workers like Mrs. Janakibai Bhat, Mrs. Yamunabai Bhat, Miss Dwarakabai Bhat, Mrs. Puttammabai Naidu, Mrs. Saraswatibai Bhade, Mrs. Bhimabai Lele, Mrs. Indirabai Deodhar, and Mrs. Sudame and Messrs. Khare, Natekar, and Garud deserve special mention. Among pupils (now workers on our staff) Mrs. Banubai Godse, Mrs. Dwarkabai Shidhaye, and Miss Tarabai Arolkar are worthy of praise. We, therefore, appeal to all ladies and gentlemen, in the Presidency of Bombay as well as in other provinces in India, interested in the spread of education amongst Adult women kindly to help us directly as well as indirectly, by themselves giving liberally in response to the appeals of the volunteers.

and by introducing them to their friends, taking into consideration the strictly non-sectarian as also charitable character of the Society's various activities.

### **Refunds.**

12. Moreover, it has to be noted with some satisfaction that out of a large number of very poor and helpless women educated by this Society entirely at its cost on certain conditions, about 50% of them on the medical side remember gratefully the obligations voluntarily entered into or agreed upon with us by them with the consent of their parents or guardians and pay a part of the enormous amounts invested by the Society in their education, in the majority of cases, for over eight to ten years. These refunds are used in further support of such work by helping more poor women in that line. That is also an additional ground for borrowing money from friends of the Society or receiving deposits on which interest at 6 p. c. to 6½ p. c. is being regularly paid; but it is now likely to be reduced owing to general fall in interest rate. If the remaining 50% ladies, who have been assisted by the Society in their career of self-reliance were to fulfil their obligations to us

after they become self-supporting and are able to look to the needs of their near relations and dependents, begin to pay in small instalments the amounts due from them, almost the whole of the debt incurred by the Society which more or less is a capital expenditure could easily be wiped out; the average of refunds for the last three years is about Rs. 4,000/— ( four thousand ) only which is entirely absorbed by the Poona Seva Sadan's Nursing and Medical Education Committee to meet its deficits as the Society's contribution to its work from year to year.

### **Society's Properties and other Assets Worth over two lakhs.**

13. The Society, at its commencement, had neither even a single rupee in hand, nor had an inch of ground to call its own; but it has to be noted with great satisfaction that though on account of ever-growing work and its increasing needs—financial and otherwise—it, has not been able to build up anything like a big reserve, it owns today in Poona, buildings and other valuable property worth over two lakhs. Thus, Buildings are of the value of Rs. 165,000, furniture of the total value of Rs. 23,000, out-houses of the total value

of Rs. 10,000 and electric fittings of the value of Rs. 5000, and the whole is insured for Rs. 2,02,700 against fire. It is being added to, every year while meeting during these ten years, in an ever increasing measure, an expenditure of a recurring character reaching the big figure of Rs. 2,50,000/- in some years.

### **No buildings for Branches yet.**

14. It is, however, a great pity that though at almost every centre of our activity either as a Branch or otherwise, we have rented very big houses or bungalows paying comparatively large sums as rents every month, we had had no time yet to devise suitable building schemes with the help of debentures which we are sure would be easily subscribed by our friends to enable the Society to own properties of its own for its medical, educational, and charitable work; and the undersigned expects that with the generous support of friends scattered all over the country it should be possible for the Society to secure permanent homes at places, like Baramati, Sholapur, Nasik, and Nagpur. It is a matter of some satisfaction, however, that at two of its branches viz. Sholapur and Nagpur a Building Fund to the extent

of Rs. 5000 each has been set aside and with systematic efforts these two successful branches of the Society would soon be able to possess good and spacious buildings of their own with some help from Government, Municipalities, and the generous public at these places.

### **Cultural Education.**

15. Mrs. Yesubai Kulkarni, B. A., who began her work in January, 1933, after Christmas had to take up its threads in hand as handed down from the previous workers. She looked after this branch of the cultural activity of the Poona Seva Sadan as its Hon. Secretary. She arranged a "*Social Workers' Training Class*" mostly composed of the school Mistresses numbering 31 on its Register. The subjects discussed were (1) Sociology, (2) Child Psychology, (3) Hygiene, and (4) Health-Visitor, the number of lectures delivered being more than ten to this class at the rate of one per week. The lecturers are mostly men who are working as professors in Poona Colleges. Her second activity was the organisation of "*weekly lecture series*" for the benefit of adult women attending the classes at headquart-

and the women members of the Society. There were twelve lectures delivered mostly by men and women competent to speak and advise young ladies on matters of every day importance. These are mostly intended to widen the range of their information on many topics of public interest. Plague obstructed this work also.

16. In addition, it is an important part of our Society's plan of cultural education, to maintain fairly good *libraries*, for several departments for the use of teachers as well as pupils, coupled with *reading rooms* in which girls, from various districts and outside places from which they come to reside in the hostels, at all places or branches and headquarters, get local papers to read. Besides, in common with other well-conducted and well-planned institutions our Society maintains the usual side activities viz. the Debating Society, and the Girls' Co-operative Store which does very brisk business. But our institution has to take note of many more needs as it has to cater for the wants of grown up women. It, therefore, emphasises, by a special course in a separate department, Knowledge of First Aid, Hygiene, Domestic

Economy and Home Nursing, in which every year a regular inspection and examinations are held and certificates awarded by the St. John Ambulance Association.

17. It is a deliberately adopted principle of management of institutions in our charge to get the girls or the inmates in our hostels to do as much manual work as possible so as to lose no touch with the necessary household work. It is important that their habit of doing some kind of domestic work should not be lost. Moreover, for the sake of economy and employment as well, very poor girls in our hostels are provided with some domestic work as also preparation of some useful articles of daily consumption. It is good to them and also of some help to the Society. This policy is strictly adhered to at all the centres of Society's work.

18. The Society at present conducts a *Quarterly* which is soon going to be converted into a *Monthly*. It supplies to the present pupils and workers scattered all over the country the news of the day to day growth and progress of the work of the Society both at the headquarters and its branches. They can also send

their experiences and write on them; also contribute articles on current topics. It is always good to hear of each other's well-being. In fact, the Quarterly is a mouth-piece or the main channel for giving publicity to the Society's activities and the undersigned is going to organize a separate department to attend to it and also to convert the Quarterly into a Monthly. His feeling is that at present the publicity Branch is not well-organised and well attended.

19. There are, besides, recitations from the Bhagawat-Gesta done regularly everyday in the evening under the supervision of the senior Matron; daily prayers are offered thrice—in the morning, in the forenoon before the meals, and in the evening just before the dinner. Great care is taken by the lady workers to produce in the minds of the pupils love of righteousness, justice, charity, and devotion to God and Duty inculcating on their minds the importance of the service of humanity as the coming religion. Special attention is bestowed on the fact that no doctrines or creeds are emphasized in talks on or about religion, but the teachings are directed towards

*the formation of character rather than the information of creeds* most of which are well represented in this institution by the pupils that take advantage of its educational courses from all over the country. Another direction in which an attempt is made to produce the desired result is that we celebrate the anniversary of the death of Devi Ahilyabai Holkar and other national heroes and heroines. Similarly, we arrange prayers and lectures on the anniversaries of the death of some of our great helpers who had enabled us to build up our institution by the sacrifice and work they did for us. Thus, for the present we honour the memories of Sir Vithaldas Thackersey, Mrs. Ramabaisaheb Ranade and Rao Bahadur Dr. P. V. Shikhare.

### **Methods of entertainment.**

20. Moreover, no woman is allowed to neglect her health by persuading her to take some kind of suitable physical exercise or at least a walk in the garden of the Society. At the headquarters where mostly all the inmates in the hostels live, a small garden, playground, a recreation hall, and a Visitors' Room are provided for each of the three hostels which have also a reading room and a library attached to them.



Moreover, either a harmonium or a phonograph to amuse themselves is placed at the disposal of boarders or inmates. But we notice that the consciousness of sex, age, and woman-hood makes it difficult for them to enjoy fully all these facilities. Permission is freely granted also to the inmates to witness select performances in music and dramatic art by the professional companies. Cinemas are now-a-days getting more popular among the girls also and they are sent in batches in company with Matrons or the Superintendent to witness them. In the Society's institutions at headquarters and even at branches some of the young ladies are encouraged to stage on many occasions *musical operas or sangit dramas* on useful subjects like "Village Uplift" or "Health". They often are allowed also to stage some of the best dramatic pieces by *well-known authors* such as "Saubhadra" by Kirloskar or "Manapaman" by Khadilkar; these are chosen to entertain the people. These popular plays were staged for the benefit of the institutions and also the general public. Our Sholapur girls gave two performances of a drama on "Village Uplift" to the big agricultural and cattle show at Pandharpur in November,

1932, and in Sholapur the same year earned something like a thousand rupees for their institution by doing brisk canvassing. At Kurduwadi they gave another performance in April 1933 and made good income for Institution. At Ahmednagar girls played "Ahilyadevi."

21. At the Annual Ganapati festivals, each department at the headquarters stages before the audience of girls of the institution similar pieces from Sangit or Prose Dramas—mostly historical. Last year, some of the young ladies in the High School, in Poona, staged a musical drama as a benefit performance in aid of the Junior Red Cross and what is more praiseworthy of some of them is that in the second term of the same year the young girls in the High School with the co-operation and guidance of their teachers and with the full consent of their parents and guardians staged the Sangit "Saubhadra" (संगीत सौभद्र) in the quadrangle of the Poona Seva Sadan's main buildings where a permanent stage with curtains, wings, and drops is always maintained for such shows which form a special feature of its work or curriculum for liberal education. These efforts of

the amateurs attracted such large audiences from among the pupils of the institution, their guardians, and parents, some other friends of the institution from the general public that these performances had to be repeated five times; the small entrance fees that were charged brought forth a sum of nearly Rs. 1700/- (Rupees one thousand, seven hundred) only which was spent towards the addition of a few class rooms to the building in which the Society's High School is situated. Moreover, on occasions of prize-giving, dialogues and such small pieces from dramatic compositions are a common feature. It has a great use and that is why we encourage it among the grown up women also who have got good voice and boldness. Dramas make a most potent means of village propaganda for health and sanitation. Our girls have been acting a small musical piece on "Village sanitation" "अरोग्य" (Arogya). It became so popular that we had to send the troupe of small girls to stage the play in conjunction with the "Health Exhibitions" and "Industrial Exhibitions" in which an active part was taken by the Society; they were taken to places like Alandi, Khed-Shivapur, Ahmednagar, Nasik, Alibag; besides;

they acted the play several times in Poona in connection with the observance of the Baby Week or the Health and Child Welfare Exhibition of 1928 in Poona which was kept going with our help for a fortnight. Some of the photographs in this Album will make most of these points clear.

22. Similarly, as a means of a wider culture, large excursion parties are led to many places of general and technical interest even at some sacrifice on the part of the Society. Thus, several parties of our pupils in various Departments in charge of their mistresses have gone to places like Bombay, Bassein, Junnar, Sinhagad, Talegaon Glass Factory, Karla Caves, Hydro-Electric Power House Station, (Khopoli), Alibag, Ahmednagar, Purandar Fort, Khed, Shivapur, Bhatghar Lloyd Dam, Baramati, Sholapur, Bijapur, Verula Caves, &c. Such work is costly, but it pays in the long run. It enriches the mind and makes education realistic.

### **Scholarships, Studentships, Medals & Prizes.**

#### **I SCHOLARSHIPS.**

23. (a) The total number of women in receipt of scholarships in the Medical and Educational Depart-

ments in Poona is 36 four of whom are for the Nursing line. These Scholarships can be classified as follows:—

5 out of Endowment Funds at the disposal of the Society; 28 Scholarships from Communal Funds such as—Saraswat Vidyarthi Sahayak Mandali, Kudaldeshasth Goud Brahmin Vidya Vridhi Samaj, Gomantak Maratha Samaj, etc; three small scholarships from Government out of which one is given by the Backward Class Officer to a Depressed Class girl for five months for cane-work.

(b) Some of the American Disciples of Shri Vishwanath Maharaj Keskar who visited the Institution during this year have very kindly offered a scholarship of Rs.10/- p.m. for one year and a prize of Rs. 15/- for a year to the best girls who in the opinion of the Managers have done well in their Examinations.

(c) Besides, the Maharashtra Provincial Board of the Servants of the Untouchables' Society awards, out of the Raghumal Scholarship Fund, for one year, five Scholarships today of the value of Rs.5/- each for educational and industrial courses and another of

the value of Rs. 15 p.m. for Nursing to the women students belonging to the untouchable classes residing in one of our hostels for them but they freely mix with all the inmates in the daily life.

## II STUDENTSHIPS.

(a) Besides, there are six Studentships to be awarded on usual conditions to poor women undergoing training either as Nurses or Health-Visitors from the income derived from the gift of Lady Reading.

(b) The Society, moreover, grants a very large number of Studentships to the poor and deserving women students undergoing at all centres or branches various courses of study and the number of such women that are being helped to day in this way in the whole organisation is 196.

(c) Besides the above, at the present moment, Rai Bahadur Captain Pitambar Pant of U. P. has made a gift of Rs. 9,000 to the Society and the understanding is that he would send at a time two poor women for their education to Poona. There are now here four girls instead of two that have been sent by him

during the last seven or eight years and the income from this amount is to be utilized in meeting the expenditure which the Society has to incur now on account of these four young women from the U. P. One of them has now become a fully qualified Nurse and Midwife and one studentship will be released very soon.

### III PRIZES AND MEDALS

(a) In addition to the above scholarships and studentships there are twenty-five small prizes out of which seven are meant for women undergoing training in Nursing and Midwifery and the remaining eighteen are for proficiency in different subjects including Drawing, Sewing, Music, Religion, etc.

(b) The widow of the Late Major General J. B. Smith knowing how passionately fond he was of the Poona Seva Sadan Society, placed at the disposal of the undersigned a sum of £.100 (amounting to little less than Rs. 1400) for the purpose of founding a medal and a prize to be awarded each term to the best Poona Seva Sadan student that passes out successfully through the Sasson Hospitals, Poona, in all her Examinations in Nursing, during that term and the endow-

ment is called "*General Smith Medal and Prize Fund.*" The first recipient under this arrangement was a young Brahmin widow by name Mrs. Manoramabai Herwadkar and it was given to her at the hands of Lady Sykes on 2nd of October of this year when His Excellency Sir Frederick Sykes, the Governor of Bombay, paid a long visit to the Society's Nurses, Home (under construction,) accompanied by his wife when an illustrated Brochure setting forth the scheme of these Nurses' Quarters (under construction) was presented to them both.

(c) At Nagpur, the Branch has been able to secure five scholarships of the value of the Rs. 15/- each from the King Edward Memorial Scholarships Fund. Moreover, it has recently been provided with a sum of Rs. 300/- by Rao Bahadur N. D. Wadekar for a prize in the name of his deceased mother "Krishnabai" to the best girl who passes the Matriculation of the Nagpur University from our institution.

24. Our Institution mainly caters for the needs of the very poor and neglected women in the society irrespective of their age, condition, caste, and creed. There is hardly a day which passes without our

receiving one or two applications from or on behalf of very poor and distressed women for being admitted as free boarders, sometimes with their children or babies. But as against this the undersigned has to state painfully that though he often receives letters full of praise for the services which the Society or himself is rendering to the poor women in the community he scarcely receives a cheque unsought even once a month for the purpose of helping these helpless and poor women. It is, therefore, particularly requested that there is a very great and pressing need in the case of an Institution like ours to receive Endowments or Funds specially earmarked either for Scholarships or Studentships to be awarded to poor and deserving women and for Prizes and Medals to be awarded to the most intelligent and the industrious among them. One of the ways in which rich people can help us to secure this object is to leave legacies in their wills for the benefit of poor women that throng to our doors almost every day for shelter and education. In this connection we would like to mention the name of the Late Dr. Justin E. Abbott of New York who had very kindly left in his will a sum of \$1000/- ( which is nearly equal to four

thousand rupees ) as a gift to the funds of the Society. Some technical difficulty, however, has cropped up in this matter and it is hoped that the same will disappear soon. This is, in our opinion, a splendid example of a friend of the poor in a foreign land helping poor women in this country. I would further like to mention that during his life-time and after his wife's death whom the undersigned had taught Marathi in Bombay in about 1900, the Late Dr. Justin E. Abbott used regularly to send to the undersigned for some years a sum of Rs. 100 /—as help to our society, in common with five or six other Institutions through him (the undersigned) out of the Income from Mrs. Abbott's property as she loved India dearly.

### **Baby Week and Health Exhibitions.**

25. Another important direction in which the Poona Seva Sadan Society is taking active interest is the promotion of Public Health by means of suitable propaganda and the popularization of domestic industries among poor women. The undersigned in his capacity now as one of the Vice-Presidents of the Bombay Presidency Baby and Health Week

ciation and its Hon. Provincial Secretary from its very commencement i. e. in 1924 has utilized every opportunity in getting the Poona Seva Sadan Society's Branches or Institutions to participate actively in the organization of Health and Child Welfare Exhibitions in Urban as well as Rural Parts in Maharashtra with the help of his great colleague Mrs. Janakibai Bhat who is one of the Hon. Divisional Secretaries of the Association for the Marathi-speaking Districts and Mr. M. V. Apte, now Hon. Secretary, Adult Education League, and the Society must have assisted so far in organizing at least about a dozen Baby Week and Health Exhibitions at its Headquarters as well as Branches.

### **Industrial Exhibitions Certificates, Medals, Prizes, etc.**

26. Another problem which the Society is tackling with the help of two or three of its very valuable and devoted Hon. workers is the popularization of small domestic or cottage Industries among poor women. Mrs. Tarabai Patwardhan, Mrs. Malatibai Gharpure, and Mrs. Indirabai Deodhar and Mrs.

Bhimabai Lele who have been working for a number of years in our Institution at Poona have done a great deal in their capacity as Honorary Workers in charge of different Industries. There are similar classes at almost every Branch. These classes have popularized some of the typical domestic Industries of a simple nature and have prepared ladies for a certificate Examinations in Sewing, Weaving, Embroidery, etc. by systematic courses in these handicrafts. The Society has also demonstrated this work by keeping demonstrative stalls in several big exhibitions to attract the attention of women towards these domestic Industries. Mrs. Puttamma Naidu who is an expert in cane work has been of considerable help to these ladies in the organization of the Society's stalls in Industrial Exhibitions and for which the Society has obtained many valuable gold and silver medals, certificates, prizes, etc. besides disposing of a large quantity of its manufactured goods. A regular Examination is arranged every year and certificates of proficiency in them are granted by the Society and these have enabled the ladies that passed the examination to get suitable jobs in the mofussil as sewing mistresses, etc. in girls' schools.

### **Distinguished Visitors.**

27. The Society attracts a very large number of visitors including public workers as also leaders of most of the prominent minority communities in the country. Tourists from England, America, and other Western and Eastern lands including many Christian missionaries going round the whole of India pay us long visits. Of them the following few names may be prominently mentioned:—Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. Sir Rabindranath Tagore; Sir Jagadish Chandra Bose; Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya; Dr. Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru; Mr. M. R. Jayakar; the Rt. Hon'ble Shrinivas Sastri; Mr. C. Y. Chintamani, Allahabad; Mr. A. P. Sen of Lucknow; Mr. Shrinivas Ayyengar; Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose; Mr. Bidhan C. Roy of Calcutta; Mr. Markham who was called to India for advice by the trustees of the late Sir Ratan Tata for making a report on the problem of "poverty among the Parsis in Bombay"; Mr. R. B. Ewbank, I. C. S., C. I. E., &c.

28. Among leaders of important communities prominent mention has to be made of the late Sir Pheroz Shah Mehta, in 1915; the late Sir Jamshetji

Jeejeebhoy (Bart.), in July 1918; the late Mr. F. R. Wadia; the late Lala Lajpat Rai; the late Dr. Annie Besant; His Highness the Aga Khan; Sir Victor Sassoon (Bart.); Dr. Ambedkar; Rao Bahadur M. C. Raja of Madras; Lala Shri Ram, a Delhi Landlord and Mill-Owner; Miss Norah Hill, Organising Secretary of the Indian Red Cross Society, Delhi; Dr. (Mrs.) Ruth Young; Sardar Bahadur Balvant Singh Puri, O.B.E.; Dr. P. P. Pillai—all of Delhi; Dr. and Mrs. Timbers of America. Mention may also be made of Mr. H. N. Brailsford, one of the leading journalists of the English Labour Party, Beatrice Osmond, in Feb. 1926; and Mr. & Mrs. Rowntree of York in England, on 20th January, 1927, who paid us a sum of Rs. 200. Miss Gertrude Ely, an American lady who stayed with us for a day along with a Professor and his wife paid us \$ 50 (dollars). It need hardly be said that all these visitors and many more have commended the Society's work in most eulogistic terms. Many have made a very prominent mention of it in their books on their travels and also in their articles and speeches. Some of the most important publications of the Government of India in London relating to India generally refer to

the growing work of this Society. A large number of extracts from the remarks made by some of them in our Visitors' Books are given in a separate part of this Album-Report at the end. Similarly, extracts from the official publications—Provincial, Indian and Imperial are also published, in a separate Part; in addition to these, long extracts are taken from Books and Reports of Commissions on Indian Problems in which direct and indirect references are made to the work of the Poona Seva Sadan Society.

### **Testimony to our Services.**

29. Moreover, speeches or remarks by some of the Viceroy, Vicereines, Governors and their noble wives, Members of the Viceroy's Executive Councils and those of the Governors' Executive Councils, Members of the Legislative Assembly and Members of the Provincial Legislative Councils, Members of several Royal Commissions like the Royal Commission on Agriculture in India, Royal Commission on Labour in India, Simon Commission on Indian Reforms; and members of many committees appointed by the Government of India like the Road Development Committee, with Mr. M. R. Jayakar as

Chairman and Mr. H. F. Knight, I. C. S.; as Secretary Hartog Committee, Age of Consent Committee. Moreover, remarks on visits paid by several Maharajas, Rajas, Maharanis, Indian Princes, and their wives; Chiefs, their wives, and their Dewans as also members of Royal Families in India, several very high officials of the Government of India, Government of Bombay and Madras, Ministers of several Provincial Governments have paid long visits to our institutions at headquarters and branches and have entered their observations in our Visitors' Books, all bearing ample testimony to our devoted services to the country at large.

### **Foreign Visitors who stayed with us as guests.**

30. Our kind readers would be much pleased to know that a fairly large number of our visitors from foreign lands have stayed with us at our headquarters with a view to study the working of our institutions and to acquaint themselves with the simple mode of Indian life observing it at close quarters. When asked by them we had gladly offered them our plain Indian hospitality and these friends most cheerfully agreed to live in our usual simple style. We would be most willing to extend this facility to our friends



from foreign lands if only we had sufficient room accommodation to place at their disposal to suit the Western mode so as to cause them least inconvenience and provide them comparative ease and comfort. We would very much wish that some kind friends from abroad would enable us to provide more suitable accommodation to such guests from foreign lands or from other provinces in India who always like to spend some-times a week or even more with us and we love to give them such facilities. Some English Missionary Ladies have lived with us for more than three months with the twofold object of the

study of the language and the life of Indian women. This interesting fact is mentioned by many visitors in their remarks added in a later part of this volume.

### **A guest House needed.**

31. It is thus, very desirable to have a separate guest House built for such friends from outside. A beginning is already made by two of our sympathisers by offering contributions for two rooms; one of them is Mrs. Janakibai Bhat and the other Rao Saheb R. R. Abhyankar, L.C.E. of Nagpur in the name of his first deceased wife.

## PART IV

### **A Rapid Review and Report for the last three years.**

We are deeply grateful to the Almighty and our other great supporters and sympathisers who have so kindly and consistently helped us all these years and but for whose kindness we should not have been enabled to present to them all an interesting rapid Review of the Society's development during the last 23 (twenty three) years of its existence and a brief detailed report of its steady advance during the last three years.

#### **Debt of Gratitude to Helpers in India.**

2. We are sincerely conscious, I would like to repeat, that without the generous assistance and timely succour of many of our friends scattered all over the country and outside, it would not have been possible for our organisation to attain (the age of)

majority which is both a matter of pride coupled with thankfulness and of deep sense of responsibility. It has also proved a factor for an ever-increasing national call for expansion to meet the growing needs of the country for work in this direction. Moreover, we cannot forget the assistance we have systematically so far received from Government to our growing work principally on its own merits. This is, of course, without reference to the present cruel cuts in grants.

#### **Help from Viceroys and Governors and their noble wives.**

3. We have been lucky in getting help for our work, to smaller or greater extent, from several Viceroys of India and officers of the Government of India since 1917, beginning with the long visit (which was subsequently repeated twice by his successor in office Mr. J. A. Riehy), of the Hon'ble Mr. (later on "Sir") H. Sharp, Commissioner of Education with the Government of India in company with the then Director of Public Instruction, Bombay Presidency, Mr. J. G. Covernton. We had had similar good fortune of recei-

ving very great help from three successive high-souled Vicarjenes. Both Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Willingdon have been very great friends and Patrons of this Society even since they were in Bombay and Madras and have extended to us material support to our work.

### **Help from English and other friends from Foreign Lands.**

4. Besides, we would not fail to thank most sincerely many of our kind English and American friends and helpers to whom a reference would be found later on in this report for the funds they could spare for us on visiting our work in Poona and elsewhere. Similarly, we have also been very fortunate to enlist for our work the warmest sympathies of some of the Governors of this Presidency and their noble wives since 1912; and we are happy to add to that list the names of His Excellency Sir Frederick Sykes and Lady Sykes to whom in presenting to-day this review and report of our Society's humble work we have also all these friends both here and outside in view for which purpose we are utilizing the occasion of our Society's Deputation headed by

Her Highness Shrimant Sow. Lady Saraswatibai Patwardhan, the Ranisabeb of Sangli, who is our President since 1924; and owing to the prevalence of plague in the city, the farewell ceremony has taken the form of a deputation at the Government House in Poona. It is now going to wait upon His Excellency Sir Frederick Sykes, the Governor of Bombay, and Lady Sykes, on Monday, the 16th of October, 1933, as this day follows closely the 15th of October which has a special significance to us being the date of registration of this Society as an independent organisation.

5. This small function in connection with the deputation consisting of members of Council of the Society and some of its principal workers takes place at the Government House in Poona today and is arranged there on account of the prevalence of Plague epidemic in the city. During this year, it is the second occasion for us to honour Their Excellencies and through them our English friends, the first being also on a day viz. Monday, the 2nd of October 1933, - traditionally very important in the history of our institution, as its work was formally inaugurated at the hands of Lady Mur-Mackenzie - the wife of the then

Ag. Governor of this Presidency — on the 2nd of October, 1910, with her opening address on "Motherhood of India" followed by short speeches by Mrs. Ranade and Mr. Devadhar explaining the objects of this new baby institution.

6. We consider the presentation of this Volume with nearly three hundred views illustrative of the varied work of our Society in the form of an Album placed in a gold embroidered bag — a very happy augury. It is further a suitable and humble token of our grateful appreciation of all the good done to us by all of our friends—Indian and Foreign—and also, is a sign of the goodwill that we cherish towards them all.

### **Our great Early Helpers.**

7. It is the very valuable early help that we received at the hands of several of our very generous friends that went a great way in giving us a good start which we were enabled to keep up with the help of other friends that came later on. We mention with great gratitude the names of (1) the Trustees of Wadia Charities, (2) the late Sir Ratan Tata, and Lady Tata (3) Trustees of the late Sir Ratan Tata, (4)

The late Mr. R. D. Tata, (5) the late Sir Dorab Tata, (6) the late Sir Vithaldas Damodar Thackersey who was our biggest single donor, (7) The late Seth Mulraj Khatau, (8) the late Sheth Hansraj Pragjee Thackersey, (9) His Highness Sir Tukojirao Holkar, Maharaja of Indore, whom the undersigned first met at Matheran in 1915, when called by Shrimant Sardar Rao Bahadur Madhavrao Kibe as his Private Secretary, (10) His Highness the Yuvaraja of Mysore in 1915, who paid a second visit in 1921, (11) the late Mrs. Ranade, (12) the late Lady Aimai Wadia, (13) the Birla Brothers, specially Sheth Joogal Kishore, (14) Sir Prabhashankar Pattani, K.C.I.E. and many others.

### **Determination to remove defects.**

8. The writer of this report is painfully conscious of many defects and drawbacks that have crept in the administrative part of the growing and progressive work of the Society which he had to manage along with his numerous other duties of many a public institution; but it is earnestly hoped that with the greater co-operation of his colleagues and further and better distribution of his work, relating to this Society, among more hands than those now

available, many of these draw-backs could be removed if only more competent and trained assistants could be employed as it is realized that the work is beyond the capacity of any single individual and that is why it was not found possible nor was it considered necessary to issue a big detailed report of the Institution every year. We have, however, been very particular to send to our supporters every year a complete statement of the accounts and of the affairs of the Society relating to the head-quarters and branches after getting them thoroughly audited by two Government certified auditors. Moreover, we invariably utilize functions which are arranged at least once in three years, if not every year, either at the headquarters of the Society in connection with its different departments or at its branches, to publish detailed reports for the information of the public.

### **Our original object.**

9. Just at the time of the starting of the Society the idea of the early promoters was to provide a small organization to train a few poor women as social workers in several fields of national service in the same way in which men were being trained for it by

the Servants of India Society. With this object in view the undersigned (Mr. Devadhar) had called in 1907-8 a meeting at the Servants of India Society of about thirty leading public-spirited women in Poona at which he explained the need of the training of women on lines similar to those of the Servants of India Society for men workers. This was followed by some discussion coupled with tea ; after this meeting Mr. Devadhar left Poona to organise the famine relief work in the U. P. when more than half the number of districts in the U. P. were in the grip of famine. He was accompanied by three members of the Society. The early Promoters of this small institution were fully aware of the fact that owing to the comparatively novel character of the work then to be undertaken, many difficulties were bound to impede the path and render this new undertaking more slow in yielding results as is very natural and common with all beginnings of the nature of social reform in the sphere of social evolution or revolution. In order to overcome many initial difficulties experienced in persuading women to adopt the courses found ble for them, great patience had to be exercised, many ingenious devices had to be used and

facilities had to be given to them by going out of the way to make it easy for their poor parents and guardians to allow their daughters or wards to undergo such courses in those early days, as the lack of such tradition among women and for women frightened them enormously. Thanks to all the young ladies, their name is legion, our efforts for them bore ample and rich fruit.

### Women's Education.

10. "Lift up the woman and the nation will lift up itself" so said a wise man. In those early days, about nearly 25 years ago, when the programme of this work was being vaguely chalked out, few of us had the faintest idea that they were blessed with the necessary material for developing, by slow degrees, or step by step, this small beginning, like the stream of the sacred Ganges, into an ever widening organisation of the nature of the *mission to the women of India* by adopting, through successive stages, with very interesting experience, a varied scheme of Adult Women's Education in India for which there existed great need; and it would continue to exist for years to come. For even in those early days we fully

recognised what the "Times of India" observed in its leading article on the 10th of October, 1933, on the subject of *women's education*.

"The neglect of women's education in India has been a potent cause not merely of the educational backwardness of the country but of a number of social, economic, and political difficulties which cannot apparently be overcome until a radical change occurs in public opinion. An educated girl is perhaps a greater asset to the country than an educated man, for unlike her husband, she can be depended upon to ensure the education of her children".

### Army of Social Workers needed.

11. The country needed an army of social workers to fight out the forces of ignorance, conservatism, and backwardness especially among the women of India by equipping the women-folk and especially those poor women who were fit for being taken in hand and shaped into very suitable, efficient, and qualified instruments of social service for the Indianization of which particularly in this neglected sphere there existed a great and pressing call, the nature of the work necessarily being non-sectional, non-sectarian

non-political and almost charitable, except for the purpose of *propaganda* of social reform among women and masses of our countrymen. Our Society, owing to its most intimate connection and association of its founder, early helpers and promoters with some of the go-ahead organisations in the country like the Servants of India Society, National Social Conference, working on a nation-wide basis, had become most sensitive to the constantly changing needs and conditions of the community on account of its peculiar situation and on account of its being alive to the spirit of the age. Thus, broadly speaking, this institution gradually came to be developed into a great and powerful force for social reform and social service. The first great task it had to achieve was to establish a new tradition for women's work in several fields of women's activity in promoting public or national service. It had also to undertake at a later stage the organization of measures of relief of human suffering on occasions of large and wide-spread calamities, the most prominent of which were the Gujrat and Kathiawar famine of 1911-1912, the Kumbhamela of 1917 and the Moplah rebellion in Malabar of 1921 and 1922. In doing this it had often

to assist other public bodies engaged in such work or co-operate with them.

### **Branching off.**

12. As the work of starting branches of this Society came to be practically forced upon it by very tempting offers of help from several centres in the Deccan and outside, the above mentioned particular aspect of work of rendering occasional service with the help of trained and devoted *lay sisters* had to be pushed aside for a time and great prominence had to be given to the branching off to the Society's efforts beginning with Satara in 1919, Baramati, in 1922, Bombay Bhatia Community's service for Infant, Child, Welfare and Maternity care, and Nursing Service in 1922, its full development in 1923 (with its steady continuance with us till 1932 for full ten years), the branches at Sholapur ( May, 1923, ) Ahmednagar ( August, 1923 ), at Alibag ( March, April, 1925 ) for the District of Kolaba, and Nasik ( August, 1925 ), again at Nasik for Rescue and Foundling Home work ( April, 1927 ) and Gwalior ( Central India ) ( August 1927, ) at Madras (1927-29), at Girgaum, ( in Bombay, 1928, ) and Nagpur

( 1927-28, ) at Khed-Shivapur ( 1929 ) and in Dadar, ( Bombay ) in 1930.

13. Lastly, we have not yet found the necessary leisure to make a good beginning of work at Hyderabad ( Deccan ) from which place repeated offers of definite help have reached the undersigned who visited the place in April, 1933 ; but owing to his very serious and prolonged illness he had no time yet to develop the plan of expansion at this very prosperous and progressive place which is steadily trying to go ahead in all matters of public welfare and it is the earnest desire of the Society to utilize all possible assistance of this premier Indian State in bringing about a kind of a " Federation " in matters of social reform and social service, attempted, as in other States of the Deccan and in Gwalior, by the supply of trained workers and by undertaking work on their behalf and with their help on thoroughly non-political, non-sectional, and non-sectarian lines and mostly of humanitarian character and of charitable nature, in the State itself. There are several young ladies from Hyderabad ( Deccan ) in our institution

to-day and if a branch were started many more would take advantage of its varied work.

### Summary of Tables.

14. It will be seen from the tables extensively supplied below in this report that among the total of 1879 women on rolls of the various departments of work done at the Headquarters and Branches 1268 women are unmarried giving a percentage of 67.5 (and among them 479 are above the age of 14). The number of married women is 303 and their percentage is 16.1 and the number of widows is 308 and their percentage is 16.4. As regards the Districts to which they belong or from which they come to our institutions, it will be seen that 1568 or 83.4 come from Bombay Presidency 54 or 2.9 are from Indian States therein and Central India and 255 women and girls or 13.7 come from the Provinces other than Bombay Presidency. Considering their numbers in our Hostels it will be seen that 269 of them belong to the various Districts in the Bombay Presidency, 17 come from Indian States and 55 come from Provinces outside



Bombay Presidency and even a few have come from outside India.

15. Classifying these figures according to castes and creeds and dividing them into broad categories we find that 65·7 percent represent Deccani Brahmins and Saraswat Brahmins. The percentage of the very educationally backward is 34·3 amongst the Hindus. There is a good sprinkling of all castes and communities according to the degree of their enthusiasm for the spread of education among women. Thus, there is comparatively a very strong element of Non-Brahmin communities and the Institution is very proud of this fact. It recognises its responsibility in the matter and has been struggling very hard to give facilities to the poor women among the backward communities to come forth in the race of life with the help of education in regard to which association in daily life with other advancing communities is no factor of small benefit.

**Classification according to marital condition.**

Status or marital condition.	No.	Total No.	Percentage.	Remarks.
I. Unmarried.		1268	67·5	
(a) Over 14 years	479			
(b) Under 14 "	789			
II. Married.		303	16·1	
(a) Deserted by their husbands.	29			
(b) Unwilling to live with their husbands.	18			
(c) Studying with the consent of their husbands.	256			
III. Widows.		308	16·4	
Total.		1879	100·0	

N. B.—The condition of (a) and (b) under Sub-head II in the above table is worse sometimes than

that of widows and if their total number which is 47 be added to that of real widows which is 308 we get a total number of 355 who come under the category of helpless women and whose percentage among the married Women of 58.1 as representing the degree of helplessness among the married women of that class and thus, they are specially entitled to our sympathy and support.

#### Hostels conducted by the Society.

16. The Society conducts 18 hostels at its various Branches ( including 6 at the Head-quarters ) for the benefit of women students attending Educational, Medical, and other Departments of the Society. The total number of residents is 421 out of whom 341 are all grown-up women pupils mostly and 80 are women workers.

The classification of the above 341 pupils in our hostels attending our Educational, Medical and other courses is as follows :—

#### (1) According to Status or marital condition.

Status or marital condition.	No.	Percentage.
(a) <i>Unmarried</i>	166	48.7
(1) under 14 years	51	
(2) over 14 years	115	
(b) <i>Married</i>	64	18.7
(1) deserted by their husbands	22	
(2) unwilling to stay with their husband	11	
(3) being educated with the consent of their husband	31	
(c) <i>Widows</i>	111	32.6
Total	341	100.0

## (2) According to castes and creeds.

Castes and Creeds.		Number of inmates	Percentage
(a)	Brahmins (including Saraswat Brahmins) ...	205	60.1
(b)	Non-Brahmins ...	89	26.1
(c)	Harijans (Depressed Classes) ...	18	5.3
(d)	Jews (Bene-Israelites) ...	7	2.0
(e)	Indian Christians ...	21	6.2
(f)	Mahomedans ...	1	.3
Total ...		341	100.0

## (3) According to (a) paying, (b) half-free, and (c) full-free.

Particulars.		Number of inmates	Percentage.
(a)	Paying ...	145	42.5
(b)	Half-free ...	44	12.9
(c)	Full-free ...	152	44.6
Total ...		341	100.0

It has been carefully estimated that considering the average scale of expenditure on those who are undergoing training in Nursing and medicine and other non-medical courses, the total expenditure which the Society has to incur on the education of these poor women numbering nearly 200, as shown in the above table under the headings, "full free" and "half-free," calculating the average expenditure for the latter at half the usual rate and full for those that come under the former heading i. e. "free boarders", the total cost to the Society to maintain them exceeds easily Rs. 32,500 ( thirty-two thousand five hundred ) only a year.

(4) According to the places to which they belong or from which they come.

(a) According to castes and creeds.

	Districts and Provinces	Number of inmates	Percentage
Bombay Presidency	Poona ...	86	
	Satara ...	9	
	Sholapur ...	25	
	Ahmednagar ...	14	
	Nasik ...	18	
	East Khandesh ...	8	
	West Khandesh ...	3	
	Bombay ...	55	
	Thana ...	17	
	Kolaba ...	8	
	Ratnagiri ...	9	
	Ahmedabad ...	1	
	Belgaum ...	3	
	Dharwar ...	3	
	Bijapur ...	1	
	Karwar ...	8	
	Karachi ...	1	
Total ...		269	79'0

Castes.	Educational Departments.	Medical Depts.	Total.	Percentage.
Brahmins (including Saraswat Brahmins.)	1301	67	1368	72.8
Non-Brahmins.	388	18	406	21.6
Harijans (Depressed Classes.)	47	...	47	2.5
* Jews.	14	...	14	.8
* Indian Christians.	18	17	35	1.9
* Mahomedans.	9	...	9	.4
Total.	1777	102	1879	100.0

N.B.—The above table shows that out of the total number of women and girls undergoing various courses of instruction only 102 out of 1879 i.e. *barely 6%* are at present undergoing training in medical lines such as nursing (both curative and preventive) and medicine at four

or five places in this Presidency and outside this Presidency through this Society.

\* N. B.—Many of our products are Christians, Jews and even Mahomedans. They are at present working in Bombay and several places outside; so far two or three Mahomedan ladies have been trained by us, two of them got married long ago, one of them became a trained mistress, another who became a trained sub-assistant surgeon and married a Mahomedan doctor is now in Government service for a number of years; has worked in Government Civil Hospitals in Dhulia, Nasik and Belgaum, and the third who is now a fully qualified nurse and midwife is now working as sister in charge of a ward along with four or five other efficient products of this institution in higher position, in the K. E. M. Hospital, Parel, Bombay; others are working in the two hospitals started by Sir Ness Wadia in that locality in Bombay. Almost every important Hospital in Bombay has engaged a large number of nurses and midwives trained by

us and they are reported to be doing very efficient work; until recently one of our products a young Mahomedan lady was working as a lady doctor in the Janjira State.

(b) According to the places to which they belong or from which they come.

	Districts & Provinces	Educational Departments	Medical Departments	Total	Percentage roughly
Bombay Presidency.	Poona	721	29	750	
	Satara	38	7	45	
	Sholapur	267	14	281	
	Ahmednagar	43	2	45	
	Nasik	119	3	122	
	East Khandesh	18	0	18	
	West Khandesh	3	1	4	
	Bombay	132	9	141	
	Thana	35	2	37	
	Kolaba	23	4	27	
	Ratnagiri	33	5	38	
	Surat	2	0	2	

Bombay Presidency Indian States	Districts & Provinces		Educational Departments	Medical Departments	Total	Percentage roughly
	Ahmedabd ...	3	1	4		
	Belgaum ...	17	2	19		
	Dharwar ...	7	2	9		
	Bijapur ...	13	1	14		
	Karwar ...	6	4	10		
	Karachi ...	2	0	2		
		1482	86	1568	83%	
	Kolhapur ...	9	3	12		
	Sangli ...	9	2	11		
	Miraj ...	4	0	4		
	Jamkhandi ...	4	0	4		
	Kurundwad ...	0	0	0		
	Jath ...	3	0	3		
	Ichalkaranji ...	2	0	2		
	Savantwadi ...	6	1	7		
	Bhor ...	5	0	5		
	Aundh ...	0	1	1		
	Akkalkot ...	0	1	1		
	Baroda (Gujrat) ...	1	0	1		
	Indore (C. I.) ...	1	0	1		
	Gwalior (C. I.) ...	1	0	1		
	Devas (C. I.) ...	0	1	1		
		45	9	54	2%	

Provinces other than Bombay Presidency	Districts & Provinces		Educational Departments	Medical Departments	Total	Percentage roughly
	Central Provinces and Berar ...	222	4	226		
	United Provinces...	4	3	7		
	Madras ...	5	0	5		
	Mysore ...	5	0	5		
	Bangalore ...	1	2	3		
	Hyderabad (Dn.)...	8	1	9		
		245	10	255	13%	
	Places outside India * (South Africa)...	5	0	5	3	
(See next page)	Grand Total...	1777	102	1879	100%	

\* The figure 5 representing women from outside India is not added to the total. Thus, from the above it will be noticed that out of the total number of 1879, 18 districts in the Presidency are represented by 1568 women and girls i. e. 83·4 percent and 15 Indian States in this Presidency and Central India are represented by 54 women i. e. 2·9 percent and six Provinces and Indian States outside Bombay Presidency are represented in this Society by 255 women showing a percentage of 13·7.

	Districts and Provinces.	Number of inmates	Percentage.
Indian States	Kolhapur ...	5	
	Sangli ...	3	
	Miraj ...	1	
	Jath ...	2	
	Savantwadi ...	1	
	Baroda ...	1	
	Phaltan ...	1	
	Aundh ...	1	
	Devas ...	1	
	Indore ...	1	
	Total ...	17	5·0

	Districts and Provinces	Number of inmates	Percentage.
Provinces other than Bombay Presidency.	Central Provinces and Berar ...	35	
	United Provinces ...	6	
	Bangalore ...	3	
	Hyderabad (Deccan)* ...	10*	
	Kathiawar ...	1	
	Total ...	55	16*
	Grand Total ...	341	100·0

\*One of these girls by name Miss Naidu resides with us but learns in an outside institution being an old pupil of ours.

## PART V.

### POONA SEVA SADAN (Branch).

#### Some more detailed information for three years about its activities.

##### I Government Grants for Medical Activities at Headquarters in Poona.

Years.	Total Expenditure.	Government Grants		Totals.
		For Nurses & Midwives' Hostel.	For Women Students' Hostel:	
1930-31	29,360-3-6	9,165-0-0	3,635-0-0	12,800-0-0
1931-32	26,319-7-9	10,209-0-0	2,362-0-0	12,571-0-0
1932-33	27,857-5-3	9,836-0-0	2,174-0-0	12,010-0-0
Grand Totals.	83,537-0-6	29,210-0-0	8,171-0-0	37,381-0-0

N. B.—His Excellency Sir Frederick Sykes, the Governor of Bombay, in his reply to the Deputation by Her Highness the Rani Sahab of Sangli—our President—that waited on him on behalf of the Society at the Government House in Poona on Monday the 16th of October 1933 has mentioned that Government had helped the Society during the three years ending 1930-31 by giving recurring grants to our Society for this department aggregating to Rs. 50,000/- which seems to be made up as follows :—in 1928-29 Rs. 19,310/-, in 1929-30 Rs. 18,620/-, and in 1930-31 Rs. 12,800/-, out of which a sum of Rs. 2760/- was afterwards taken back as refund, but was subsequently paid in 1932-33. His Excellency's observations are as follows :—

That Government have realised the merit of the work done by your Society is clear from the fact that they have sanctioned a substantial recurring grant towards your expenses. As you know, during the years ending 1930-31 your Society received from Government grants aggregating over Rs. 50,000/-. And I have no doubt, whatever, that when the advent of more prosperous time allows, the Government will again consider your claims sympathetically."



**( Non-Medical activities )****Government grants.**

II Statement showing Government Grants to the Educational Departments and Hostel, No. VI (for Depressed class women) at the Poona Branch received during the last three years ending, 31st March, 1933.

Departments	1930-31	1931-32	1932-33
	Rs. as. p.	Rs. as. p.	Rs. as. p.
Training College	3878-0-0	4432-0-0	4012-0-0
Practising School	2600-0-0	2600-0-0	2600-0-0
Primary Classes	1414-0-0	1238-0-0	770-0-0
Work-room Classes	2750-0-0	2750-0-0	2466-0-0
High School	1076-0-0	1376-0-0	1300-0-0
Special English Classes.	244-0-0	244-0-0	199-0-0
Music Classes	432-0-0	428-0-0	283-0-0
Drawing Class	130-0-0	130-0-0	135-0-0
Hostel No. VI	298-0-0	310-0-0	298-0-0
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>12,822-0-0</b>	<b>13,508-0-0</b>	<b>12,063-0-0</b>

**Nurses' and Teachers' Refunds.**

III Statement showing Refunds received during the last three years, ending 31st March, 1933 from the Nurses and Teachers trained by the Society at Poona.

Year	Nurses	Teachers	Total
	Rs. as. p.	Rs. as. p.	Rs. as. p.
1930-1931	3414-3-3	512-0-0	3926-3-3
1931-1932	3243-6-6	249-0-0	3492-6-6
1932-1933	4472-8-0	93-0-0	4565-8-0
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>11,130-1-9</b>	<b>854-0-0</b>	<b>11,984-1-9</b>

### Divali Fund Collections.

IV Statement showing the Divali Fund Collections during the last three years, ending 31st March, 1933.

Year.	Receipts.	Expenditure.
	Rs. as. p.	Rs. as. p.
1930-1931	1954-2-6	74-8-0
1931-1932	781-6-0	74-15-6
1932-1933	331-1-3	43-4-0
Total. ...	3066-9-9	192-11-6

V. Statement showing Receipts and Expenditure of the Society and head-quarters' Departments (Non-Medical) during the last three years ending.  
31st March, 1933.

Year	Receipts	Expenditure
	Rs. as. p.	Rs. as. p.
1930-1931	89,686-14-5	95,265-3-6
1931-1932	82,693-13-8	84,220-14-0
1932-1933	87,545-12-2	87,468-12-8
Total ...	2,59,926- 8-3	2,66,954-14-2

# VI. Poona Seva Sadan (Branch.)

Statement showing the Results of the various  
Final Government Examinations in non-  
medical departments.

Examina- tions.	1930-31		1931-32		1932-33	
	No. appeared	No. Passed	No. appeared	No. Passed	No. appeared	No. Passed
High School						
Matric	7	5	10	2	9	1
Training College						
II Year	0	0	17	7	17	10
I Year						
Senior	37	19	15	13	41	19
V. F.	40	22	40	23	42	35

## Relief Campaigns by Lay Sisters.

VII. List of occasions on which the lay-sisters of the Poona Seva Sadan Society did work of relief of suffering on occasions of wide-spread calamities.

- (1) The Poona plague relief, 1906-07 and 1907-08.
- (2) The Salumbra fire relief, 1910.
- (3) Gujrat and Kathiawar famine relief, 1911-12.
- (4) Panchmahal famine relief, 1911-12.
- (5) Ahmednagar famine relief, 1915-16.
- (6) Kumbha-mela Fair at Allahabad 1917.
- (7) Alandi and Pandharpur Fairs, 1921-22-23.
- (8) Malabar Moplah Rebellion, 1921-22.

The names of the various prominent ladies that did useful social service on these occasions by going to these affected parts to distribute relief to the sufferers, among others, are the following :—

The late Mrs. Ramsbai Ranade, Mrs. Annapurna-bai Apte, Mrs. Jankibai Bhat, Mrs. Yamunabai Bhat, Mrs. Parwatibai Joshi, Mrs. Sitabai Dukle, Mrs. Mathurabai Gogte, Mrs. Parvatibai Joglekar, Dr. (Mrs.) Saibai Ranade, Miss Kamakoti Natarajan, B. A., Mrs. Dwarkabai Shidhaye, Mrs. Kashibai Kanitkar, Mrs. Godubai Kashikar, &c.

## Help from Trusts, Public Funds, and Local Bodies.

VIII. In order to give our readers an idea of the degree of public confidence we have been able to create

in the minds of the people by the efficiency of our work and the devotion of our workers, I beg to mention the following for their information :—

[ A ] *Trusts* :—

- (1) N. M. Wadia Charities Trust.
- (2) Sir Ratan Tata Charities Trust.
- (3) Sir Dorab Tata Charities.
- (4) Khatav Mekanji Trust, Bombay.
- (5) Kanji Mulji Trust, Bombay.
- (6) Balasaheb Deshpande Charitable Trust, Ahmednagar.
- (7) Damodar Bhimji Trust, Bombay,  
( through Shet L. R. Tairsee ).

[ B ] *Special Public Funds* :

- (1) Sholapur District Maternity and Infant Welfare Association, Sholapur.
- (2) Victory Nursing Association, Sholapur.
  - (a) President—Collector of the District.
  - (b) Hon. Secretary—Civil Surgeon of the District.
- (3) Nasik District Medical Relief Association, Nasik.  
Hon. Secretary—Rao Bahadur  
G. V. Pradhan, B.A., LL.B., M.L.C., Nasik.

- (4) Kolaba District Maternity and Infant Welfare Association, Alibag.

President—Collector of the District.

- (5) Vishnu & Laxmi Mills, Sholapur.

The above-named Trusts and Special Public Funds have entrusted to us the carrying out of some of their objects for varying periods extending in some cases from more than five to fifteen years now.

[ C ] *Local Bodies* :—(a) *Municipal Grants* :—

The following is the list of *Municipalities* that are giving us grant-in-aid for the public work our Society is doing for the benefit of their inhabitants in various ways.

- (1) Poona City Municipality (Rs. 770/- per year for educational work).
- (2) Baramati Municipality (Rs. 300/- per year for the services of a midwife in addition to the grants-in-aid to our educational work.)
- (3) Sholapur Municipality is paying Rs. 600/- per month for conducting its Maternity Hospital called Rajubai Hirachand Maternity Hospital, Sholapur.

- (4) Sholapur Municipality (above Rs. 1,800/- for Primary Classes and Rs. 250/- for English Classes ).
- (5) Nasik Municipality (Rs. 300/- for English Classes).
- (6) Ahmednagar Municipality ( Rs. 1200/- in aid of the Balasaheb Deshpande Maternity Hospital and Nursing Home, and Charitable Dispensary which we started in 1923 and will under agreement be with us till at least till the year 1942-43.)
- (7) Nagpur Municipality (Rs. 300/- for educational work).
- (8) Alibag Municipality is paying Rs. 500/- a year towards the expenses of the Maternity Hospital, Alibag, through the Association.

(b) *District Local Boards* :—*Grants*: The District Local Board, Ahmednagar, used to help our medical work at Ahmednagar by giving us a grant of Rs. 1,000/- per year, which it had to discontinue owing to financial stringency; but has now offered to pay us Rs. 500/- a year if only we could undertake the training of village *Dais* at our Mater-

nity Home at Ahmednagar. Similar help is being extended to us through other bodies for the training of *Dais* through our branches, for instance, at Alibag. The District Local Board, Kolaba, has been paying Rs. 2,000/- a year to the Kolaba Maternity Hospital and Nursing Home which is in our charge and which will continue to be so till the year 1943-44 through the Association to which the grant is paid.

IX. As this volume has already become very bulky any further attempt to publish fuller accounts of the branches in this report is considered unnecessary, especially when these are generally published by every Branch separately. A rapid Review of the Society's activities and the Report of its last three years' work in pictures and tables, therefore, will supply important figures and make mention of the many interesting details of Branches and their work which is ever growing. It has, thus not been considered very necessary to add anything more. We want, however, to thank most sincerely all our Workers and Helpers at all these branches and centres; and we trust their example would be followed equally well by other friends having sympathy for the cause, looking to the importance of our Branches.

X. In order to give the details of the financial position of the Society with regard to its affairs and those of its branches, Income and Expenditure statements are printed in a separate book; and it is supplied along with this report. In it are published every year statements of accounts after being audited by Government Certified Auditors. This publication of the Society together with the Prospectus and the Progress Book for the pupils of the Poona Seva Sadan (Branch) are supplied to readers along with the full Report of the Poona Seva Sadan Society. We have also published an Album of our Society and it will be supplied to the subscribers of the Society paying more than Rs. 24/- a year or to those who would send Rs. 11/- to cover the cost of packing and postage as well.

#### **London Association of the Poona Seva Sadan Society.**

XI. Before closing this rapid review and report for the last three years' work (Part IV) and in further support of the statements in Paragraph No. 4 and thereunder, I should like to make mention of an important fact in that connection, namely, establishment of the *London Association of the Poona Seva Sadan*

*Society, Poona*, which was brought into existence by me while I was in London as a Member of the Indian Press Delegation to England in 1918-19, during the Great War. While staying in London I was able to interest many English and Indian friends settled in England in the scheme of work adopted by the Poona Seva Sadan Society; and some of my ideas about the help it might usefully secure in the development of some aspects of its work from institutions in London were approved. After visiting a few Hospitals in London and seeing the very wide range of education and training which are imparted to nurses therein, it occurred to me that it would be very useful if I could secure some facilities in any of the London Hospitals for the Post Graduate Training in Nursing of a curative type for some of the products of our Institutions in India by being sent to London. I mentioned this idea to many of my English friends there who encouraged me in the promotion of this plan and even promised me their support. Moreover, as a result of certain negotiations, I was able to secure from the Secretary or the Treasurer of the St. Thomas Hospital, in London some facilities for our Nurses in their Post Graduate

Training in Nursing in London. The Secretary promised me to give them six months' training at the cost of the Hospital provided Poona Seva Sadan Society could send some of its nurses at its cost. For this purpose I arranged a Meeting of some of the friends and sympathisers of the Poona Seva Sandan Society in London and got an Association formed under the above-mentioned name and secured assurances of help from many friends who had promised their sympathy and support.

XII. In this connection I would like to mention with gratitude the names of some of the prominent persons in London then who still felt interested in India and who warmly supported me in my idea. The first and the foremost among these was the late Lord Reay who was one of the former most popular Governors of the Bombay Presidency. His Lordship showed very keen interest in my work in India and in England and inspite of his very indifferent health most readily agreed to become its President. Among the Vice-Presidents could be mentioned some of the then leading figures in London like Mrs. Fawcett ( wife of the famous Post-Master General ), Mr. Gladstone, the eldest son of the greatest state-

smen of the last century in England and Sir ( and now the late ) Mancharjee Bhawnagari, Kt. Great friends of India like Mr. Polak and Mrs. Polak and the late K. B. Mawalankar were the Hon. Secretaries; and among its Members there was the late Mr. Aftab Ahmed who at that time happened to be a Member of the Secretary of State's Council, in London. But owing to insufficiency of funds, no fully trained and qualified Nurses could be sent to London by our Society for their intended post graduate course in general nursing of the curative character at the St. Thomas Hospital as arranged; moreover, as some of the friends like Mrs. Fawcett went on making their regular annual contribution of five pounds, small funds came to be accumulated which could not be used for the purpose for which they were subscribed.

XIII. Another idea on which the late Sir Mancharjee Bhawnagari, Kt. and the late Mr. Mawalankar were keen and enthusiastic, related to the disposal in London of some of the fancy articles made by the Seva Sadans of our Society in India so as to secure a source of income to the Poona Seva Sadan Society and its branches and the

late Mr. Mawalankar had given me an order for 50,000 (fifty thousand) papads and promised me to make its use popular in London. But owing to other difficulties these ideas could not be given effect to; and friends thought it best under the circumstances, for a time to suspend the work of this Association and to transfer to the Headquarters of the Society, in Poona, the money lying in the London Bank unused. Accordingly after deducting all expenses the balance that remained unused was Rs. 214-6-10; and it came to be transferred by the Hon. Secretaries to our Society in Poona, some years ago.

### **Training in London in Public Health Nursing.**

XIV. Subsequently, however, two of the Poona Seva Sadan Society's fully qualified Nurses and Midwives came to be deputed to London and the Society was able to secure for them two scholarships of £. 200 each (together with another for one of them of £. 150 in addition from Wadia Charities, Bombay,) from the League of the Red Cross Societies in Paris, for one year's Post Graduate Course in Public Health Nursing at the Bedford College for Women in

London where the League of the Red Cross Societies had made very satisfactory arrangements for such training. By that time this Association had come to be suspended. I am sorry for it because those of the friends whom I had interested in our Society's work in London would have felt much delighted and encouraged in helping the two young ladies that were sent there.

XV. A detailed reference to this important fact will be found in subsequent pages. The one—*Mrs. Krishnabai Kanetkar* (now *Mrs. Phatak*) was selected in 1925 and my great friend (now the late) Sir Claude A. Hill, K. C. S. I., K. C. I. E., the then Director-General of the Red Cross Societies, in Paris, was largely instrumental in her selection. He was a great admirer of our Society as he had seen much of its work, while in India both as a leading Member of the Governor's Executive Council in Bombay as also a leading member of the Viceroy's Executive Council for full five years as its leader, at Delhi and Simla.

XVI. Mrs. Kanetkar secured the diploma in Public Health Nursing and returned to India after



visiting a few countries on the continent. The other young lady Miss Sharadabai Naidu returned after taking the C. M. B. (English Diploma in Nursing) and after receiving advanced training in Infant and Child Welfare work in England and abroad. Each one of them stayed on that side for nearly a year and a quarter.

### **Moral and material support of the Servants of India Society.**

XVII. I cannot close this rapid review and Report without referring to the great moral and material help which we have received from most of the members of the Servants of India Society, who are in deep sympathy with the objects of our Society. I would like to mention in this connection particularly the name of my great, good, and old colleague in the work of the Servants of India Society, viz. Mr. Wamanrao Patwardhan. It is difficult for me to assess the value of their moral support in the conduct of the work of this Society—the original objects of which were first explained by the undersigned to some of the leading men and women in Poona in 1908-9. These, some time later, became my great supporters in the furtherance of those

objects and in the expansion of the work of the Poona Seva Sadan Society. But what is more is that the Servants of India Society has given to some extent material support also to our work as would be seen from the following two instances:—

### **Sacrifice for Indian Women by a young English girl.**

XVIII. When the undersigned returned from England in 1919, he brought with him a sum of a little over Rs. 3,000/- set aside, in her will, by a young English lady who had conceived great love for the people of India, especially for her women. She died of Phthisis at the age of 20; before her death, she had willed that this amount which she had saved by living very frugally should be entrusted to the Servants of India Society for its utilization and that is how the undersigned i. e. Mr. Devadhar, when in England in 1918-19, was able to bring with him this amount from the very old father of that lady who had approached him by a letter when he was at Bristol University for a lecture. This amount remained with the Servants of India Society earning interest and when, with its interest thereon, it grew to about Rs. 5,000/- in about 1930, the Society by its council

resolution handed it over to Mr. Devadhar for the work of the Poona Seva Sadan Society, recognizing its all-India, central, and non-sectarian charitable character.

**Celebration of Mr. G. K. Devadhar's Diamond Jubilee and presentation of a Purse for Rs. 10,500.**

XIX. Another occasion on which the Servants of India Society fully manifested its deep sympathy with the practical work which our Society has been doing was the Purse which was presented to the undersigned i.e. Mr. Devadhar by his numerous friends and "admirers" scattered all over the country including the Viceroy of India and the then Ag. Governor of Bombay, on his attaining the 61st year, which event formed an occasion of great festive celebration in Poona on the 21st of August, 1931. The undersigned feels constrained to make a full mention of it as it relates to him personally. But there is a public aspect about this event of wider general interest which has to be emphasized. After deducting all expenses roughly amounting to over Rs. 2,000/- in connection with this grand festival, which was very hurriedly got up, the Devadhar Diamond Jubilee

Committee handed over to him a purse containing the balance by a cheque for Rs. 10,500/- together with many valuable presents. According to the rules of the Servants of India Society he had passed on that amount to his Society. It, however, recognizing that the members and workers of the Poona Seva Sadan Society had taken prominent part in organizing this great function decided to present the amount to the Poona Seva Sadan Society. Accordingly, the Council of the Servants of India Society, by its resolution, transferred the whole amount to the Poona Seva Sadan Society. Thus, it would be easily seen how the Poona Seva Sadan Society is beholden to the Servants of India Society for more reasons than one; and the workers of the former are fully conscious of the obligations they owe to the latter sister institution.

**Appeal for help.**

XX. The above statement which is full will show how the Society has been endeavouring, in a variety of useful ways, to work for the uplift of the Indian womanhood—especially the poor and helpless section thereof. In order that such a sacred cause should not languish for want of money, friends are cordially

requested to contribute liberally towards the Society's funds to meet its varied and ever-growing needs as also those of its several branches and centres of work.

XXI. Friends are, therefore, cordially requested to send their subscriptions or contributions to the undersigned direct, or may pay the same to the authorised representatives, when they personally approach them for such help. They are also requested to leave legacies in their wills; and if any properties or trusts be entrusted to this Society to meet some of its needs out of their proceeds, such gifts would be most thankfully received. The Society takes this opportunity of thanking all those that have helped it in various ways; and it would also like to make further appeal for their help and indulgence in its shortcomings. It warmly trusts that their countrymen would extend to it their great helping hand.

XXII The work of the Society had grown tremendously during the past few years. The numbers of women and girls that have come under its influence for its educational service is easily in the neighbour-

hood of 2000 (two thousand.) At Poona it is above one thousand and at Sholapur and Nagpur alone the figures of women taking advantage of its many educational classes is above 350; and as for medical and nursing education, its training centres are growing and would surely increase soon. The result of this steady development has been to incline the Council of the Society to consider seriously proposals from friends who have made sacrifices for the development of our Society's work in the past, even for the virtual transfer of responsibility on fair terms and the Society has done so when it felt convinced of the genuineness of such a demand and also felt equally assured of the fact that the work so well started and maintained by our Society at considerable cost and self-sacrifice in the beginning would be continued uninterruptedly. The Society has done so with regard to its Madras Branch, Bhatia Maternity Hospital and Nursing Home, at Bombay, and the Gwalior Nursing and Medical Education centre. In the latter two cases, however, the work was entrusted to the Society on contract basis for varying periods from seven years to twelve years.

### **Tribute to the worthy and generous friends who are no more with us.**

XXIII There is another and a stronger reason for us to appeal to our friends widely scattered all over the country—to friends of the cause of woman's education and emancipation—to come to our help in meeting our growing liabilities and the pressing needs. During the period of the last 20 years, Death has laid his cruel hands on a very large number of our great friends, supporters, and helpers who rendered personal assistance to us and whose sacrifice for us both in the form of monetary help and personal service have been of the greatest value; we are, therefore, taking this opportunity of paying our great and grateful tribute of their sacred memory, generosity, sense of humanity, patriotism, and deep-rooted charity. It would be making, we know, an invidious distinction to mention a few only among them, but our deep and abiding sense of gratitude would not leave us the peace of mind unless we recognise publicly once more and put on record what great debt the Society owes to them. We, however, fervently pray to the Almighty that their noble example would be copied by others equally charitably-minded countrymen and women and believe

that their places would be occupied by other equally generous and noble-minded friends of the cause of woman's uplift and that of humanity; and thus, strengthen our position by voluntarily coming forth to our help. We beg to mention, among others, the names of the following ladies and gentlemen belonging to all castes and creeds with great love and respects as those who have contributed towards the building up of the superstructure of the Society each in his or her own way.

#### **I. Workers and helpers.**

- 1 Mrs. Ramabai Ranade, First President of the Poona Seva Sadan Society.
- 2 Rao Bahadur Dr. P. V. Shikhare, L.M. & S, B.M.S.
- 3 Dr. V. C. Gokhale, L. M. & S.
- 4 Major General J. B. Smith, C. B., I. M. S.
- 5 Mrs. Satyabhamabai Kale, (Satara Branch).
- 6 Mr. R. M. alias Annasaheb Rajahansa, B. A., (Ahmednagar Branch).
- 7 K. A. Keluskar, Esq. (Dadar Branch).
- 8 Miss Bhikutai N. Joshi, B. A. (Poona Branch).
- 9 V. T. Agashe, L. C. E., Member of Council. Poona.

- 10 Rao Bahadur Rambhau Godbole, B. A.,  
Member of Council, Poona.  
11 Rao Saheb V. A. Patwardhan, B.A., Member  
of Council, Poona.

## II. Helpers and supporters

- 1 Lady Reading, England.  
2 Sir Vithaldas Thackersey, Bombay.  
3 Sir Hormasjee Wadia, Poona & Bombay.  
4 Lady Aimal Wadia, „ „  
5 Sir Jamshetjee Jeejeebhoy, Bombay.  
6 Lady Jamshetjee Jeejeebhoy, „  
7 Mr. Framji Wadia, „  
8 Mr. Vazifdar, „  
9 Sir Dorab Tata, „  
10 Lady Dorab Tata, „  
11 Sir Ratan Tata, „  
12 Seth Mulraj Khatau, father and founder of  
the Bhatia Maternity Hospital and Nursing  
Home, Fort, Bombay.  
13 Lord Reay, England.  
14 Dr. E. Justin Abbott, America.  
15 R. D. Tata, Esq., Bombay.  
16 Seth Purshottam Vishram, Bombay.

- 17 Seth Hanraj Pragee Thackersey, Bombay.  
18 Rao Bahadur D. Laxminarayan, Kamptee,  
Nagpur, (C.P.)  
(He by a codicil, left a sum of Rs. 20,000/-  
for our Building in Nagpur in his own hand-  
writing, but as it could not be attested just  
before his death our Society lost the amount.)  
19 G. B. Trivedi, B.A., Bombay.

## Valuable sections at the end.

XXIV. At the instance of Her Highness the  
Ranisahab of Sangli—the President of our Society—  
good many sections giving valuable information and  
views, opinions, and remarks have been added by  
way of appendices to the third Edition of the  
Society's Album containing more than 250 views of  
its varied activities detailing their information in  
facts, figures, etc. extracting them from official and  
non-official sources from the very humble commence-  
ment of this organization in 1910. We know there is  
a great demand from the wider public and being a  
very bulky illustrated volume it is priced at Rs. 10/-  
as stated above. We trust, therefore, that the generous  
public would kindly glance through it and render

help to the Society to maintain in an uninterrupted way the pursuit of its high ideals of social service on a wider national basis.

XXV. Lastly, I feel extremely grateful to my old friends—Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Willingdon—for their ready agreeing to add a foreword to the third edition of the Album and Review and Report of our Society, touched in most appreciative terms of the humble but patriotic services rendered by it during the 24 years of its existence and it is a matter of great pride and privilege to us

that these old friends and supporters of our Organization in the well-being of which their interest has remained undiminished, are now in India to help us whenever need would arise. Their names are a household word with us all. May God bless them both with long life, health, happiness and increasing measure of true service of our Country!

The Poona Seva Sadan,  
Poona, No. 2.  
1st December, 1934.

G. K. DEVADHAR,  
Hon. Organiser & General  
Secretary,  
Poona Seva Sadan Society.



**SECTION II.**



**A L B U M**





# SUB-SECTION I

## HEAD-QUARTERS

### (A) COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

#### 1. Office-Bearers.

1. H. H. the Ranisaheb of Sangli, President
2. Shrimant Dowager Ranisaheb of Jath,  
Vice-President
3. Shrimant Dowager Ranisaheb of Jamkhandi,  
Vice-President
4. Mr. G. K. Devadhar, M. A., C. I. E., K. I. H. (1st Class)  
Hon. Organiser and General Secretary
4. (a) —do—do—
5. Dr. N. L. Ranade, B. A., M. B. B. S., Hon. Joint General Secretary

#### 2. Life-Workers.

1. Mrs. Janakibai Bhat, Secretary for Development, Collection and Supervision, and Lady Superintendent, Poona Seva Sadan
2. Mrs. Yamunabai Bhat, Hon. Local Secretary and Treasurer, and Lady Superintendent of the Interior
3. Mr. G. B. Garud, B. A., Superintendent, Nagpur Branch of the Society
4. Mr. G. B. Wable, B. A., L. T., Life-worker (now relieved)
5. Mrs. L. Puttamma Naidu, Junior Life-worker

### (B) PATRONS AND PATRONESES

#### 1. Honorary Patronesses.

1. H. E. Lady Willingdon (C. I.)
2. Lady Irwin
3. Lady Wilson

#### 2. Patrons.

1. The late Sir Vithaldas D. Thackersey, Kt.
2. The late Mr. N. M. Wadia, the founder of the N. M. Wadia Charities
3. The late Sir Ratan Tata
4. The late Sir Dorab Tata
5. H. H. the Yuvaraja of Mysore

#### 3. Patronesses.

1. Lady Reading.
2. The late Sreemati Nathibai D. Thackersey
3. Lady Tata ( wife of the late Sir Ratan Tata )
4. The late Lady Dorab Tata (wife of the late Sir Dorab Tata)

### (C) DONORS AND HELPERS

#### 1. Government Officials.

##### (a) Europeans

1. Lord Irwin ( in a group )
2. Lady Irwin

3. H. E. Sir Leslie Orme Wilson
4. H. E. Sir Frederick Sykes and Lady Sykes (in a group)
- (b) *Indians*
1. Rai Bahadur Capt. ( Dr. ) Pitamber Pant
2. Col. K. G. Gharpurey

## 2. Indian States.

### (a) *Baroda*

1. H. H. Shrimant Sir Sayajirao Gaekwar, Maharaja of Baroda
2. H.H. the Maharaja and H. H. the Maharani of Baroda
3. H. H. Chimanabaisaheb, Maharanisahab of Baroda
4. Shrimant Princess Kamaladevi Gaekwar of Baroda
5. Shrimant Princess Shakuuntala Raje Gaekwar of Baroda

### (b) *Bhavanagar*

1. H. H. the Maharaja of Bhavanagar
2. Sir Prabhashankar Pattani

### (c) *Sangli*

1. Lt. H. H. the Rajasaheb of Sangli

## 3. Parsee Community.

3. The late Bai Motilbai Wadia, the mother of the late Mr. N. M. Wadia.
4. A group photo of the Trustees of the N. M. Wadia Charities, including the late Sir Jamshetji Jeejeebhoy, Bart, Chairman.
5. Mrs. N. R. Wadia

## 4. The Indian Red Cross Society.

1. Visit of Sir David Petrie, Kt., C. I. E., C. B. E., C. V. O., to the various Departments of the Poona Seva Sadan Society in Poona
2. Col. Bhola Nath, the then Organising Secretary, the Indian Red Cross Society (in a group)
3. Dr. (Miss) A. C. Scott (in a group)
4. Sardar Bahadur Balvant Singh Puri, O. B. E., Ag., Organising Secretary ( in a group )

## 5. Maharashtrian Community.

1. The late Mrs. (Sow.) Ramabaisaheb Ranade
- 1 (a). The late Mrs. Ramabaisaheb Ranade as a widow.
2. The late Mr. Justice Mahadev Govind Ranade
3. The late Mrs. Vidwans ( adopted daughter of the late Mrs. Ramabai Ranade )

## 6. Other Helpers

1. The late Seth Mulraj Khatau
2. The late Dr. Justin E. Abbott
3. The late Mrs. Justin Abbott

## (D) DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

1. Lady Irwin at the entrance
2. Introduction of Lady Irwin to other Ranisahebs in the Deccan by H. H. the Ranisaheb of Sangli
3. Lord and Lady Irwin going round the gardens in S.I.S. with Rt. Hon. V. S. Srinivas Sastri & Mr. Devadhar
4. Members of the Board of Education with the Government of India
5. Members of the Royal Commission on Agriculture

- 8a. The same Lady in Gujrati Dress
- 9. A group photo of the Public Health School students in 1935
- (Ka) Poona Industrial Exhibition and Bombay Presidency Baby and Health Week Association's Section in the Exhibition-
  - 1. The students of the Society's Public Health School explaining to visitors different foods and their Vitamin values.
  - 2. The students of the Public Health School explaining to the visitors the models on village Sanitation and Health. The Health Exhibition section managed by the Society's Public Health School in Poona.
  - 4. H. H. the Rajasabeb and H. H. the Ranisabeb of Sangli with the workers of the Poona Seva Sadan, working in the Bombay Presidency Baby and Health Week Exhibition held in Poona in 1928
- (L) Infant Welfare Centre and Antenatal Clinic.
  - 1. Cry of Children (poster)
  - 2. Death rate per 1000 deliveries (Diagram)
  - 3. A mother giving a bath to a baby
  - 4. Mothers are taught how to make the babies outfit at the Infant Welfare Centre at the Demonstration Stall.
  - 5. How should an expectant mother live? (Poster)
  - 6. An infant at rest
  - 7. Dr. (Miss) Gajarabai Morey (now Mrs. Chaudhari) giving a health talk to the mothers at the Centre
  - 8. Nurse instructing the mothers assembled as to how to feed babies regularly

- 9. A Mother feeding an Infant
- 10. A mother seeking the Lady Doctor's advice for her baby.
- 11. Lady Doctor examining an expectant mother
- 12. Mother helping the child to stand
- 13. Giving a Tub-bath to the baby
- (M) Maternity Home and Dispensary.
  - 1. Dr. ( Mrs. ) Manoramabai N. Thatte, L. C. P. S., Lady Doctor.
  - 2. Poona Seva Sadan Society's Maternity Home in 1938, started in a rented building
  - 3. The Maternity home at the Society's Premises after being removed from the rented house when Lady Sykes presided over the prize-distribution of the Health School, 1929
- (N) Dramatic Performances.
  - 1. A scene from "Krishnarajuna Yuddha"
  - 2. — do —
  - 3. A scene from "Sangit Arogya"
  - 4. A scene from "Sangit Saubhadra"
  - 5. — do —
  - 6. — do —
  - 7. A scene from "Panna Rani"
- (O) Sports.
  - 1. Legee n troupe
  - 2. The game of Hu-too-too and a silver cup won by the girl players.

**(P) Other Photos.**

1. Miss Prema Kumari and Mr. Devadhar
2. Mrs. Manjulabai Chowdhari at Matheran (old student of the Training College. )
3. Miss Sundrabai Marwadi from Sangli
4. Miss Kashi from America
5. Dr. (Mrs.) Manoramabai N. Thatte, & Dr. (Mrs.) Parachure on their way to England
6. Dr. ( Mrs. ) Manoramabai N. Thatte with an Ayya on house-visiting.
7. Prize-giving in 1925 at the hands of Lady Wilson, presided over by Sir Leslie Orme Wilson
8. Group photo of workers of the Poona Seva Sadan in the First Women's Educational Conference held in Poona
9. Lady Irwin with the Office Bearers of the Poona Seva Sadan Society.
10. Their Excellencies at the entrance of the society after the opening ceremony of the National Baby Week Exhibition in Poona, in 1925
11. Lady Wilson at the entrance to attend the meeting of B. P. Baby and Health Week Association, Poona, in 1928.
12. A group photo of H. E. Sir Frederick Sykes and Lady Sykes and the members of the Executive Committee of the D. A. A. and the Dn. Rural Reconstruction Workers, at the Council Hall, Poona, in 1933.
13. Rural Uplift Workers' Conference, at s. I. S. Poona, 1933
14. Visit of Mr. E. W. Trotman, I. C. S. to the various Departments of the Society.
15. Mr. M. V. Apte.



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Ga. Jharkhand Street and Jharkhand



**H. H. Shrimant Dowager Ranisaheb of Jath.**  
A Vice-President of the Poona Seva Sadan Society.



**H. H. Shrimant Dowager Ranisaheb of Jamkhandi, Kolhapur,  
A Vice-President of the Poona Seva Sadan Society.**





**Gopal Krishna Devadhar Esq., M. A., C. I. E., Hony. Organizer and General Secretary, Poona Seva Sadan Society, Poona City.**

## Messrs Devadhar & Ranade, Hon. Life-workers.



**Mr. G. K. Devadhar, M.A., C.I.F.**

(Kaiser-i-Hind Gold Medalist)

Hon. Organiser and General Secretary,  
Poona Seva Sadan Society, Poona, No. 2  
(and President, Servants  
of India Society, Poona.)



**Dr. N. L. Ranade, B.A., M.B.B.S.,**

Hon. Jt. General Secretary, Poona  
Seva Sadan Society, Poona, No. 2

Pioneer Hon. Lady Life-workers. The two great pillars.



Mrs. Jankibai Bhat has been the first Lady Life worker of the Society who has been connected with the work from the time of the inception, has been since working as a Lady Superintendent of the Poona Seva Sadan. She is now Mr. Devabhar's colleague in the work of the organization etc. etc.



Mrs. Yamunabai Bhat is the second Hon. Lady Life worker of this Society. She began her active work from the early dates of the Society & has been working since as Honorary Local Secretary and Treasurer of the

## **Life-Workers.**



**Mr. G. B. Garud, B. A.,**  
one of the life-workers of the Society.  
He is in charge, as superintendent, of  
the Society's Nagpur Seva Sadan  
(Branch).



**Mr. G. B. Wable,**  
was one of the life-workers of the  
Society. He was relieved to take up  
the post of the Poona City Municipality's Administrative officer of the  
School Board.



**Mrs. L. Puttamma Naidu,**  
from Betul (in C.P.) and Banga-  
lore, Junior Life-Worker, Poona  
Seva Sadan Society, Poona City.



**Her Excellency the Countess of  
Willingdon, C. I.**



Her Excellency the Lady Irwin, Hon. Patroness of the  
Poona Sava Sadan Society, 1926.



Lady Wilson,  
Hon. Patroness of the Poona Seva Sadan Society, 1925







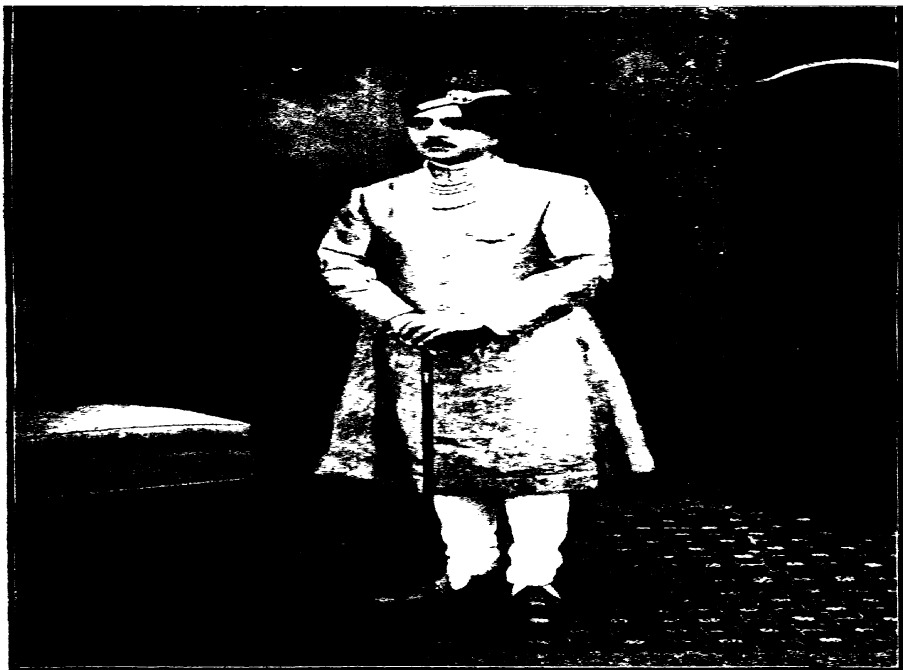
The late Mr. N. M. Wadia, C. I. E.  
Founder of the well-known Wadia Charities. His trustees  
have materially helped this Society in its various schemes.



The late Sir Patai Tata who was a great patron of the Society.



The Late Sir Dorab Tata, Kt. a patron of the Society.



**His Highness Sir Sree Kantirava Narasimharaja Wadiyar Bahadur, G. C. I. E.,  
The Yuva Raja Sahib of Mysore, who is one of the very early patrons of this  
Society.**



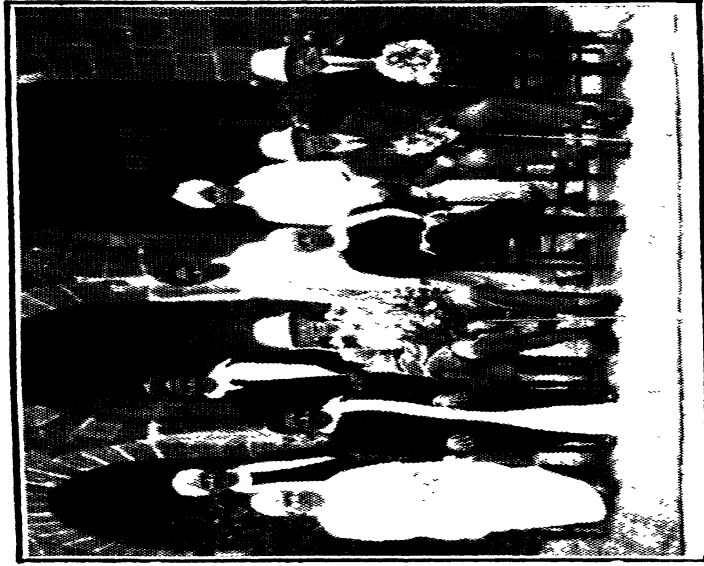
Her Excellency Countess of Reading,  
Hon. Patroness of the Poona Seva Sadan Society, 1925



Shriyati Nathani Thackeray, mother of the late S. N. Vithaldas  
D. Thackeray.



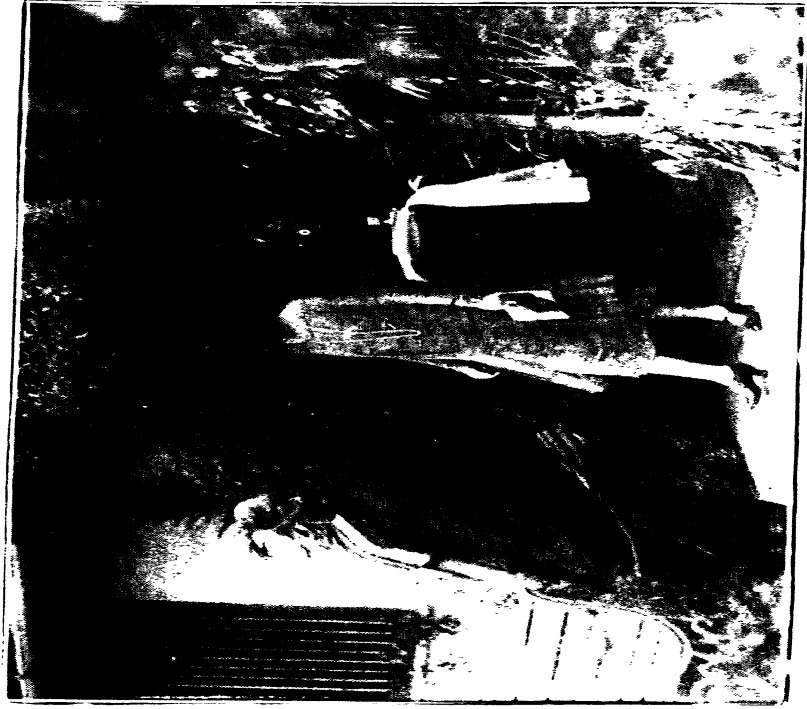
**Lady Dorab Tata, wife of the late Sir Dorab Tata who was  
a patron of the Society.**



Lord Irwin when Viceroy of India encouraged Mr. Devadhar to push on the scheme for Nurses' Quarters towards which he has made a personal contribution, Lady

Irwin sent Rs. 5000/- from a donor who wants to remain anonymous.





Her Excellency Lady Irwin's Visit to Poona Sewa Sadan in 1936

Her Excellency Lady Irwin's visit to the Sewa Sadan in Poona, 1936. The photograph shows Her Excellency Lady Irwin, accompanied by Mr. J. J. Irwin, standing with a group of people in front of the Sewa Sadan building. The group includes several women and children, some of whom are seated on the ground. The building is a simple, light-colored structure with a flat roof. The background shows a wooded area with trees and foliage.

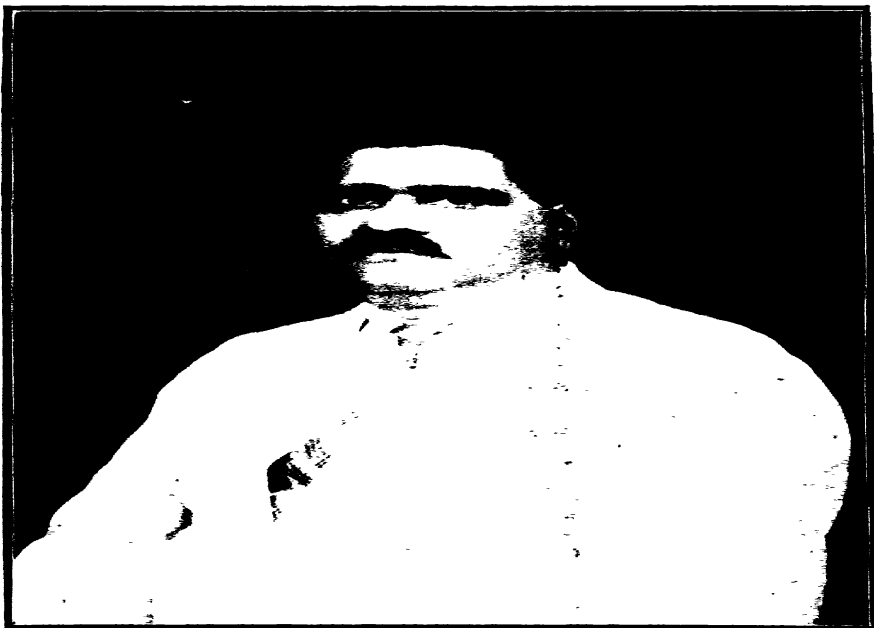
His Excellency Lt. Col. The Rt. Hon'ble Sir  
Leslie Orme Wilson, P. C., G. C. I. E., D. S. O.,  
The Governor of Bombay, who, as Patron,



delivered the Inaugural Address, and opened  
the Bombay Presidency Health & Child  
Welfare Exhibition, Poona, 1928, on Sunday  
the 23rd September, 1928.



His Excellency Sir Frederick Sykes and Lady Sykes on a visit.



Rai Bahadur Capt. (Dr.) Pitamber Pant, I. M. S. of the U. P. Medical Service ( Civil Surgeon, Unao) sent us in 1925 in Poona two very poor young Thakur widowed sisters from the Tehari State near Kashmere. He sent us Rs. 9,000 towards their maintenance and since then sent two more high class women for their education in Nursing.



Lt. Col. K. G. Gharpurey, I. M. S. now Civil Surgeon. Belgaum.  
He is one of our staunchest friends, has helped us while  
as Civil Surgeon at Sholapur, Nasik and Ahmednagar.  
Gave us two scholarships of Rs. 25 each for  
one year for training midwives for village  
work and is even now giving us the  
amount every month to station a  
mid-wife for rural  
health work and  
propaganda.



His Highness Sir Sayajee Rao Gaikwar of Baroda is passing through the arch formed by the Poona Seva Sadan Girl Guides who have staves in their hands to greet the Royal Visitor on the 22nd of March, 1933, at the Poona Seva Sadan.

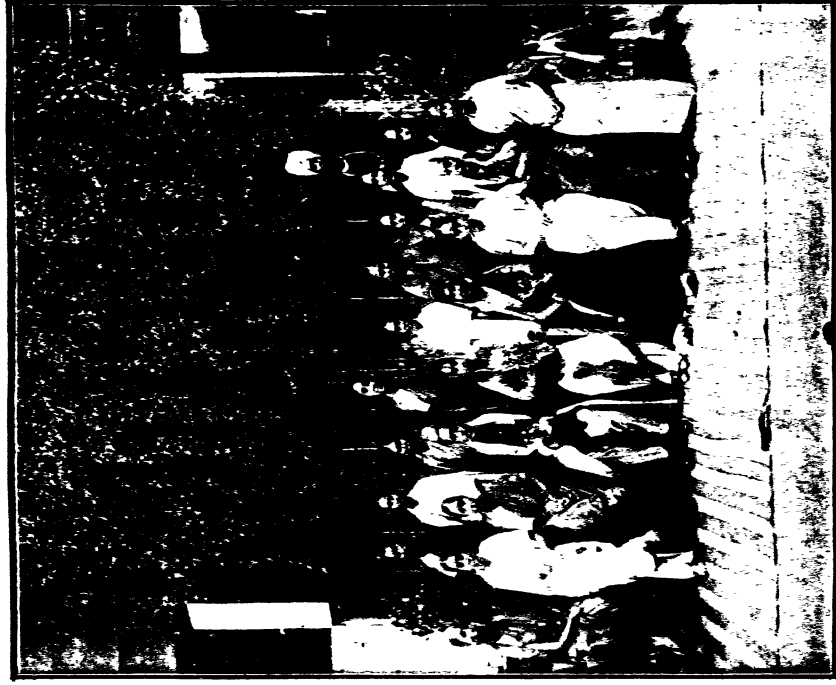


*Their Highnesses the Maharaja and the Maharani of Baroda and the royal party are going round the institution seeing its varied work.*



**Her Highness Shrimant Chimanabai Saheb Maharani of Baroda presided over the meeting of the delegates to the Women's Educational Conference in Poona when invited by the Poona Seva Sadan for tea. Mr. Devadhar addressed them on the work of the Poona Seva Sadan Society, in the Society's Sir Vithaldas Thackersey's Hall.**





Shrimant Princess Kamaladevi Gaikwar of Baroda visited the Poona Seva Sadan and was  
photographed with the students of the Public Health School and other workers.



Princess Shaktatala Raju, Gaikwar of Baroda while entering the Purna Seva Sadan is being greeted by the young ladies of the Lathi troop of the High School.



His Highness Maharaja Rao Shree Krishnakumarsinhji, Maharaja of Bhavanagar who is one of the great admirers and sympathisers of our Society's work.



**Sir Prabhaskar Dalpatram Pattani, K. C. I. D.,** President of Council of Administration, Bhavanagar State, who is one of the very early helpers and contributors to the funds of the Poona Seva Sadan Society.



**Lt His Highness Meherban Shrimant - Sir Chintaman Rao Dhundirao** alias **Apla Sahab Patwardhan, K. C. I. L. , The Raja Sahab of Sangli** —who has been a very great and early supporter of this Society from 1916—17 along with his wife, **Her Highness the Kani Sahab Shrimant Sowbhagyavati Lady Saraswambai** who is the present President of this Society now for the last 10 years.



Eri Mutitali Wadia - mother of the late Mr. N. M. Wadia C. I. E.  
Founder of the Wadia Charities

**Trustees of the N. M. Wadia Charities, Bombay.**



Standing— (1) Mr. F. R. Wallia; (2) Mr. Wadia, Manager, French Bank, Bombay.

In chairs— (1) Mr. Vazifdar; (2) Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy, Bart. K.C.S.I. Bombay; (3) Sir Homusjee Wadia, Kt., Kirkee.



Mrs. N. R. Wadia (deceased) wife of Mr. N. R. Wadia, M.S.E. Architect and Engineer, Bombay, who assists the Society in regard to its New Buildings and who is Joint Secretary of the Nurses' Building Fund Committee.



## Indian Red Cross Society.



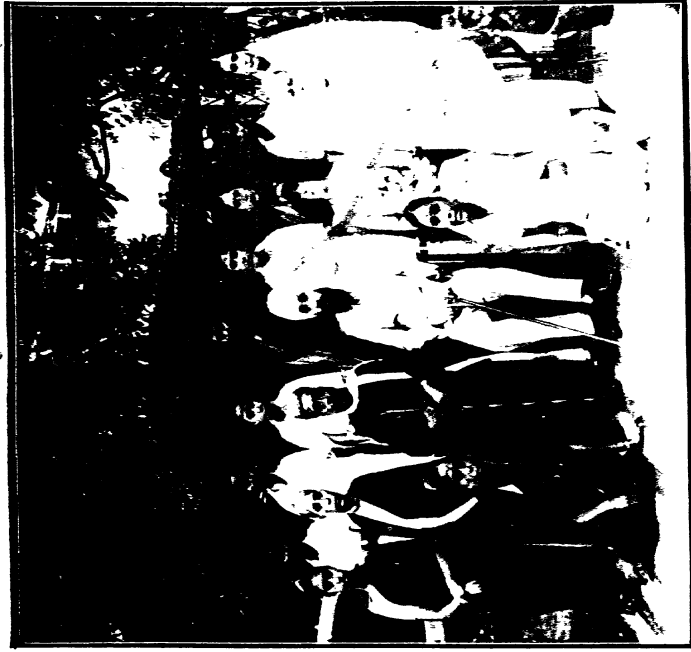
Sir David Petrie, Kt C. I. E., C. P. F., C. V. O., Chairman, Managing Body, Indian Red Cross Society, Simla / Delhi, in the centre, who visited the Society on the 29th of June, 1935, and attended a tea party.

Seated in chairs 1. Miss L. Jacob ; 2. Princess of Jath ; 3. Mrs. Janakibai Bhat ; 4. Mrs. Yamunabai Bhat ; 5. The Hon'ble Mr. C. W. A. Turner, C. I. E., I. C. S. ; 6. Mr. G. K. Devadhar, M. A., C. I. E. ; 7. Sir David Petrie, Kt C. I. E. etc. ; 8. H. H. Shrimant Dowager Rani-saheb of Jamkhandi ; 9. H. H. Shrimant Dowager Rani-saheb of Jath ; 10. Rani-saheb of Jath ; 11. Rani-saheb of Phaltan and 12. The Chiefsahab of Phaltan.



Cdr. Bhola Nath I M. S. C I E. (Joint Organizing Secretary of the Indian Red Cross Society, 1924 )





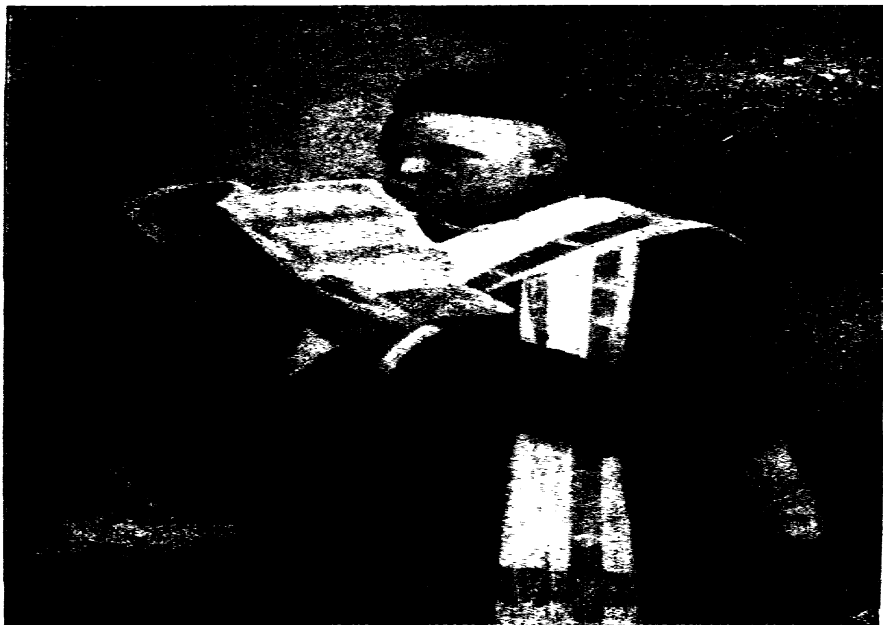
Sardar Bahadur Balwant Puri, O. B. E. Ag. Organizing Secretary of the Indian Red Cross Society who was on a tour in the South in the month of August of 1932, halted in Poona for a day as Society's guest and delivered a Public lecture at the Society in the series of six public lectures arranged on Health Topics by the Poona Seva Sadan Society in connection with the courses in its Public Health School. His lecture was well attended and was presided over by Khan Bahadur Dr. E. S. Bhambhani, Chairman, Poona Seva Sadan Nursing and Medical Education Committee.



**Mrs. Ramabaisaheb Ranade before her husband's death  
in 1900 in Bombay.**



**The Late Mrs. Ramabai Saheb Ranade,  
First President of the Society.**



The late Mr. Justice Mahadeo Govind Ranade in whose house in Poona, the institution first came to be started as development of the Hindu Ladies' Social Club in Poona of which the late Mrs. Ramabai Ranade was President.



**Mrs. Viddhwansa—an adopted daughter of Mrs. Ranade  
in whose name the latter donated some amount  
for President's residence if on the premises.**



**Sheth Mulraj Khatau, Bombay.**



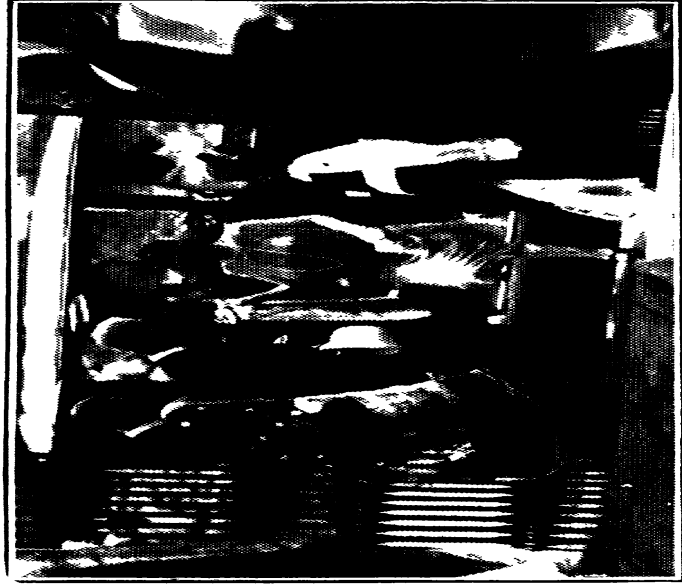
**Father and Founder of the Bhatia Maternity Hospital and  
Nursing Home, Bombay. ( 1922—1934 )**



The late Dr. Justin Abbott of New York in the United States of America. He left in his will \$ 1000 ( one thousand dollars ) to the Poona Seva Sadan Society.

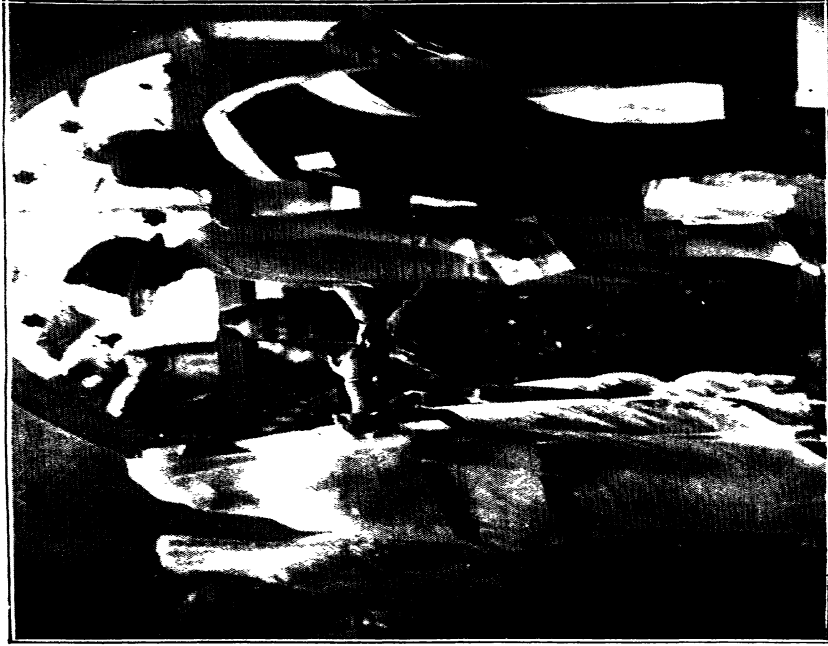


The late Mrs. Justin Abbott, after her death in America, had desired her husband Dr. Abbott Lend us every year Rs. 100 ( one hundred ) only out of the proceeds of her property as she loved India very passionately.



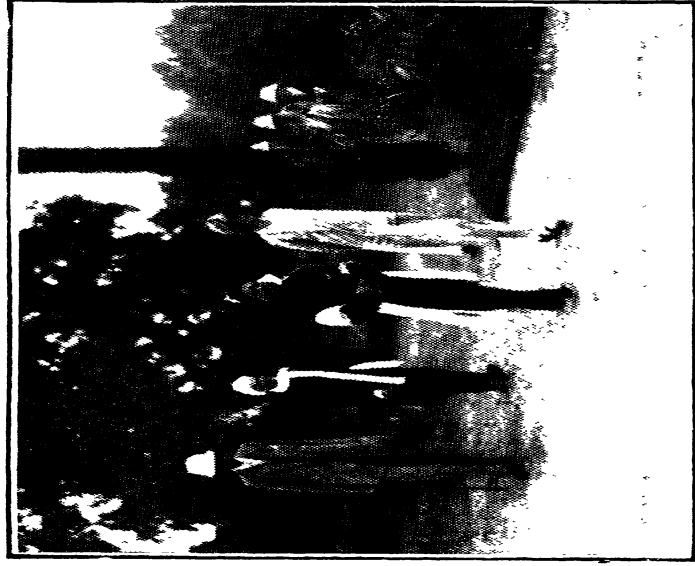
Her Excellency Lady Irwin's Visit to Poona Sewa Sadan in 1926

Her Excellency Lady Irwin is coming out of her car, and is being received at the entrance by the men in uniform, possibly Khatris, at the Sewa Sadan.

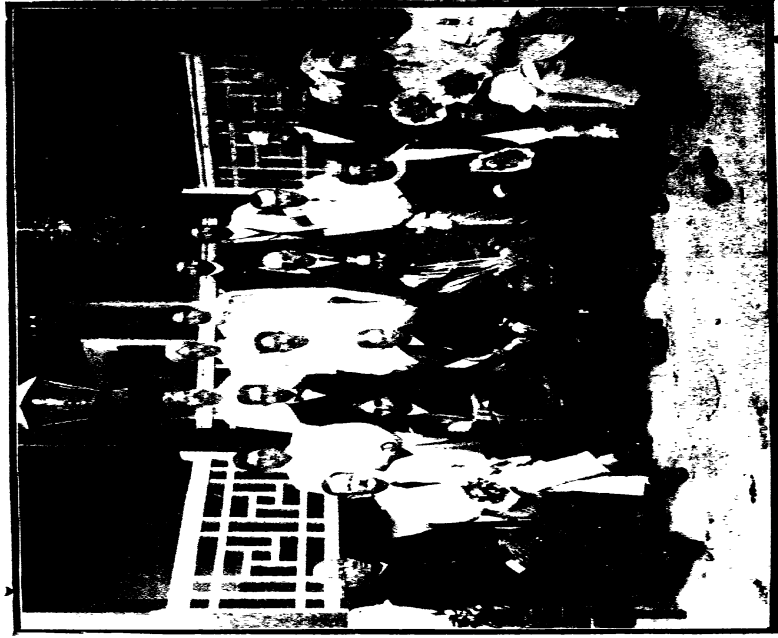


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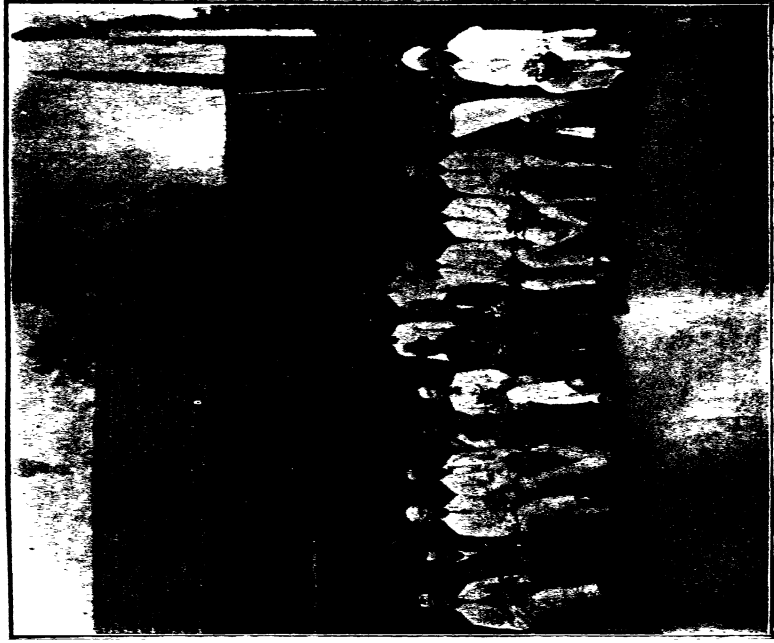
The Rani Sahib of Sangli is introducing several Rani Sahibs in the foreground to Her Excellency Lady Irwin at the entrance of the Poona Seva Sadan Society



Lord and Lady Irwin going round Gardens with Sastri and Devadhar.



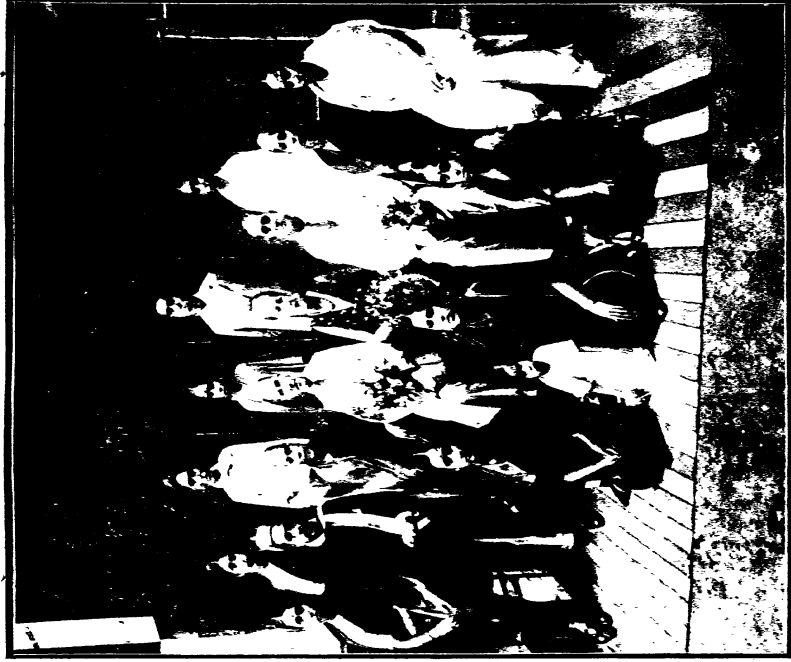
Board of Education with the Government of India, with Sir Deviprasad Sarbadhikari, Vice-Chancellor, Calcutta University, Mr. Ribby and other members of the Board.



Members of the Royal Commission on Agriculture, with Sir Henry Lawrence at the Centre. The Chairman,

Marquis of Lintlogan could not be present owing to indisposition

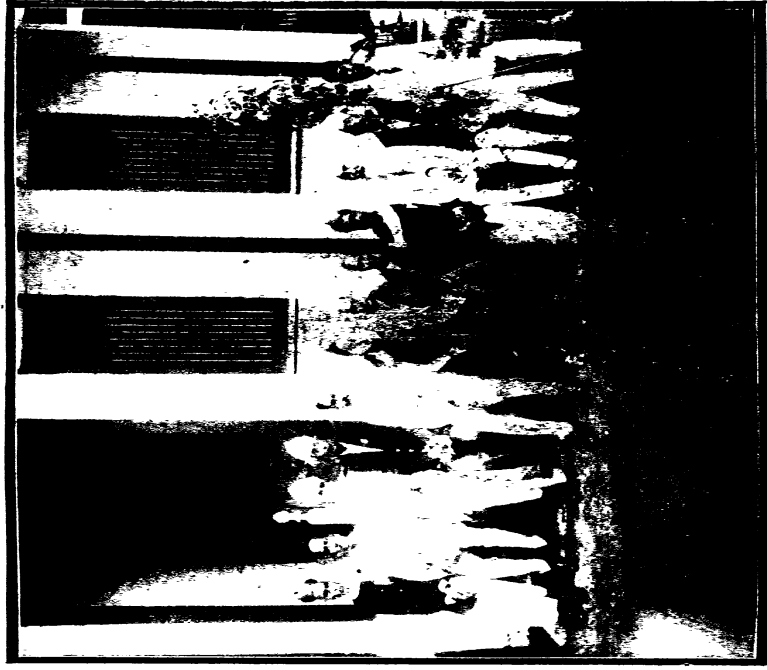




Mr. L. Matters, Ex-Member of Parliament, Miss Monica Whately, two out of the Members of the India League Delegation who are in this group paid a long visit to the Seva Sadan when they were in Poona in 1932.



His Holiness the Sahabjee Maharaj ( Anandsarup ) of Dayalbagh near Agra accompanied by his big party of Professors, ladies visited Poona Seva Sadan Society's head-quarters in Poona on his way to Mysore in May 1932. Mr. Devadhar requested him to address a meeting of friends who were invited in large number to a garden party at the Seva Sadan to honour him.



Members of Government of India Committee on a visit to Poona with Mr. Srinivas Iyengar from Trichy., Dr. U. Rama Rao, Madras, Dr. Surawady from Bengal, and Mr. Oberao from

Sialkot in the Punjab—mostly members of the Council of State. They paid a long visit to the Seva Sadan.



Mr. J. P. ... .. Mrs. J. P. ... ..

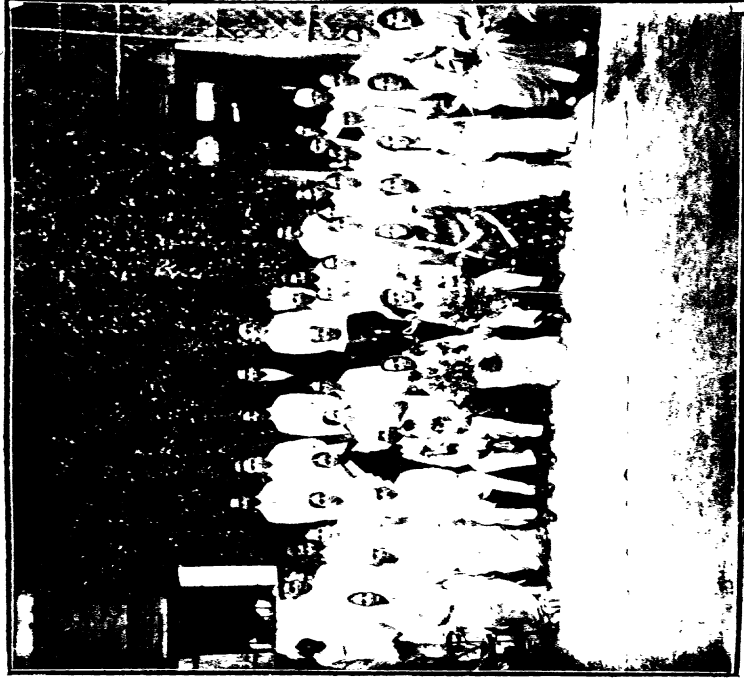


Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya and Pandit Dr. Manoharlal Zutai from Lucknow  
on a visit to the institution in Poona,





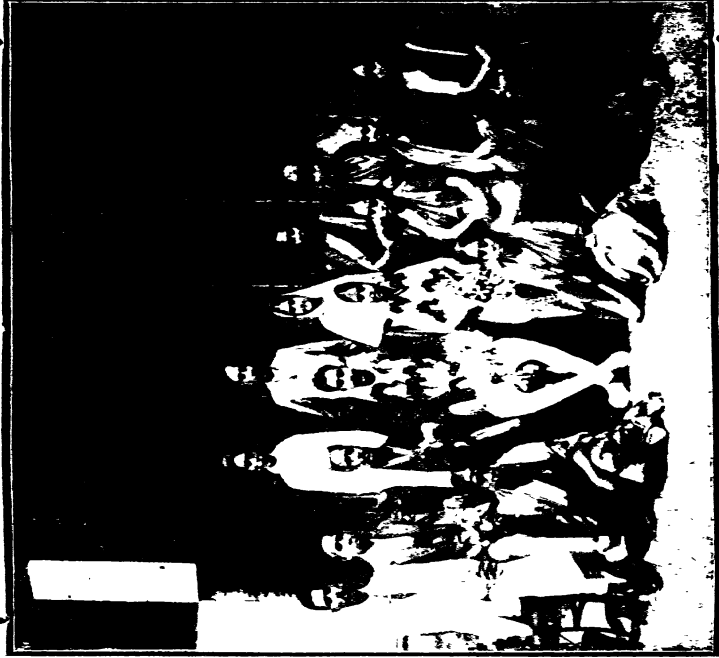
The group of people standing in the courtyard of the Hotel Peking, 1900. The group consists of a man in a light-colored suit, a woman in a dark dress, and a woman in a light-colored dress. In the background, there are several men in suits and a woman in a dark dress. The courtyard is paved with a grid pattern, and there are trees and a building with a lattice window in the background.



His Highness Sir Sayajirao Gaikwar, Maharaja of Baroda, paid a long visit in the evening, to the headquarters of the Poona Seva Sadan Society, on Wednesday, the 22nd of March 1933. He was accompanied by Her Highness the Maharani Chimanlalaisahib, the Yuvrajaisahib, Princes

Kamaladevi and other members of the Royal family in Poona at that time. The Maharaja delivered an inspiring speech in reply to Mr. Devadhar.



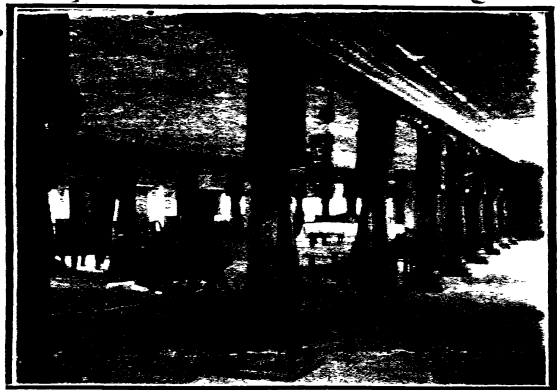


His Highness the Maharaja and Her Highness the Maharani of Bhavnagar paid a long visit to the Seva Sadan during their stay in Poona last year and took tea with the office-bearers and workers of the Society. Dr. Dhamdhare, Dr. Ranade and Devdhar are seated to the right of His Highness the Maharajassheb and Mrs. Naik, Mrs. Bhat and Mrs. Chowdhari are seated to the left of

Her Highness the Maharajassheb.



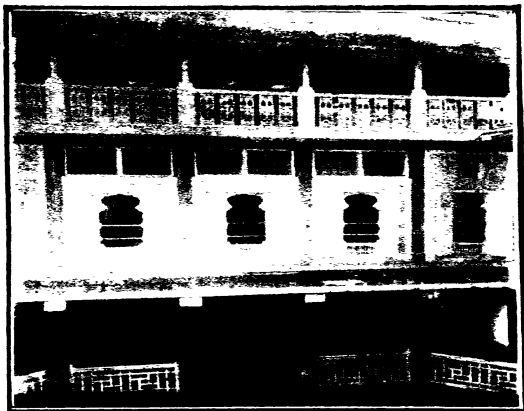
Outside view of the main building of the headquarters, 1927.



A view of the inside of the Sir Vithaldas Thackersey Hall which is in great demand for meetings, conferences, and social entertainments for women in the city.



View of Nathibai Ashram on main residential building from the inner quadrangle.



Another side of the inner quadrangle of the  
main building.



A view of the interior of the Poona Seva Sadan Society's Head quarters' grounds and gardens with girls playing on the Badminton Court.



Inside view of the open space, Badminton Court, and garden.



**View of Infant Welfare Centre, at the headquarter  
and of the store of articles made for sale  
from roadside.**





The outside view of the old Kurundwadkar's Wada with the Veratdah outside which is now removed. It is now the property of the Society and it situated opposite the Vishram Bag Wada on the South. It is about half a furlong from the headquarters of the Society. In it now are located three important Departments of its work in Poona with nearly 750 women and girls.



Group of some of the workers of the Poona Seva Sadan Society at Headquarters and from Branches invited to attend the first Conference of workers in Poona under the presidency of Her Highness the Ranisaheb of Sangli. Sir Moropant Joshi, K. C. I. E. is in the group.



Group of workers of the Society from head-quarters and Branches assembled in Poona to attend the second Conference of the Poona Seva Sadan Society under the presidency of Shrimant Sow. Ranisahab of Jath; there are in this photo, the Chiefsahab and other members of their family.

Poona Seva Sadan Society's Third Conference of its Workers and Helpers

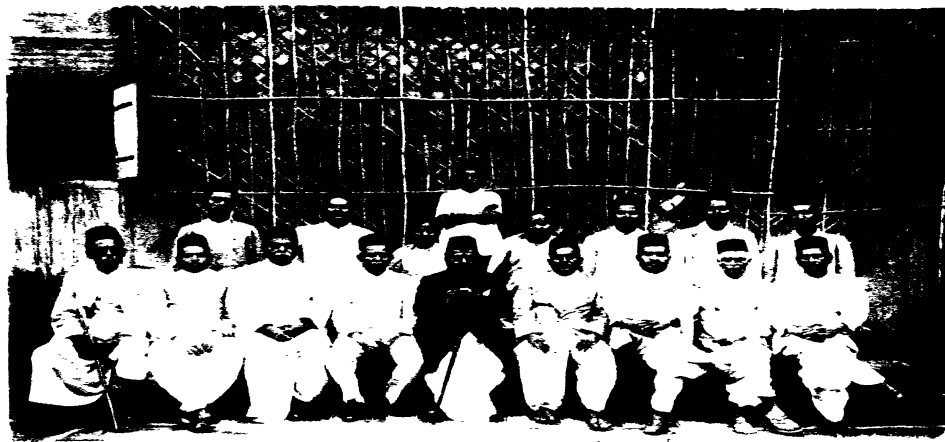


held on Sunday, the 19th of May 1935 under the Presidency of Her Highness the Ranisaheb of Sangli who is seated at the centre.



A group of some of the workers of the Poona Seva Sadan Society working in Poona and at Branches on the day on which they assembled in Poona to greet His Excellency & Lady Irwin.

**Some of the workers and helpers of the Poona Seva Sadan Society's**



**outside Branches who attended the third Conference on the 19th of May 1935.**



## SUB-SECTION II

### The Poona Seva Sadan, Branch.

#### (A) Office-Bearers and workers.

1. Mr. V. V. Natekar, General Supervisor
2. Mrs. Yesubai Kulkarni, B. A.
3. Dr. (Capt.) A. K. Nulkar, L.M. & S. Hon. Director, P.H.S.
4. Miss L. Jacob, B. A., Lady Superintendent, P. H. S.
5. Dr. ( Miss ) Vidyavati Paranjape, L. C. P. S.
6. Miss Dwarkabai Bhat, B. A., B. T., T. D. ( Lond. )
7. Mrs. Tarabai Patwardhan
8. Mrs. Malatibai Gharpure
9. Group of lady workers of the Poona Seva Sadan

#### (B) Training College.

1. A group of the students in the first year of the Training College, in 1925
2. Training College Staff and Pupils in 1927
3. A group of women students of Training College on a fortnight's Excursion tour to Bombay, in 1926
4. Training College staff in 1935
5. Garden party by the late Sir Vithaldas D. Thackersey to the Training College pupils in about 1919-20.

#### (C) High School for Girls.

1. Teachers and Students of the Poona Seva Sadan High School for girls

#### (D) Practising School.

1. Teachers and Students of the Poona Seva Sadan Practising School

#### (E) Primary Classes for Adult Women.

1. Grown up Ladies Class, in 1923

#### (F) Special English Classes.

1. Special English Classes for Nurses, etc. in 1923.

#### (G) Work-room or Industrial Department.

##### (a) Weaving Shed.

1. Birla Brothers' Weaving Shed
2. Another view of the Weaving Shed

##### (b) Condiments.

1. Papads and papadies
2. Pickles

##### (c) Industrial Classes

1. A group of Women learning Gold Embroidery.
2. Sewing, embroidery, knitting and toy-making classes

##### (d) Stores.

1. Inside view of the stores or sales-room

##### (e) Mahila Vijaya Press.

1. Small Press-room—Mahila Vijaya Press

##### (f) Other Industries.

1. Khadi and Calico Printing section
2. Toy-making
3. Envelope-making
- 3a. Envelope-making ( new photo ).
4. Bread and Biscuits Bakery



(g) **Other Photos.**

1. Gold and Silver medals earned by the Industrial Department of the Poona Seva Sadan for its various exhibits in several Industrial Exhibitions.

**Poona Industrial Exhibition, 1933.**

1. The demonstration stall showing composing and weaving managed by the Industrial Department.
2. A view of the stalls of the Industrial Department

(G) **a) Bhamburda Kindergarten Centre.**

- 1-5 Various views of the Kindergarten Class.

(H) **Music Classes—(Vocal and Instrumental).**

1. A Singing Class
2. Satar Class
3. Two Chiplunkar sisters singing

(I) **Social Workers' Training Class.**(J) **Hostels (Non-medical).**

1. Geeta Prayer in the evening (old photo)
- 1a. Geeta prayer in the evening (new Photo)
2. Inmates of Hostels Nos. I & III, entirely supported by the Society, in 1925
3. Inmates of Hostel No. III, in 1925
4. Inmates of Hostel No. VI for depressed classes
5. Depressed class women with Dr. (Mrs.) Ruth Young and Mr. Devadhar (old group),
6. Inmates of Hostel No. VI for Harijan Students (new group)
- 6a. A group of some of the Women students belonging to the Harijan Classes in our Hostel No. VI (new group),

7. **Life in Hostels (non-medical) at the head-quarters :—**

- (a) Women washing their clothes and drying them.
- (b) Students in Hostel No. III, at their morning meals.
- (c) Untouchable women at the job of the cleaning grain.
- (d) Women cleaning their dishes and drinking vessels.
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8. Group of kiddies in the Hostels
9. A group of two girls from the West Coast.
10. A group photo of the Poona Seva Sadan workers and some of the inmates in hostels at the head-quarters taken on the occasion of a party given by the young lady-Mrs. Ponnamma Jairam from Trivandrum.

(K) **Public Health School.**

1. Poona Seva Sadan Society's Deputation to H. E. Sir Frederick Sykes, (16th October, 1933).
2. Four Health Visitors, in 1929
3. Old Public Health School Pupils with Dr. Shikhare.
4. A group photo of Public Health School students and some of the teachers, with Mr. Devadhar in 1933.
5. Miss Sharada Naidu
6. A group Photo with Miss Sharada Naidu, taken on the Pier in Bombay, on her way to England.
7. Two Health Visitors: Mrs. Sarma from Delhi, and Miss Naidu from Hyderabad (Dn.) former became a Matron of Nagpur Public Health School.
8. A Gujarati young lady student of the Public Health School in Deccani Dress

6. Mr. L. Matters, Ex.-M. P. and Miss Monica Whateley, Members of India League Delegations, their colleagues, a lady being ill.
7. His Holiness Sahebji Maharaj of Dayalbagh
8. Some of the members of the Roads Development Committee of the Government of India (on tour)
9. Dr. Sir Rabindra Nath Tagore ( a group )
10. Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya and Pandit Dr. Manoharlal Zutshi ( a group )
11. Barrister M. R. Jayakar ( a group )
12. Dr. (Mrs.) Muthulaxmi Reddi with the Ranisaheb of Jath and the Chiefsahab of Jath (in a group)
13. H. H. Sir Sayajee Rao Gaekwar, the Maharaja, H. H. the Maharani, of Baroda, and other members of the Baroda Royal Family
14. H. H. the Maharaja and H. H. the Maharani of Bhavanagar (a group)
15. The late Sir Jamshetjee Jeejeebhoy, Bart., and the late Mr. F. R. Wadia, two principal Trustees of the N. M. Wadia Charities, Bombay.

#### (E) BUILDINGS

1. Outside view of the main building of the head-quarters, 1927
2. A view of the inside of the Sir Vithaldas D. Thackersey Hall
3. View of the inside of the Nathibai Ashram
4. Another view of the interior quadrangle of the main building-Nathibai Ashram
5. A view of the interior of the Society's Head-quarters' play-grounds and gardens with girls playing there

6. Inside view of the open space, Badminton Court, and Garden
7. View of the Infant Welfare Centre and a view of the stores of articles made for sale by the Seva Sadan Women
8. Outside view of the old Kurundwadkar's Wada with the Verandah outside which is now removed.

#### (F) WORKERS AND THEIR CONFERENCES

1. Poona Seva Sadan Society's Workers' First Conference under the Presidency of Her Highness Shrimant (Sow.) Ranisaheb of Sangli, in Poona
2. Poona Seva Sadan Society's Workers' Second Conference under the Presidency of Shrimant (Sow.) Ranisaheb of Jath, in Poona
3. Poona Seva Sadan Society's Workers' and Helpers' Third Conference under the Presidency of Her Highness Shrimant Sow. Rani Sahab of Sangli, in Poona.
4. A group photo of some of the workers of the Poona Seva Sadan Society working in Poona and at Branches, assembled in Poona to greet Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Irwin.
5. Some of the workers from outside Branches of the Society, assembled in Poona to attend the 3rd Conference of the workers and helpers of the Society.

#### (G) OTHER PHOTOS

1. A map of India showing different activities of the Poona Seva Sadan Society.



## Office-bearer and Workers.



**Mrs. Yesubai Kulkarni, B. A.,**  
I/c. Social Workers' Training Class,  
and Week's Lectures Series con-  
ducted by the Poona Seva Sadan  
Society, Poona City

Office-bearer and Workers.



**Mr. V. V. Natekar,**  
He has been working as General  
Supervisor of the Poona Seva Sadan,  
Poona City, for nearly eighteen  
years.

## Health-Workers.



Dr. (Capt.) A. K. Nulkar, L. M. & S.  
Hon. Director, Public Health School  
of the Poona Seva Sadan Society,  
Poona City.



Miss L. Jacob, B. A.,  
Lady Superintendent, Public  
Health School, conducted by the  
Poona Seva Sadan Society,  
Poona City.



Dr. (Miss) Vidyavati Paranjape,  
L.C.P.S., Resident Medical Officer,  
Maternity Home of the Poona  
Seva Sadan Society, Poona City.  
She works under the direction of  
an experienced M. B. B. S. Lady  
doctor by name Dr. (Miss) Tarabai  
Jogalekar, M. B. B. S.



Miss Dwarkatai Bhat,  
B. A., B. T. ( Bombay ), T. D. ( London ).  
Now returned.

## **Work-Room or Industrial Department.**

**Hon. Lady-Workers.**



**Mrs. Tarabai Patwardhan,  
Lady Superintendent of the  
Work-Room classes of the  
Poona Seva Sadan.**



**Mrs. Malatibai Gharpurey,  
Joint Lady Superintendent  
of the Industries Section of  
the Poona Seva Sadan.**

Lady workers of the Poona Seva Sadan in 1921.







A group of students in the first year of the Training College in 1925.



Students and Teachers of the Society in 1927, Bai Motlibai Wadia  
Training College for Women Poona.



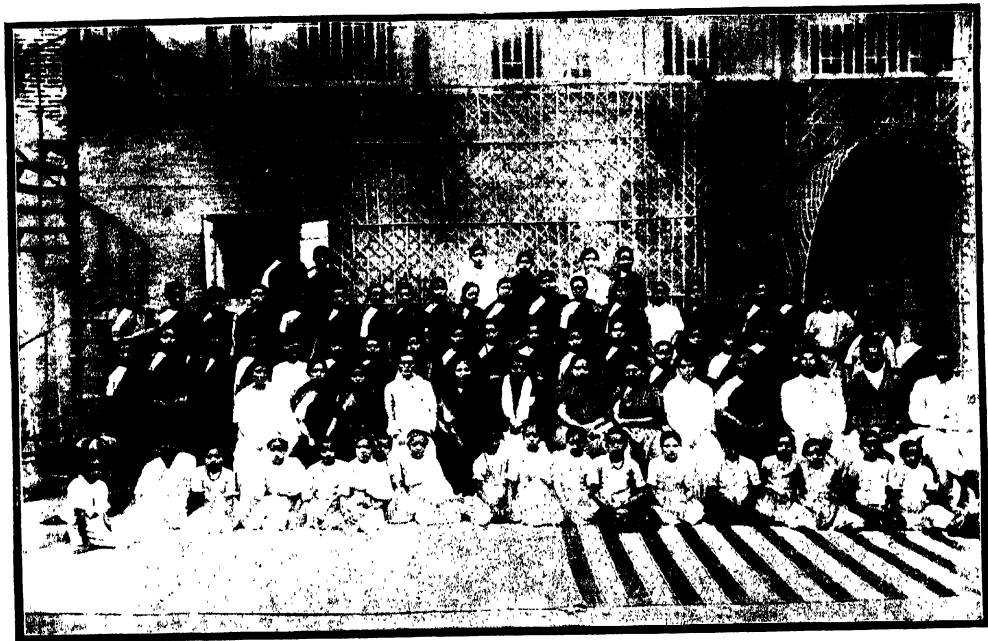
Group of women of the Training College taken on a fortnight's excursion tour to places like Bombay, Bassien, Bandra, &c. While in Bombay they stayed at the Aryan Education Society's School house during vacation and visited most of the places of interest & instruction in the City, and the Suburbs during a fortnight in 1926.



A group photo of the Training College staff of the Poona Seva  
Sadan Society in Poona, in 1935.



A view of the Garden Party given by the late Sir Vithaldas Thackersey and Lady Thackersey to the young ladies of the Poona Seva Sadan. Sir Vithaldas is standing in the left side with Mr. Devadhar and Lady Thackersey is standing in the centre (and to her right is standing Mrs. Yamunabai Bhat, Hon. Local Secretary and Treasurer Poona Seva Sadan Branch ).

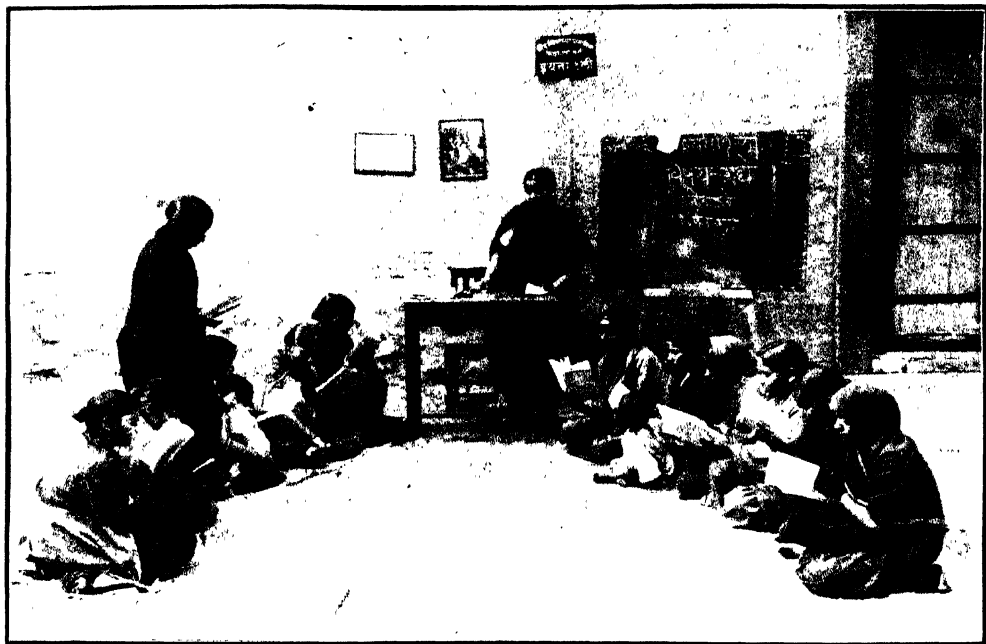


Poona Seva Sadan Society's High School for girls with its Lady Superintendent,  
Mrs. Saralabai Naik M. A., and several lady graduate teachers.

## Practising School



Staff and pupils of the Practising School attached to the Training College of the Society.



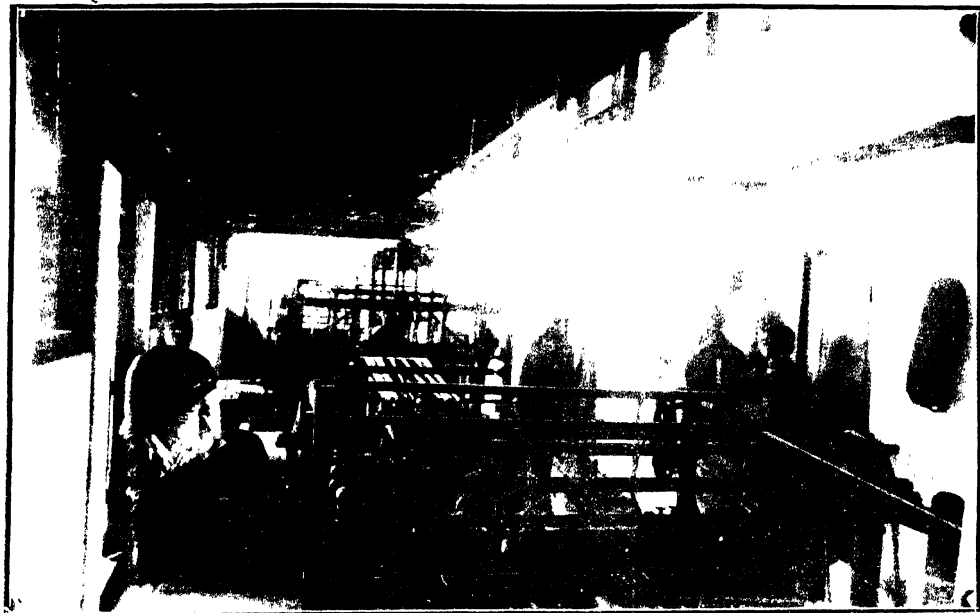
A grown-up Indians' Class at work, 1913





1907-1908

the intention to take up the Nursing and Midwifery  
own Hospitals in India.



Interior view of the Birla Brothers' Weaving Shed of the Poona Seva Sadan where about 10 hand-loomns are worked by women trained in weaving. All kinds of cloth needed for daily use by women and men is woven here.



View of the inside of the Weaving Shed at head-quarters  
with nearly ten hand-loom. This Shed is named the  
Birla Brothers Weaving Shed in recognition  
of such help towards its erection.



The young ladies at work preparing Tapads for sale to the public at the store at the headquarters of the Society. This is a part of the commercial activity or service by way of domestic industry to derive income to aid the Society.



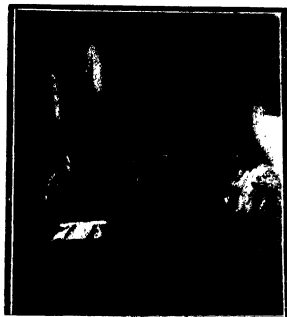
Preparing mango pickles for domestic consumption or sale to the public through the Institution's store at the headquarters.



**A group of women learning Gold Embroidery, in the Industrial Department  
of the Poona Seva Sadan, Poona, 2.**



Inside view of the Store or Sale-Room at Head-quarters.



*Khadi-printing section* (खडीचे काम) at Head-quarters.



Women are being taught toy-making at headquarters.



Inside view of the Sewing Hall at Head-quarters where sewing, embroidering, knitting and toy-making are taught to



Small Press Room—The Mahila Vijaya Press of the Society at headquarters where women are taught composing, printing,



Envelope-making at the Poona Seva Sadan as a domestic industry practised by women of the depressed classes residing in hostels.

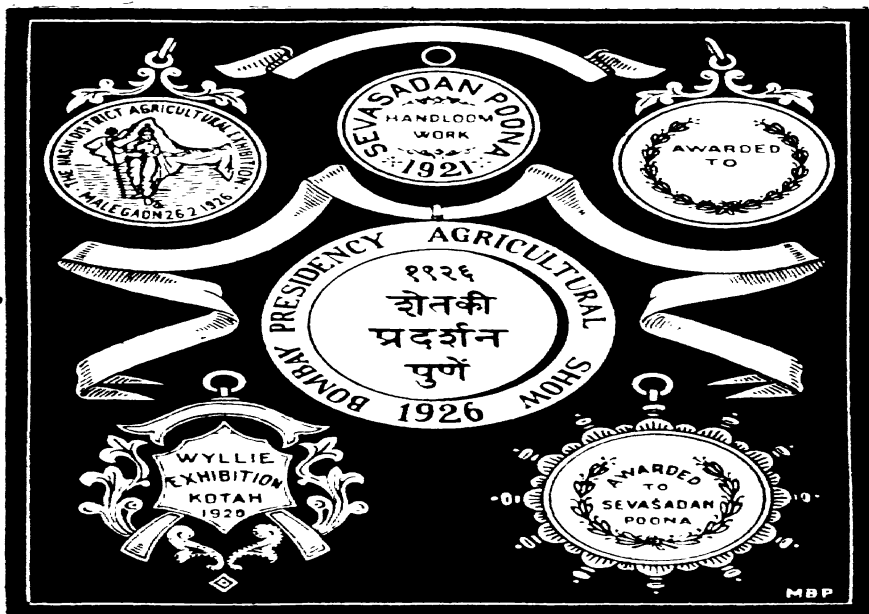




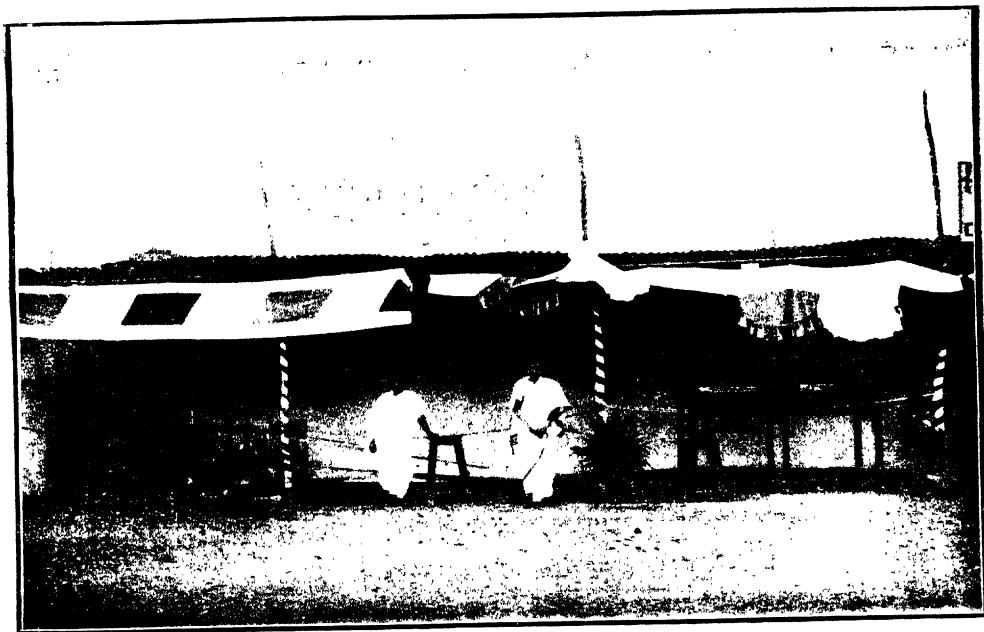
A group of women learning Envelope-making at the Poona Seva Sadan.



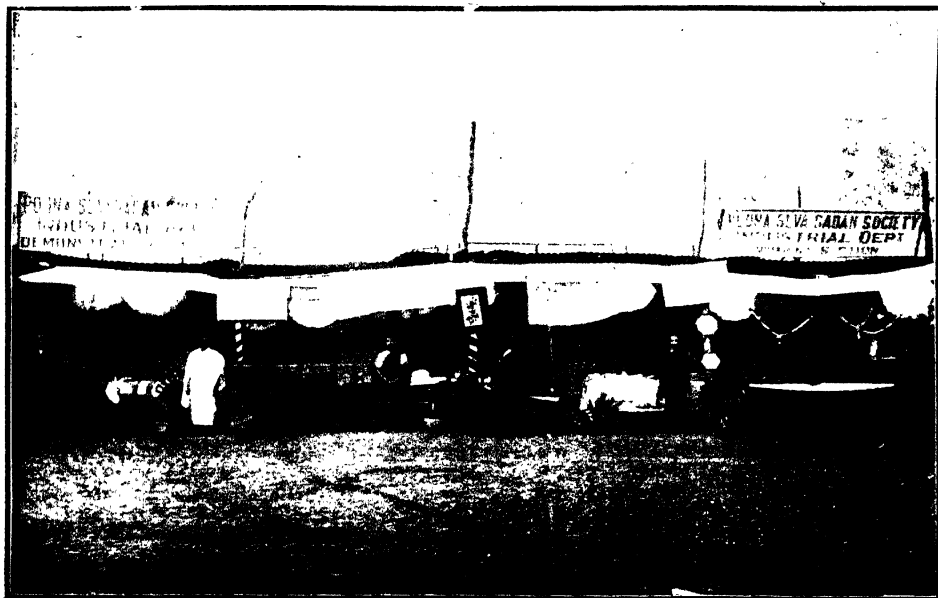
A view of the Bakery conducted by the Poona Seva Sadan Ladies.



The workers of the Society are sent to several places to keep stalls in Industrial Exhibitions for the sale of articles manufactured in Poona in its department for several small industries. They have earned in several places gold and silver medals of the first class and have great many certificates of merit. Madras Exhibition in 1928 awarded a first class gold medal.

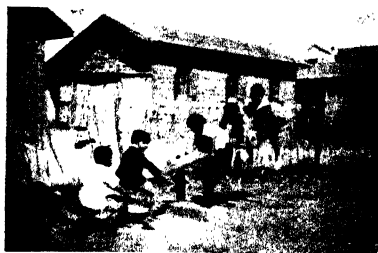


The demonstration stall showing composing and weaving managed by women of the Poona Seva Sadan's domestic Industries Department in its section in the Poona Industrial Exhibition, in March, 1933.



A view of the Stalls kept in the Poona Industrial Exhibition in March 1933 by the Poona Seva Sadan's Industrial Department.

## Children at School and Play



The Children at play in the Kindergarten School conducted by the Bhamburda Centre under the supervision of Mrs. (Sow.) Indirabai Deodhar and Mrs. Bheemabai Lele Hon. Secretaries of the centre.







Music Department : *Salar Class* at the head-quarters.





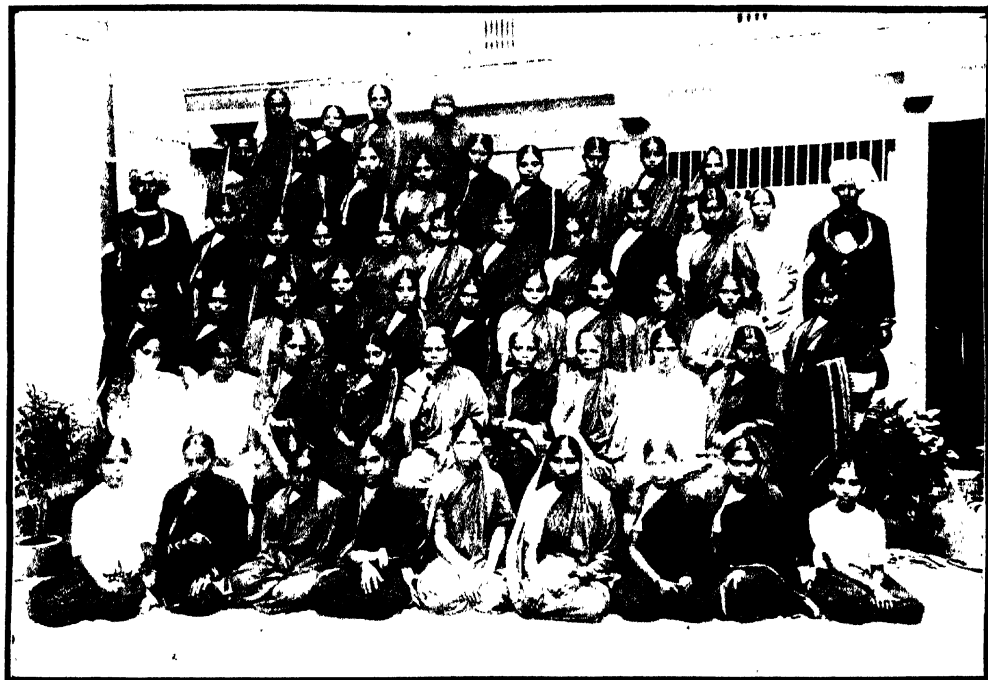
Two young girls whose parents were in South East Africa. After their mother's death three more children joined them here. The eldest girl, Yamuna by name, who studied music very well, passed the matriculation and afterwards was married to a gentleman in Africa where her father then lived. The younger girl with the Veena, Shakuntala by name, who is now married, is a mother. They stayed with us for nearly eight or nine years.

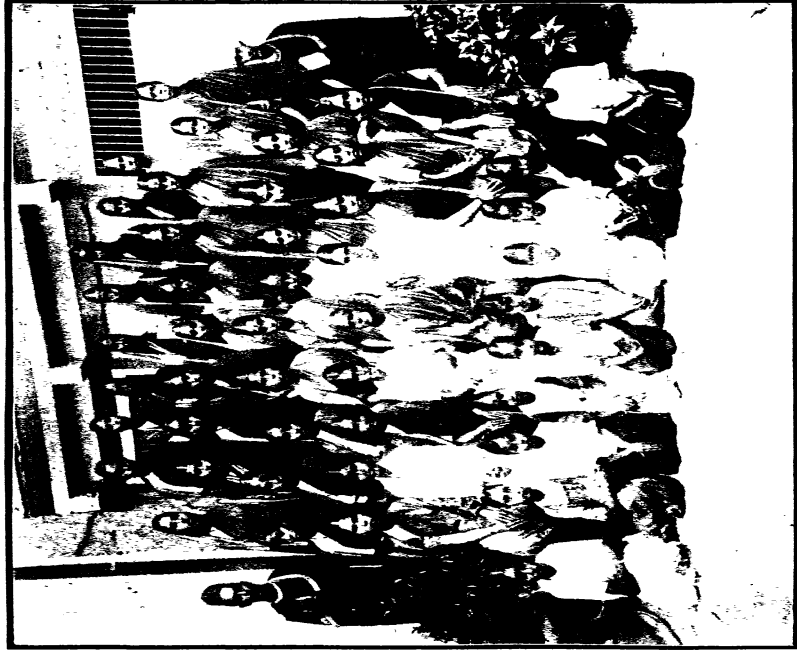


The Girls at their evening prayers with the Senior Matron in charge.



Women at the Geeta Prayer in the evening at the Poona Seva Sadan.





Inmates of the Hostel No. III for Poor Women in 1925.



Figure 1. Victim of the crime of the crime.



Dr. ( Mrs. ) Ruth Young, Director of Maternity and Child Welfare Bureau of the Indian Red Cross Society, when on a visit to Poona stayed with us. Those standing behind are all women belonging to the untouchable class staying in our hostels at the headquarters.

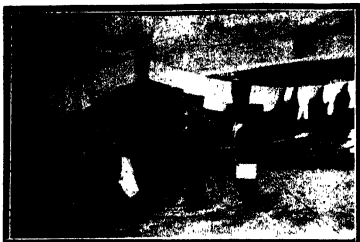


A group of some of the women students belonging to the Harijan or Depressed Classes Communities, residing at the Headquarters of the Poona Seva Sadan Society. In this hostel there are to-day 23 women whose number may soon grow to 25—all undergoing training for some kind of vocation ; one more is undergoing training as a Nurse in our Nurses' Hostel in Poona and two more from Bijapur may be admitted to that course in Poona.





A group photo of some of the 22 inmates of Hostel No. VI for Harijan women at the headquarters of the Poona Seva Sadan Society in Poona, in 1935.



Life in hostels:—Women washing their clothes and drying them.



Students in Hostel No. III for poor women at headquarters at their morning meals.



Life in hostel:—Untouchable women at work—cleaning grain.



Life in hostels:—Women cleaning their dishes and drinking vessels.



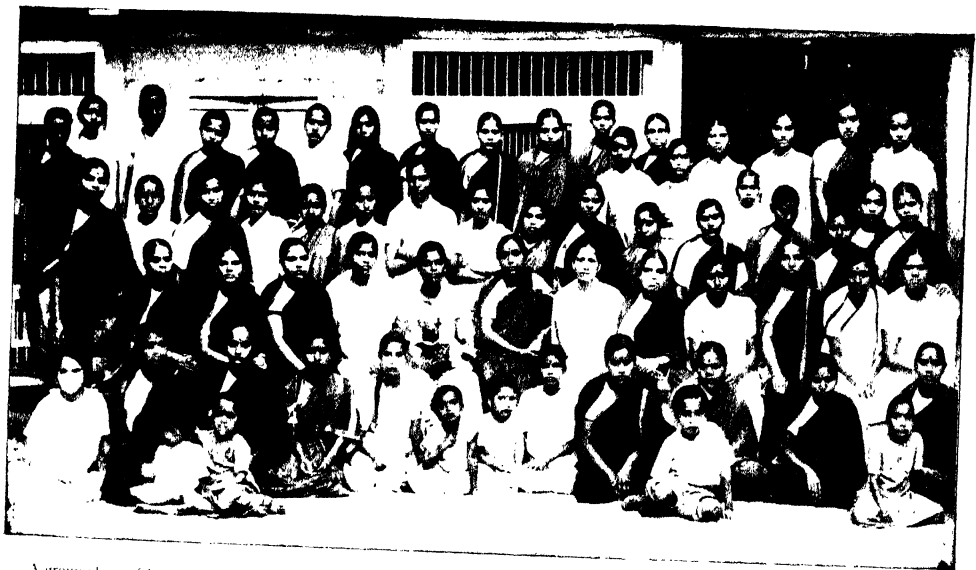
Students in Hostel No. I at headquarters at their morning meals.



A group of kiddies residing in hostels with their mothers or sisters, or the matron at the headquarters.



A group of two girls Mrs. Ponnammamma Jayaram and Miss M. K. Janaki, from the West Coast in residence in Poona. One from Trivandrum is seen standing by the side of her husband and the other that is seated, is a brahmin girl from Manjeri in the District of Malabar on the West Coast.



A group photo of Poona Sexa Sadan workers and some of the inmates of the hostels at the head-quarters taken on the occasion of a party given by the young lady Mrs. Ponnamma Jaram, from Trivandrum staying in the hostel to the right hand of the lady doctor of the head-quarters seated at the centre of the group

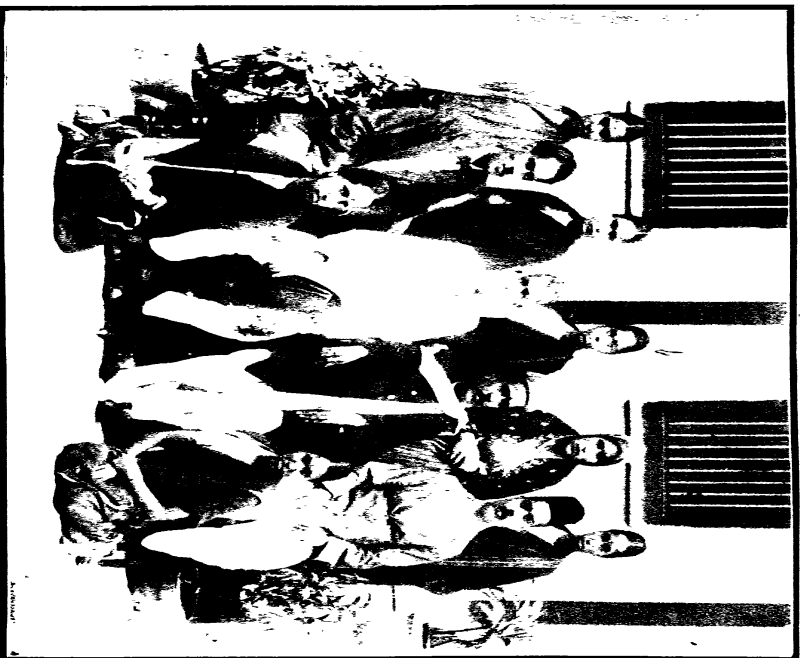
**Poona Seva Sadan Society's Deputation to His Excellency.**



**Sir Frederick Sykes, Governor of Bombay, and Lady Sykes at whose hands Prizes and Medals were awarded to the successful students of the Public Health School of the year 1933, on the 16th October, 1933.**

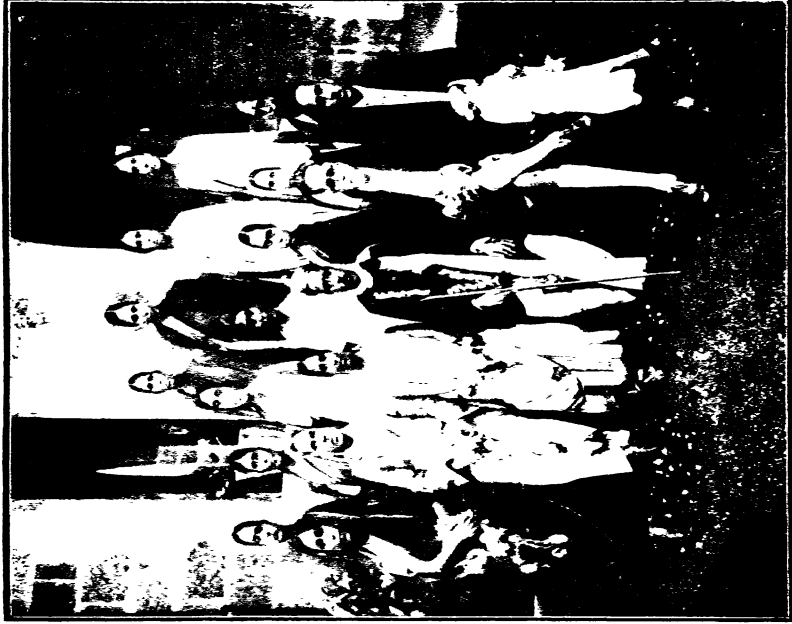


Group of Four passed-out Students of the Society's Public Health School, Poona, taken in 1929, at the Head-quarters.



Faculty and Pt. Patch of the "Club" at the Point 5 Y. M. C. A. and Society's Public Health School, Point with  
Mr. G. K. Powell, Hony. Director of the Point 5 Y. M. C. A. and Society

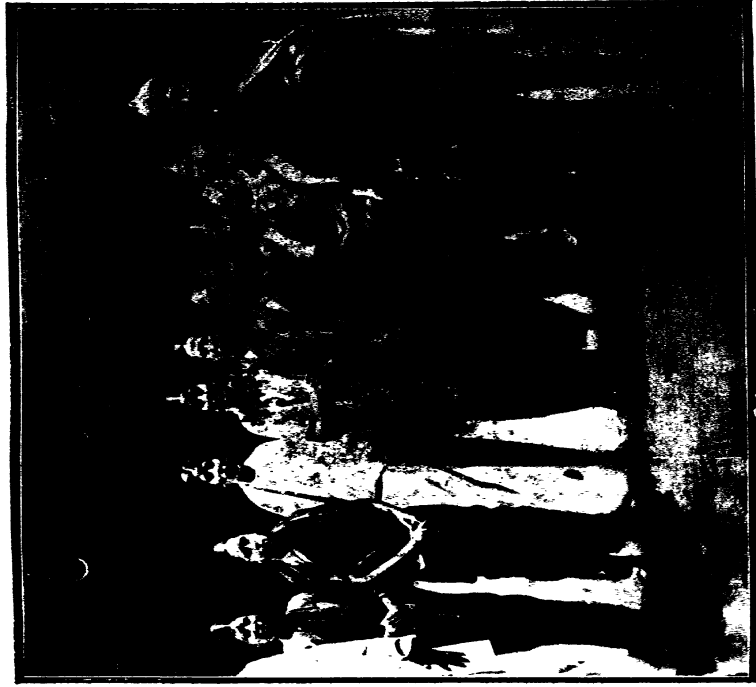




A group photo of the Students of the Society's Public Health School, Poona, taken in September 1933, with Mr. Devadhar, Miss Jacob B.A., Rao Bahadur Capt. Kulkarni, Dr. Nulker and Dr. Apte.



Miss Sharadabai Naidu, a Poona Seva Sadan Nurse & Mid-wife  
selected by the League of Red Cross Societies Paris, for a  
Scholarship in Public Health Nursing at the  
Bedford College for women in London.



This group with Miss Saradabai Naidu with garlands is taken in front of the steamer on the Pier. She was sent to England as a League of Red Cross Scholar for a post-graduate course in Public Health Nursing at the Bedford College for Women; before going to England she was working as Sister in Nasik Civil Hospital and as Supt. of the Nasik Branch of the Society.



Miss Patel who was sent by the Ahmedabad Red Cross Branch for Health-Visitor's Course to our Society's Public Health School. She was awarded a scholarship by the Municipality and, therefore, is now working there as Health Visitor.  
She has put on a Deccani Sari.



Miss Patel from Ahmedabad sent to our Public Health  
School, Poona, for her training with a scholarship  
from the Municipality. She passed the Examina-  
tion and is now working at Ahmedabad as  
Health-Visitor.  
( in her Gujarati dress )



A group photo of the Public Health School Students with their Lady Superintendent,  
in 1935.



The students of the Public Health School of the Poona Seva Sadan Society are explaining to visitors to the Health Section in the Poona Industrial Exhibiton 1933 different foods and their vitamin values with the help of fruit, vegetables, and grains.



**The students of the Public Health School of the Poona Seva Sadan Society are explaining to the visitors the models on Village Sanitation & Health in the Health Section under its management in the Poona Industrial Exhibition, 1933.**





The Health Exhibition section managed by the Poona Seva Sadan Society's Public Health School with the help of models on village sanitation and Health from Khed-Shivapur where the Bombay Presidency Baby and Health Week Association maintains a Health museum for the benefit of villages in the Poona District with the co-operation of this Society at its Rural Improvement centre.

Bombay Presidency Health and Baby Week Exhibition, Poona, in 1923, extended to second week.



Their Highness the Chief and Her Highness the Kantsahab of Sargol photographed with the workers and volunteers of the Poona Seva Sadan who had taken the responsibility of continuing for one week.

## DEATH RATE PER 1000 DELIVERIES, (SUCCESS OF WELFARE WORK)

### ORY OF CHILDREN.

1. Start Welfare Centres.
2. Create Maternity benefit system.
3. Save our parents from Alcohol and Venereal disease
4. Provide Trained Dais.
5. Save us from epidemic diseases.
6. Give us only clean food and water
7. And then see how we march along.

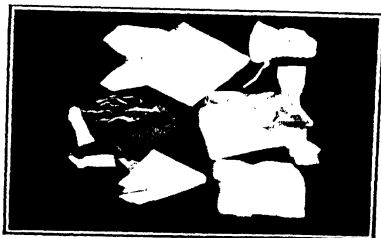
To explain to mothers in Marathi what the babies cry loudly for

HE HAS BY ITS ACHIEVEMENTS IN INDIA  
ALSO JUSTIFIED ITS CLAIMS  
WHEREVER APPLIED IT HAS BROUGHT DOWN MORTALITY  
AMONG MOTHERS & BABIES BY 50% OR BY MORE  
BUT SO FAR NO EFFECT ON TOTAL INFANT AND  
MATERNAL DEATHS. BECAUSE WELFARE WORK IS  
NOT UNDERTAKEN ON A WIDE SCALE  
SEE THE NEXT TABLE

Diagram showing death rate  
among mothers and how to re-  
duce it by means of Infant Wel-  
fare Centre.



A mother giving a bath to a baby.



Mothers are taught how to make babies outfit  
at Infant Welfare Centre.

### How Should an Expectant Mother Live?

1. Observe regularity and moderation in eating.
2. (a) Insist on good ventilation day and night.
3. Eat green vegetables and if possible fruits daily.
4. (a) Drink at least 1 1/2 quarts of water between meals.
5. Avoid constipation.
6. Attend properly to your teeth.
7. Spend daily some time in open air.
8. Avoid heavy work.
9. Avoid intoxicating drinks.
10. Consult infant welfare doctor at the Seventh month.
11. Prepare for your delivery and for baby's clothes.

What instructions are to be given in  
Marathi to non-English knowing mothers  
about to give birth to a baby by the Health  
Visitor.



An Infant at rest



Dr. ( Miss. ) Gajrabai Morey giving a health talk to the mothers who have come with their babies to the Infant Welfare Centre of the Society at the Society's headquarters.



Nurse explaining to the mothers assembled at the Infant Welfare Centre how to feed babies regularly.



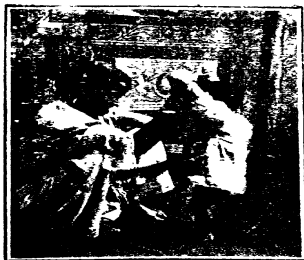
Mother feeding an Infant



**A mother has brought her baby to the Centre for Lady Doctor's advice.**



**Lady Doctor, Dr. (Miss) Gajrabai, Morey, examining an expectant mother.**



**Mother helping the child to stand.**



**Nurse giving a Tub-bath to the baby as a demonstration to mothers visiting the Infant Welfare Centre.**

**Dr. (Mrs.) Manoramabai Thatte, L.C.P.S., L.M. (Rot.**



One of the products and for four years medical worker of the Poona Seva Sadan Society at headquarters, Poona, Sholapur Branch and also Indian Military Hospital, Wanowrie, Poona, went to Dublin in Sept. 1933, and returned in July, 1934.





The maternity removed from the rented house to the premises of the Society's headquarters is an adjunct of the Public Health School.

From left to right:—(1) Dr. (Miss) Manoramabai Deodher, (2) (Miss) Manolkar, (3) Dr. V. C. Gokhale, (4) Rao Bahadur Dr. P. V. Shikhare, (5) Miss Anandibai Salvi.





Another scene from दृष्टांतुन युद्ध acted by girls before a very large audience in a big mandap erected on the premises of the Seva Sadan on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of Mr. G. K. Devadhar—the event being celebrated by his numerous friends and admirers all over the country.



On the occasion of the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Mr. G. K. Devadhar on the 21st of August 1931, the Poona Seva Sadan girls acted a scene from Krihnamarjuna Yuddha ( कृष्णार्जुनयुद्ध ). The lady in the centre with the satar who acted as Narada " नारद " is Mrs. Shantabai Joshi ( Mr. Devadhar's third daughter. )



The Poona Seva Sadan girls from all departments engaged in the performance of the Musical Health Drama called "संगति आरोग्य". The little girls with the help of the card-board in front represent diseases on one side and those standing on the right show forces of knowledge, pure life, and education calculated to destroy or put to flight the diseases and evils of village-life.



All the actors in the "Sangit Soubhadra Drama" enacted by the girls of the High School. They acted in a homely style; large number of prizes were given to them, several donations were secured from H. H. Raja and Ranisabeb of Sangli, Chief of Bhor, Raja Dhan Raj Girjee of Hyderabad (Deccan), and Barrister R. S. Naik of the same place all witnessing the performances on different days. Shrimant Sir Tukoji Rao Holkar of Maharastra of



A Scene from संगीत सौभद्र Sangit Soubhadra enacted by the High School girls in January 1933 in the theatre improvised in the quadrangle of the main building of the Seva Sadan Balaram and Shri Krishna are consoling their younger sister "Subhadra" to forget the incident of her disappearance at the time of her marriage with Duryodhan.



A scene from (संगीत सौभद्र) Sangit Sowbhadra in which young girls are playing the dance and the Garland Drill in the mahal of Rukmini-Shrikrishna's Rani.



A scene from " Panna Rani " a Rajput Heroine acted by the girls of the Training College at the time of the Ganapati-Festival celebrated by the girls in the Hostels ; each department arranging its own programme of entertainments without any aid from the ladies in charge of hostels or their teachers.



The young ladies of the High School are practising *legeem* on the Society's playground at the headquarters.





Miss Prema Kuneri and Mr. Devdhar



A very advanced aged malee woman by name Mrs. Manjulabai Chowdhari who was about 18 years ago working as maid servant in a private family. She joined Seva Sadan at the age of 30, completed Taining College course, took service at Matheran as Mistress on Rs. 60/- plus allowances, now looks after her son's family.



A Marawadi orphan girl who was being assisted by the Chief Sahab of Sangli as her parents died there in plague in about 1907 was taken over the Society for her education. She became a fully qualified nurse and midwife and was placed in charge of the Society's Nasik Branch for two years and was paid Rs. 100/- a month. Now she is doing private practice.



Miss Kashi was born of poor parents in America. She was with us for over eight years and is now married to a Gujrati Jain Merchant.

**Two of our young lady doctors on**



**Their way to England for post-graduate course in Medicine, Maternity,  
Infant and Child Welfare in Ireland and England.**

**Photo at the Pier: (1) Dr. (Mrs.) Manoramabai N. Thatte.  
(2) Dr. (Mrs.) Parachure, now working at  
Raja Dhanraj Girjee Hospital, Sholapur.**

## Indian Military Hospital, Poona.



Dr. (Mrs.) Manoramabai Thatte going in her tum-tum accompanied by the Ayya on house-visiting.



A Group of prize-winners, workers and pupils of the Society with Their Excellencies  
seated in the middle.

*Standing from the left :* (1) Mrs. Rangutai Gokhale (since dead), (2) Mrs. V. B. Gokhale (since dead), (3) Mrs. Kamalabai Gandhi.  
*Seated from the left :* (1) Mrs Cousins, (2) Mrs. Jankibai Bhat, Lady Superintendent, Poona Seva Sadan, (3) Mrs. Jalal Shah.



Mrs. Cousin when working in Poona in connection with the Women's Educational Conference under the presidency of Her Highness Shrimant Sow. Chimanabai Saheb, the Maharani of Baroda, kept her office at the Seva Sadan.





Her Excellency Lady Irwin photographed with the Office-bearers of the Poona Seva Sadan Society and some of the Officers of Government-heads of the Education Department-Director of Public Instruction Mr. F. B. P. Lory third from the left-on the row with Lady Irwin at the centre and Major-General-A. Hooton-the Surgeon General with the Government of Bombay. Her Highness the Ranisaheb is sitting to the left of Her Excellency Lady Irwin. To her left is seated the Dowager Rani of Jamkhandi and Mr. G. K. Devadhar is seated to the right of Her Excellency. There is a large



Their Excellencies at the Main entrance of the Poona Seva Sadan Society after the first day's function of the opening of the Nation's Baby Week Exhibition, 1925.



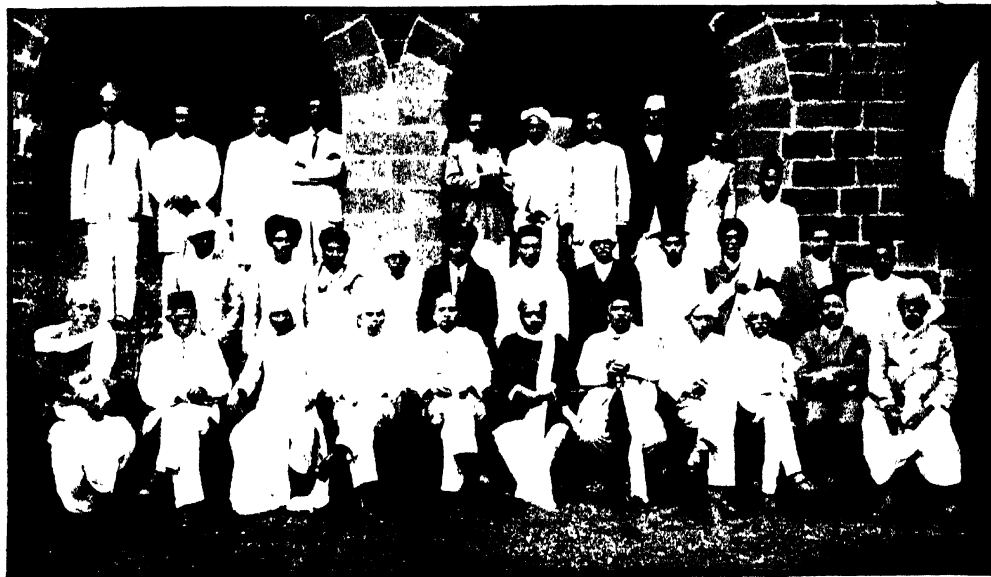
**Lady Wilson attending at the Seva Sadan first  
meeting of Bombay Presidency Health and  
Baby Week Association, Poona, 1928.**

**His Excellency Sir Frederick Sykes and Lady Sykes at the Council Hall, Poona.**



**A group photo on the occasion when the Governor addressed the members of the Executive Committee of the Deccan Agricultural Association and the Deccan Rural Reconstruction Workers, under the auspices of the Deccan Agricultural Association and Western India Poultry Association.**

**Rural Uplift Workers' Conference, Poona, 1933.**



**It was held at the Servants of India Society's Library Hall under the auspices of the Deccan Agricultural Association, Poona.**



**Mr. E. W. Trotman, I. C. S., Collector of Poona District, is seated at the centre. He paid a long visit to the various departments at the head-quarters of the Society and the new Nurses' quarters, nearing completion.**



**Mr. M. V. Apte,** now Hon'y. Secretary of the Ahi's Education League, Bombay. He was of very great help to the Society in the early days of the organization and development of its activities in connection with the Maharashtra Health Week Publications, preparation of sets of lecture slides by the Society which is one of its very successful commercial departments.

## SUB-SECTION III

### Nursing and Medical Education Committee (Branch)

#### (A) Office-Bearers.

1. The late Rao Bahadur Dr. P. V. Shikhare, Hon. Secretary of the Committee and Hon. Jt. General Secretary.
2. The late Dr. V. C. Gokhale, L. M. & S.
3. Dr. N. L. Ranade, B. A., M. B. B. S., Jt. Hon. Secretary and the late Dr. V. C. Gokhale, L. M. & S.
4. Kban Bahadur Dr. E. S. Bharucha, L. M. & S., B. M. S., (Retd.) Chairman of the Committee.
5. Dr. V. R. Dhamdhare, M. B. B. S., Jt. Hon. Secretary.

#### (B) Hostels. (Medical)

1. Mamubai Hostel No. II for Nurses and Mid-wives under training
2. Hostel No. IV for women medical students 1st and 2nd years, ( now closed )
3. Old Sandford Lodge ( Hostel No. V ) for women medical students, 3rd and 4th years
4. Function of Laying the Foundation Stone of Nurses' Home
5. Sir Leslie Wilson laying the Foundation Stone
6. Their Excellencies'-Sir Frederick & Lady Sykes-visit to the Nurses' quarters under construction

#### (C) Medical, Nursing & Midwifery Students.

1. Women Medical Students in two Hostels Nos. 4 and 5, in 1925.
2. Women Medical Students as Volunteers
3. Group of Nurses with Dr. N. L. Ranade
4. A Group of qualified Nurses and Midwives Lady Irwin with a group of Nurses

6. Prize-distribution to the passed out Nurses and Mid-wives presided over by Maj. Gen. Jennings in 1923-24.
7. Prize-distribution to the Nurses and Midwives by Maj. Gen. A. Hooton
8. Sir Leslie Wilson with office-bearers, H. H. the Rajasahab and H. H. the Ranisabab of Sangli, the Dowager Ranisabab of Jamkhadi and other workers.
9. Mrs. Mathurabai Gogate, first matron of the medical hostel.
10. Dr. (Mrs.) Saibai Ranade, L. C. P. S., L. M., ( Coombe ), on the Pier.
11. Mrs. Radhabai Paranjape, B. P. N. A., Nurse, now Matron at the West Hospital, Rajkot.
12. Mrs. Annapurnabai Raje
13. Mrs. Annapurnabai Raje, and her assistant at Nandyal in the Madras Presidency.
14. Dr. ( Miss ) Gulbai Engineer, L. C. P. S., and Mrs. Godubai Dabhade at Hubli.
15. A group of three early nurses under training through the Poona Seva Sadan Society at the Sussoon General Hospitals in Poona, in 1914.
16. Miss Prema Kumari
17. Miss Prema Kumari, ( when intending to go to East Africa ) with Rt. Hon. Sastri, Mr. Devadhar and Mr. Vaze.
18. Mrs. Gulab Thakore and Mrs. Chameli Thakore, two widowed girls from Terai State sent by Dr. Pitamber-pant in 1925.





Rao Bahadur Dr. P. V. Shikhar who has been working as the Hon. Secretary of the Poona Seva Sadan Nursing Committee who was deputed by the Bombay Government as their representative to Geneva to attend the World Congress on the Child welfare in 1925, is now in charge of the Society's (1) Infant Welfare Centre Ante-natal Clinics (2) Public Health School and (3) Maternity Home. He is the Senior-most Honorary worker of the Society almost from its infancy.



**The late Dr. V. C. Gokhale, L. M. & S.**

He was connected with the Poona Seva Sadan Society for many years, as Hon. Secretary of the Nursing and Medical Education Committee. Besides, he has financially assisted the society in times of need and after the death of his wife, Mrs. Rangubai, endowed one bed in the Society's Maternity Home in Poona for a poor woman.



Dr. N. L. Ranade, B. A., M. B., B. S. and Dr. V. C. Gokhale, L. M. & S., two principal Hon. Medical Workers of the Poona Seva Sadan Nursing and Medical Education Committee.

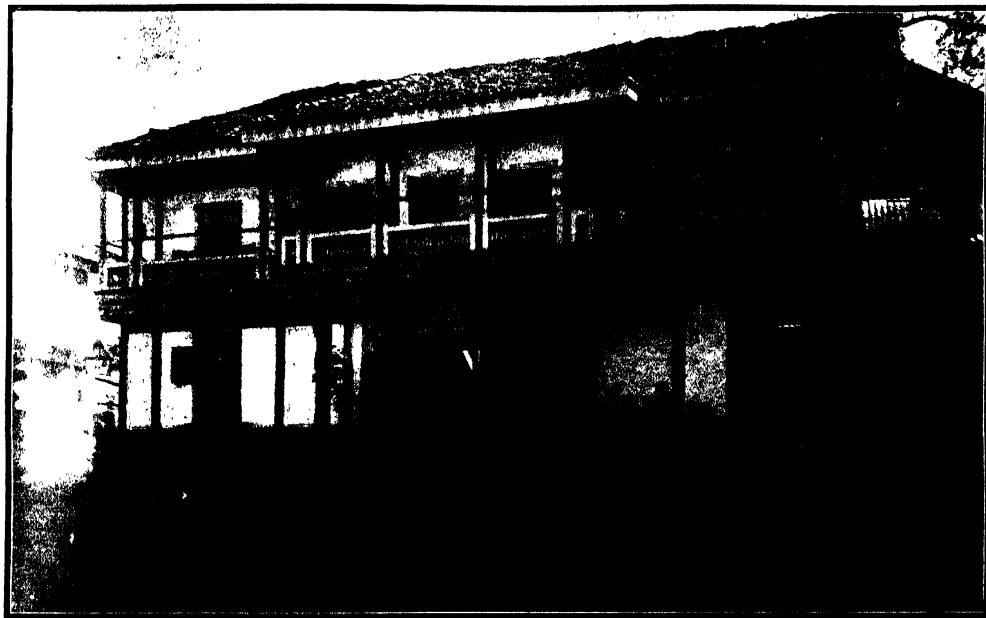


**Khan Bahadur Dr. E. S. Bharucha,**  
 L.M. & S., B.M.S., (retd.) Chairman,  
 the Poona Seva Sadan Society's  
 Nursing and Medical Education  
 Committee, Poona City. He be-  
 came chairman of the committee  
 after Lt. Col. J. B. Smith who was  
 first chairman, had left Poona in  
 about 1914.

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**Dr. V. R. Dhamdhere, M. B. B. S.,**  
 Hon. Jt. Secretary, the Poona Seva  
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 Education Committee, Poona City.



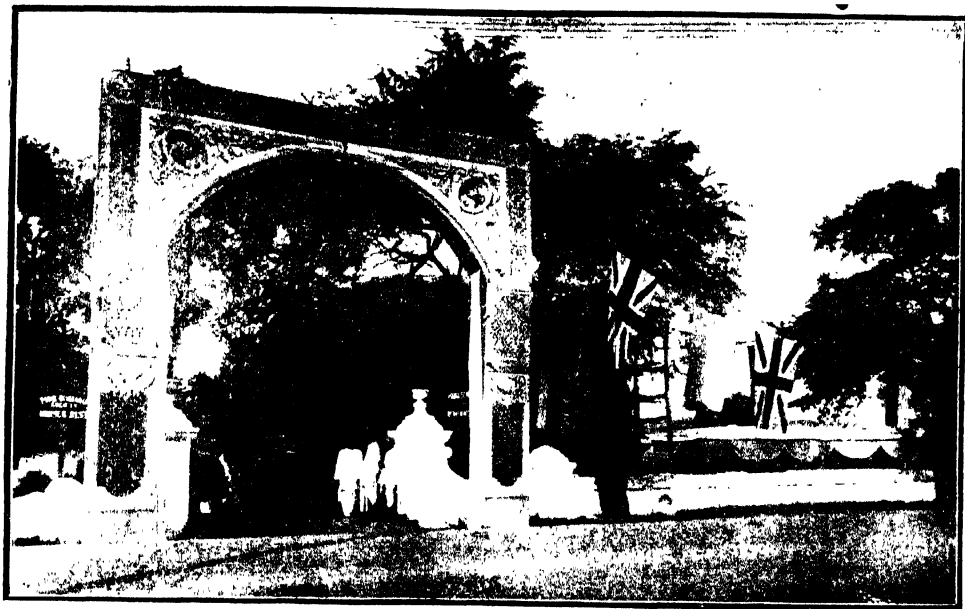
Mamubai Hostel No. II for Probationer nurses and Probationer midwives.  
( Building owned by the Society. )



Hostel No. IV. for Junior (1st year & 2nd year) Women Medical Students.  
In a rented building.



Hostel No. V. For Senior Medical Students ( 3rd year & the 4th year of the B. J. Medical School ) side view of the "Sandford Lodge" now leased to the Society  
by Government for 50 Years.



Foundation Stone Ceremony of the Sir Leslie and Lady Wilson Home for Seva Sadan Nurses in Poona under construction opposite Sassoon Hospital's, Poona. An Arch at the entrance of Hostel No. V.





Sir Leslie Wilson the then Governor of Bombay is laying the Foundation stone. Mr. N. R. Wadia, the Hon. Architect and Engineer, is standing to his left. Rao Sahib R. M. Salvi contractor, is standing in front to the right. Mr. Devadhar to the left.



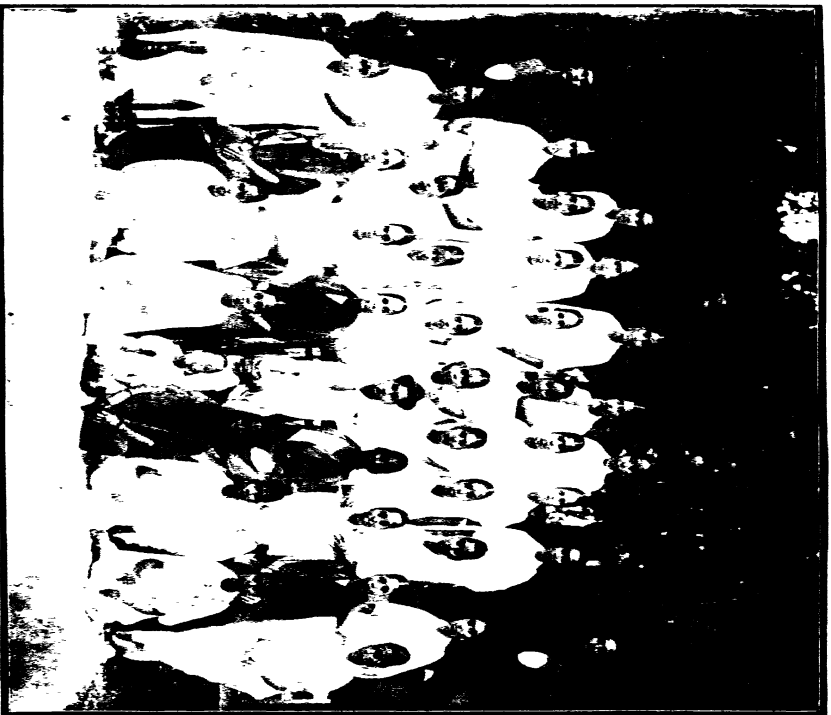
His Excellency Sir Frederick Sykes Governor and Lady Sykes paid a visit to the Sir Leslie and Lady Wilson Home for Poona Seva Sadan Nurses, now under construction, on the 2nd of October, 1933. Col. H. R. Nutt, the Surgeon-General is seated second from the left and Col. Candy, the Civil Surgeon, Sassoon Hospitals, Poona, is seated first on the right and to his right is seated Miss. Moulson, the Superintendent Nursing staff of the Sassoon Hospital, Khan Bahadur Dr. E. S. Bharucha is seated to her right. Her Highness the Ranisaheb of Sangli is seated to the left of Lady Sykes in the centre and Mr. Devadhar is seated to the right of His Excellency.



A group of the women Medical students in the 2 Hostels Nos. IV and V, in 1925,  
located in buildings not owned by the Society.



A group of women medical students staying in the Poona Seva Sudan Societys Hostels in Poona. They worked as volunteers of a Health Exhibition arranged in the galleries of the Council Hall, Poona with the help of the Public Health Department, when Dr. Jamshed Munsiff was the Director of Public Health. He is in the middle seated to the right of Mr. Devadhar.



*A group of the Probationer Nurses and Mid-wives under training, 1925.*



group of five fully qualified and trained nurses and midwives, all except one now working in Hospitals in Bombay and one of them is now working at the Civil Hospital, Belgaum.



A Prize-distribution to the passed out nurses and mid-wives presided over in 1923-24 by the then Surgeon General with the Government of India-Major-General Jennings, I.M.S., C. I. E. in the Sir Vitthaldas Thackersey Hall at the headquarters of the Society.



A group Photo with Major General Hooton, I. M. S., C. I. E., who, as Surgeon General, presided over a prize-distribution to the Nurses and Mid-wives some years ago.





Sir Leslie the then Governor photoed with office bearers, His Highness the Rajasaheb of Sangli, Her Highness the Ranisaheb, the Dowager Ranisaheb of Jamkhandi and other workers.



Mrs. Mathurabai Gogte belongs to the first batch of the three young ladies sent to the Sassoon Hospitals, in Poona for training as a nurse, in 1911. She is now conducting a Maternity Home of her own and has most extensive midwifery and Nursing practice in Poona and big families. She is a fully qualified nurse, mid-wife and a Health-visitor. She went to Allahabad in 1917 at the time of the Kumbha Mela for work on behalf of the Poona Seva Sadan Society to assist in Relief work.

**Dr. (Mrs.) Saibai Ranade, L.C.P.S.,** has been one of the products of the Poona Seva Sadan Society. After the completion of her medical course in which she was assisted by the Society, she served in the various Branches of the Institution for a period of nearly twelve years.—



This photo was taken when, in 1934, she sailed for Ireland, via London, to take the post-graduate course in medicine and midwifery. After spending three months in Ireland and getting the diploma of L. M. (Coombe), she spent three months in Vienna for medical studies before returning to India in December, 1934.



**Mrs. Radhabai Paranjpe, B.P.N.A.,**  
one of the old students of the  
Society, now working at Rajkot  
(Kathiawar) as Matron of the  
West Hospital.



Mrs. Annapurnabai Raja, B. P. N. A., a fully qualified Nurse and Midwife is one of the products of the Poona Seva Sadan Society. She worked as Matron of the Hospital attached to the Madras Government School of Indian Medicine for six years.



**Mrs. Annapurnabai Raje,**  
who with her assistant worked at Nandyal in Madras  
Presidency for a year and a half, in 1926-27, before  
going to Madras, in 1928.



**Dr. (Miss) Gulbai Engineer, L. C. P. S.**  
practising at Hubli now, is seated to the left and.  
**Mrs. Godubai Dabhade** belonging to Gadag is now  
staying with Miss Engineer, the Lady doctor,  
both of them being students of the Society.



A group of three early probationer Nurses under training through the Society at the Sassoon Hospitals in Poona, 1914.



Miss Prema Kumari, a Rajput Kashmere young Lady, was sent to us by Capt. Pitamber Pant in about 1927. She is still undergoing training in Nursing at the Sassoon Hospital, Poona. She speaks and writes Marathi very well.



## **Miss Premakumari**

**on her way to East Africa, 1934.**

**A Kashmiri Young Rajput Girl who has been trained in  
Poona through the Poona Seva Sadan Society at the  
Sassoon General Hospitals, Poona, with Rai  
Bahadur Capt. (Dr.) Pitamber Pant's help.**



- (1) Miss Premakumari, (2) The Rt. Hon'ble V. S. Srinivasa Sastri, (3) Mr. G. K. Devadhar, President, S. I. S.  
(4) Mr. S. G. Vaze, Secretary, S. I. S.



Rai Bahadur Capt. Pitamber Pant Civil Surgeon Unao ( Now Bahraich ) in U. P. sent these two extremely poor and then considered to be " wild " sisters. These Thakur girls—both widows—were sent for their education in about 1925. They are changed out of recognition, speak & write beautiful Marathi. The girl to be left is Mrs. Chameli Thakur and the one to the right is Mrs. Gulab Thakur. She is now a fully qualified nurse and midwife, the other is still undergoing training in the Sassoon Hospital, Poona.

## SUB-SECTION IV

### The Sholapur Seva Sadan (Branch)

#### (A) Building.

1. Entrance Gate to the head-quarters of the Branch in Sholapur city.

#### (B) Nursing & Midwifery Students and Hospital staff.

1. Sholapur Civil Hospital Staff and nurses on probation
2. Col. Gharpurey and Mrs. Gharpurey and the Nurses at the Civil Hospital
3. Col. D. D. Kamat and Mrs. Kamat with the members of the Nursing staff of the Hospital in 1929.
4. Rajubai Hirachand Municipal Maternity Hospital staff
5. Mrs. Umabai Parachure, Health visitor, trained at Delhi Reading School as a student of the Society

#### (C) One Bed Maternity & Creches in Vishnu and Lakshmi Mills.

1. Vishnu and Lakshmi Mills Creches and Maternity Home
2. Mills' Maternity children and mothers' prize-giving at the hands of Mr. Grier, the Manager, in March, 1929

#### (D) Other Photos.

1. Dowager Ranisabeb of Jamkhandi visiting the Branch

2. Members of the Royal Commission on Indian Labour in Sholapur visiting the Branch headquarters.
3. H. E. Sir Frederick and Lady Sykes' visit to the Society's Branch at Sholapur.
4. The Prize-distribution ceremony under the Presidency of Sir Govindrao Pradhan accompanied by Lady Pradhan, 1928—29.
5. Fare-well entertainment to Lt. Col. K. G. Gharpure, Civil Surgeon.
6. The stall of the Sholapur Branch of the Society in the Pandharpur Exhibition, in 1932
7. A Mohammedan Girl while studying at the Branch.
8. An orphan baby in charge of the Workers at the Society's Branch at Sholapur
9. An orphan girl now of 6 years brought up at the Society's Branch at Sholapur Hospital
10. Two minor girls from Sholapur town sent to us by the District Judge



**Sholapur Branch**  
**The Entrance Gate to the Head-quarters of the Branch.**

**The Civil Hospital, Sholapur.**



**A group photo of the staff of the Hospital in which are to be seen the Seva Sadan  
trained Nurses and Probationers.**



Lt. Col. K. G. Gharpuray, r. m. s. the then Civil Surgeon, Sholapur, Mrs. Gharpurey and nurses trained and under training at the Civil Hospital with Dr. Apte and Dr. Kurlekar, both members of the teaching staff engaged by the Poona Seva Sadan Society.



Lt. Col. D. D. Kamat, I. M. S., the then Civil Surgeon Sholapur and Mrs. Kamat, B.A. with the members of the Nursing staff of the Hospital in 1929. Mr. Devadhar and Mrs. Devadhar are seated to the left of Col. Kamat. Dr. Kurlekar, Dr. S. K. Apte are standing at two ends;

**Rajubai Hirachand Municipal Maternity Hospital and Infant Welfare Centre  
(Attached), Sholapur.**

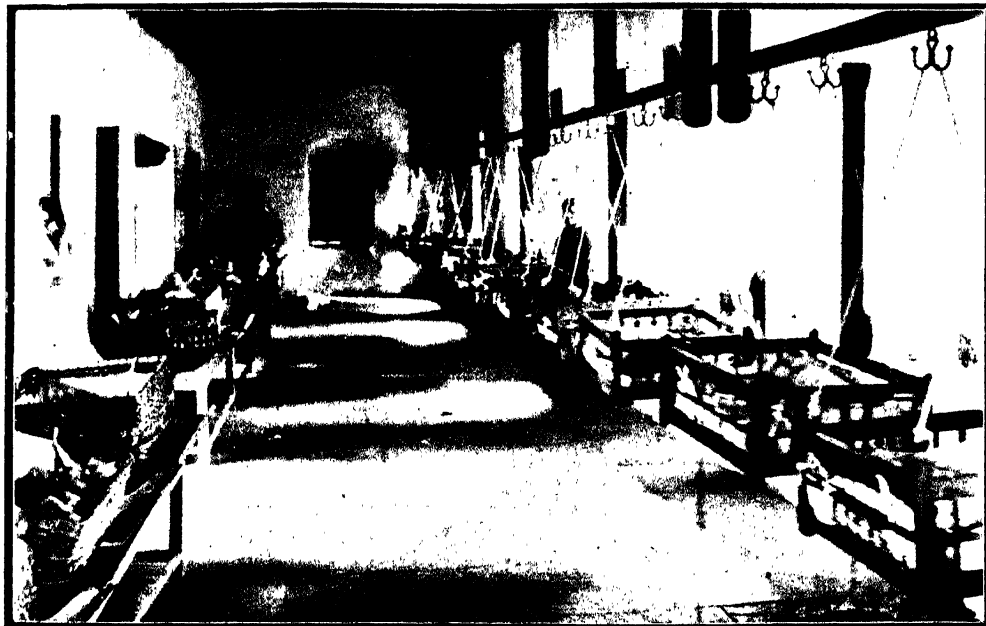


Conducted by the Poona Seva Sidan Society's Sholapur Branch and the staff that works there.





Mrs. Umabai Parchure a fully trained midwife and Health-Visitor from the Lady Reading School at Delhi is now employed in Sholapur as Superintendent of Infant Welfare work on a salary of Rs. 150/- per month. Govt. have honoured her by giving a Kaiser-i-Hind silver medal for good work. She got a gold medal worth Rs. 100/- for the best essay on Health in Delhi.



The Vishnu and Laxmi Mills' Creches and Maternity Home under the management of the Society, 1925.



Prize-giving ceremony under the presidency of Mr. Grier the then Manager of Vishnu and Laxmi Mills in Sholapur which was held in March 1929 when the mothers working in the mills took advantage of the maternity facilities afforded by the small maternity which was called "one-bed-mater-ity" and the management of which along with that of the mill creches was entrusted to the through its local Branch in 1928-29

Royal Commission on Indian Labour in Sholapur.



A group photo taken on the occasion of their visit to the Society's Sholapur Branch headquarters.

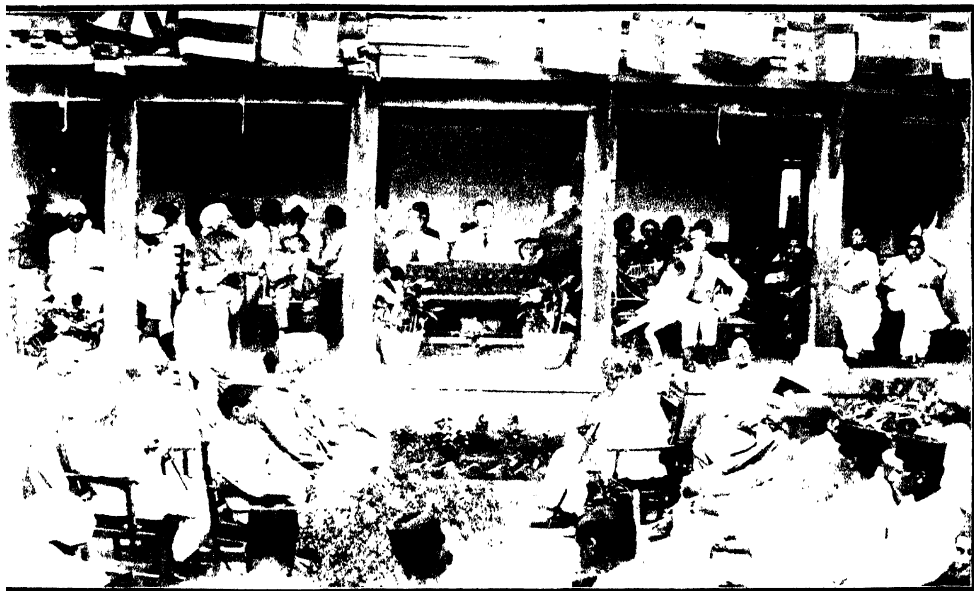


His Excellency Sir Frederick Sykes, Governor of Bombay and Lady Sykes photographed along with Rao Bahadur, Dr. V. V. Mulay, Mr. J. S. Jassawalla, Dr. S. K. Apte, Mr. J. R. Limaye the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Laxmibai Adhyapak, the Matron of the Civil Hospital when the distinguished visitors paid a long visit to the Society's

Seated on chairs are :— Mr. Jessawala, (2) Sir Govindrao, (3) Lady Pradhan, (4) Mrs. Janukimbi Bhat, (5) Mr. Devadhar, (6) Mr. Limaye Hon. Secretary and Rao Bahadur Dr. V. V. Mulla J. M. S. President, Sholapur Municipality and Chairman, Local Advisory Committee.



Prize-giving Ceremony at Sholapur in 1928-29 was held under the Presidency of the Hon'ble Sir Govindrao Pradhan, Finance Member of the Government of Bombay.



Farewell Entertainment to Lt. Col. K. G. Gharpure, Civil Surgeon, Civil Hospital, Sholapur, on behalf of the Society of which he has proved a great helper and steady supporter. He was Chairman of the Sholapur Seva Sadan's Nursing Sub-Committee and of the Industrial Welfare Sub-Committee, 1923.



The Sholapur Branch took a leading part in the big Agricultural and Cattle show Exhibition at Pandharpur in Nov. 1932. It managed stalls in Health section on behalf of Bombay Presidency Baby and Health Week Association Bombay, kept stalls of its own articles made and staged sangit Village Uplift (संगीत ग्रामोद्धार) on two nights before thousands of Visitors to the place on account of Kartiki Ekadashi.



A Mahomedan girl studying at the Sholapur Branch.



One Mahomedan girl from Sholapur passed out from Poona as a fully qualified Nurse and mid-wife. She is now employed in the K. E. M. Hospital, Parel, Bombay where several fully trained Poona Seva Sadan Nurses and midwives are working as sisters in charge of wards.

An orphan Baby

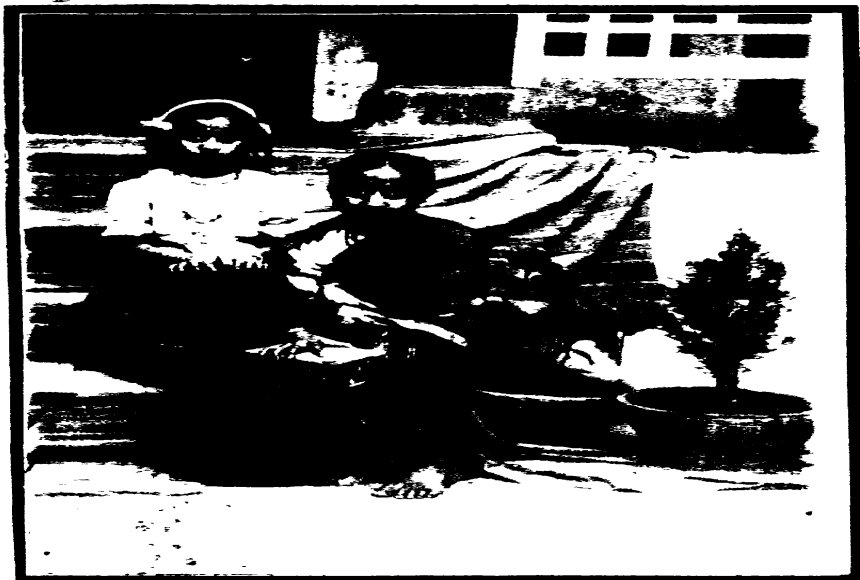


In charge of the workers of the 'Poona Seva Sadan Society's Sholapur Branch,

An orphan girl now of six years



Admitted in the Sholapur Hospital when she was picked up by the Police on the 3rd day of her birth and subsequently brought up at Sholapur by the Society's Branch there.



These two young girls were sent to us by the District Court, Sholapur, (as their property was being looked after by the Court) for their education. The eldest was married to graduate Teacher in Bijapur, but afterwards died.

## SUB-SECTION V

### The Nasik Seva Sadan ( Branch )

( A ) Office-Bearers and workers.

1. A group of workers

( B ) Nasik Branch ( Proper ).

( a ) Medical

1. Nasik Civil Hospital staff with Probationer nurses and midwives
2. Civil Hospital Group
3. Inmates of the Nasik Seva Sadan Hostel
4. Two Lady Students Mrs. Joshi and Miss Gangubai Devadhar, who have passed their Midwifery Examination through the Civil Hospital Nasik.

( b ) Industrial

1. Sewing Class

( c ) Educational

A group of the staff and the students of the A.-V.-School with shield won by them

( C ) Other Photos.

1. Main Building in the City (tentd)
2. Lady Sykes's visit to the Nasik Seva Sadan with Major A. Y. Dabholkar and Mrs. Dabholkar

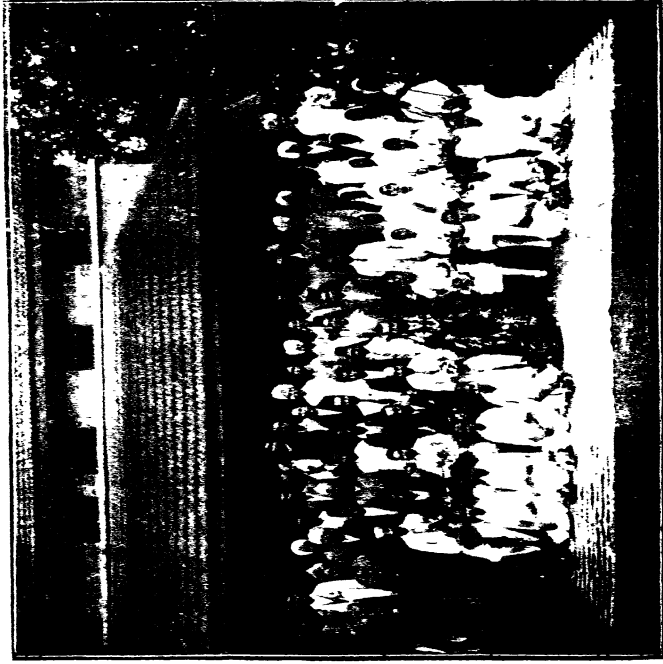
( D ) Nasik Bhimajee Ansthalaya. Home for the Homeless

1. Orphanage and the Home for the Homeless.
2. Orphan Babies
3. A Juvenile female offender
4. A Tipari dance by the pupils and inmates of the Home at the Nasik Branch.
5. Mrs. Sudame, her homeless assistants, and orphan children.
6. A girl sent by the Poito when she was eight, who now looks after the children in the orphanage.
7. Mrs. Godubai Shinde, a donor

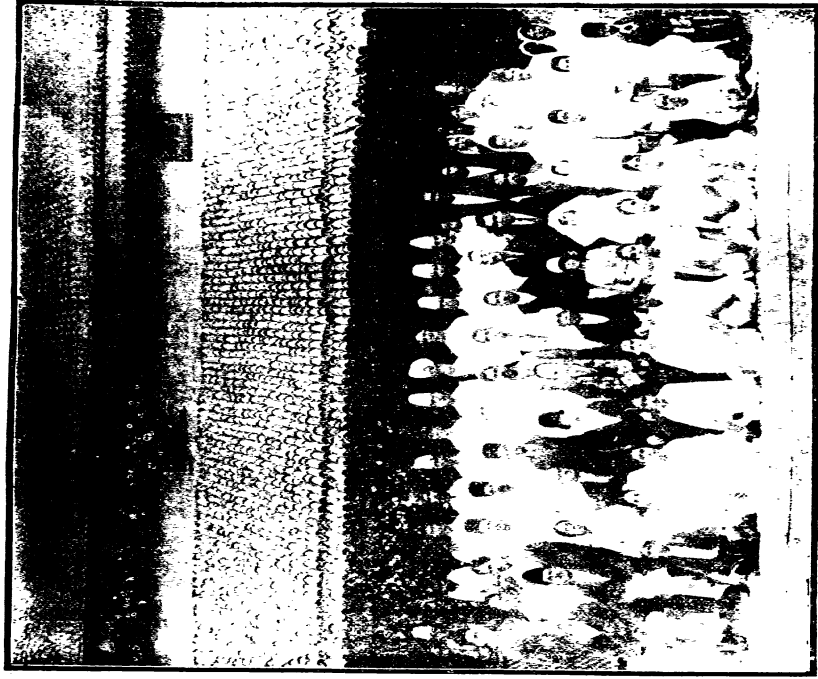


*Workers and inmates of the Anandbhaya at Parthavati in Nashik.*

Nasik Civil Hospital, Nasik.



▲ group photo of the Hospital Staff on which the Poona Seva Sadan Society's Nasik Branch Nurses and probationers, a dozen in number, worked in 1925.



A group of servants and members of the staff and the Matron and sisters and probationers all from the local Branch sent to the Civil Hospital for training. There is Col. Treasider, I. M. S. C. I. E. there at the centre with garlands on, before leaving for England for good.



Inmates in the Hostel maintained by the Nasik Seva Sadan (Branch), Nasik.

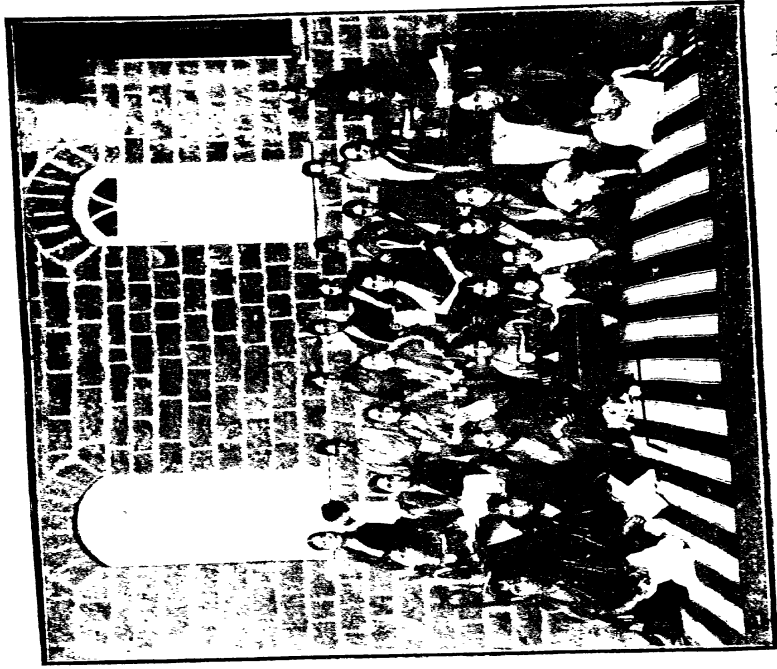


For workers of the several departments including the Damodar Bhimjee Ansthalaya, House for the Homeless Women and Children, A. V. School, Sewing, Slating, and Infant's classes, and Hospital Nurses and Probationers,

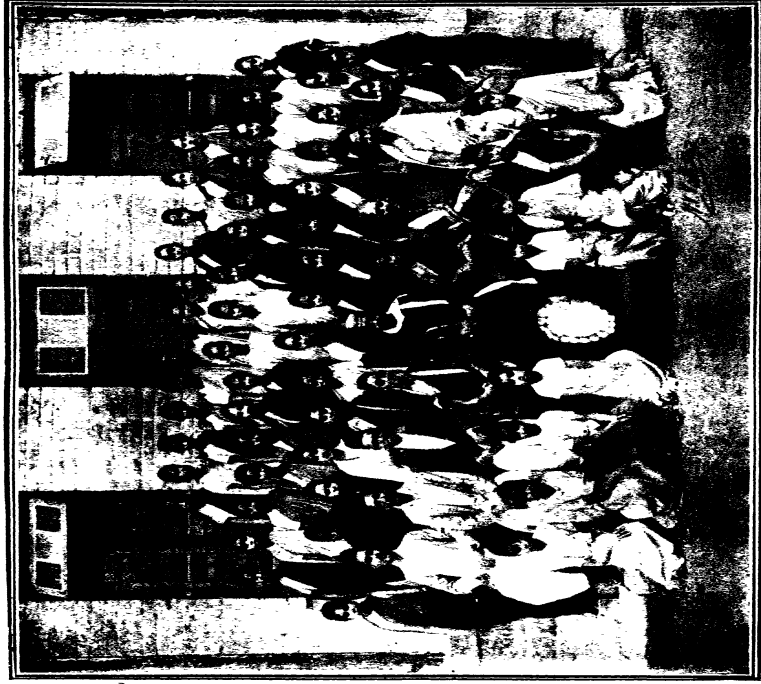
Two Lady Students of the Nasik Seva Sadan Midwifery Class in the Civil Hospital, Nasik : (1) Mrs. Kamalabai Joshi whose husband is M.Sc., and who has gone to Germany for his doctorate, has completed her course in Midwifery through the Pooni Seva Sadan Society's Branch at Nasik. She has now passed the Midwifery examination. She wishes to take the Health Visitors' course during 1935 when she expects her husband to return to India.



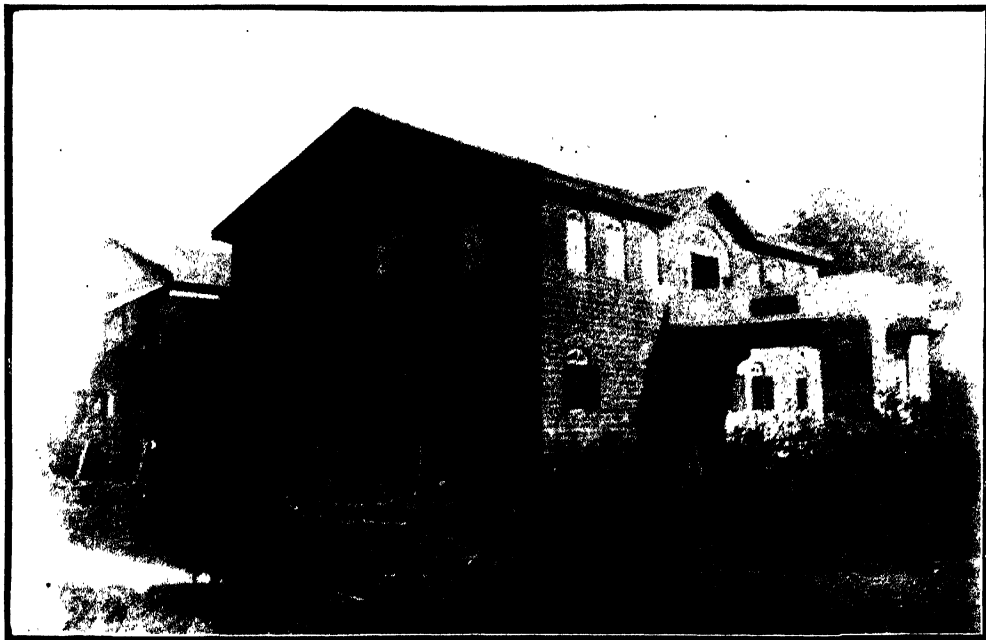
She is seated on the left side; to the right is seated her great friend (2) Miss Gangubai Devadhar (Mr. G. K. Devadhar's youngest and fourth daughter) who passed her examination in Midwifery through the Nasik Civil Hospital last year (1934.) She is now employed in the Nasik Branch, looks after the orphanage, and helps in the work of collection for the Branch.



Women at work in the Sewing Class conducted by the Nasik Branch. Several of them have finished the course and have begun to earn small wages. Mrs. Lelo the teacher is seated with Mrs. Gangubai Sravate, and Mrs. Durgabai Pingle who are working as Sisters in the Nasik Civil Hospital and who look after the several activities of the Society's Branch at Nasik in their capacity as Joint Hon. Superintendents.



The Staff and a batch of students of the A. V. School conducted by the Poona Seva Sadan Society's (Branch) at Nasik, with the Shield won by them in a Match which is placed in front of Mr. G. K. Devadhar seated in the centre.



Head-quarters of the Nasik Branch in which are located the Maternity and Nursing Home and a Sewing Class, in 1925.



Lady Sykes paid a long visit to the Nasik Branch and saw most of its activities, the second among seated from the left is Dr. (Mrs.) Parchure who is now gone to Dublin along with Mrs. Thatte, Mr. Devadhar's second daughter, the third is Major A. Y. Dabholkar now Director of Public Health, 4th is Mrs. Dabolkar, both great friends of the Society. Mr. Devadhar is seated to the left of Lady Sykes, Garlanded, in front are some of the orphan babies.



The Home for the Homeless of the Bhimjee Ananthalya at Panchavati in Nasik  
conducted by the Poona Seva Sadan Society, 1927.



The same Koli woman looked not only after her baby well—when she was sent she was carrying six months; but also babies that are admitted there for protection. She works well and is now a very helpful member of the family. The girl sitting in front with a boy in her lap is one of the six children which the Society had taken from Dr. H. H. Mann; one of them has become a fully qualified Nurse and Mid-wife by name Mrs. Krishnabai Bhor and she is now working on Rs. 45 per month and all found in a Maternity House, in Bombay.



Nasik Branch in one of its aspects is recognised by Government as what they call in Children's Act a "certified school" where trying magistrates are empowered to send juvenile female offenders to such places for their improvement and education. The Girl in the picture is now aged about 20, when about four years ago she was sentenced by the



District Judge, West Khandesh for five years and sent over to us under proper escort she was quite savage, most uncouth. We could hardly understand her language and she had the same difficulty about understanding language. She is now changed for the better completely out of recognition. She is a Koli by caste.



A Tipari dance by the pupils, and inmates of the Home at the Nasik Branch. A few lady friends of the institution from outside are witnessing the rehearsal of the play. The girls dance to the tune of Shrikrishna's pipe which he is playing standing in the middle.



Mrs. Sudame, her homeless assistants, and orphan children.



A girl who was sent by the Police when she was eight, now looks after the children in the orphanage.



**Mrs. Godubai Shinde, an old nurse, who has created a trust of a portion of her property for the benefit of the Nasik Anathalaya (orphanage) under the management of the local Branch of the Poona Seva Sadan Society, Mr. Devadhar being one of the two Trustees.**

## SUB-SECTION VI

### The Ahmednagar Seva Sadan (Branch)

#### ( Medical )

( A ) Buildings of the late Balasaheb Deshpande's charitable dispensary and maternity Hospital.

1. Opening Ceremony of the Building at the hands of Dr. R. P. Paranjape, when Education Minister, of the Government of Bombay
2. Inside view of the Hospital Dispensary
3. — do — (small size)

( B ) Office-Bearers and workers.

1. Group of workers with Dr. (Miss) Adhav, Lt. Col. P. K. Chitale I. M. S. retired (Civil Surgeon) as the chief medical officer.

2. Mrs. Durve, the Matron

3. Dr. (Miss) Gajarabai Morey, honoured before leaving for Poona on account of her transfer there

( C ) Other Photos.

1. The boy Bandya when a child of 6 years
2. The same child while a baby of 10 months (was received when of 18 days old)
3. Sir Frederick Sykes visiting the branch



Opening Ceremony by the Hon. Dr. R. P. Paranjape, the then Minister of Education,  
of the Balasaheb Deshpande Maternity and Nursing Home and Dispensary  
at Ahmednagar in August 1923.



**View of the inside of the Maternity Hospital & Nursing Home at Ahmednagar where Lt. Col. P. K. Chitale, I. M. S (retired Civil Surgeon in C. P.) does honorary work as Chief Medical Officer and attends almost every day.**



The inside view of the Maternity Ward in Ahmednagar  
with Mrs. Durve, the matron.





Dr. (Miss) Adhava before going to Gwalior honoured by the staff of the Maternity Hospital and the Mistresses of the educational classes at the Ahamednagar Branch ( since closed. )



Mrs. Anandibai Durve, the first Nurse and matron of the Bala Saheb Deshapande Charitable dispensary maternity, Hospital and Nursing Home, at Ahmednagar under the management of the Society since its commencement in August 1923 is giving a Health talk to the Women that courts the dispensary. It will remain with the Society, for ten years more in accordance with the resolution of the Trustees approved and accepted by the Ahmednagar Municipality last year. She is now one of the sisters in the Mayo Hospital at Nagpur.



Dr. (Miss) Gajrabai Morey, Lady Doctor in charge of the Ahmednagar Maternity Home trained before she was transferred to Poona for work at the headquarters,



A motherless boy belonging to the Gavandi caste or brick layers community who was brought up from the 15th day of his birth by the staff of the Ahmednagar Maternity Hospital; there are two such children at the Sholapur Civil Hospital in charge of the Poona Seva Sadan Society's workers there.



The same child while a baby of 10 months.



His Excellency Sir Frederick Sykes, Governor of Bombay paid, while at Ahmednagar, a short visit to the Balasahib Deshpande Maternity-Home under the Management of the Society now till 1942-43 from its commencement in 1923. Seated are from the left (1) Mr. G. K. Devadhar, (2) Major Scott, (3) Mr. Macmillan, I.C.S. C.I.E., the Collector of the District, (4) Khan Bahadur Dorabsha, President of the Municipality, (5) His Excellency Sir Frederick Sykes, (6) Mrs. Jankibai Bhat, (7) Col. P. K. Chitale, the Hon. Chief Medical Officer of the Maternity Hospital, (8) Rao Bahadur G. K. Chitale, B. A. LL. B. M. L. C. The Chairman of the Trust, (9) Mr. Devachakke and (10) Mrs. Venutai, the donor's sister, both Trustees.

## SUB-SECTION VII

# Kolaba Maternity Hospital and Nursing Home, Alibag, ( Branch. )

### ( A ) Office Bearers and workers

1. Dr. P. S. Bhat, M. B. B. S.
2. Dr. ( Miss ) Anandibai Athavale, M. B. B. S.
3. Group of Workers of the Maternity Hospital and Nursing Home, Alibag
4. Hospital staff at Alibag
5. Lady Doctor at work at the out Patients Department

### ( B ) The Hospital Premises.

1. Building with Sir Leslie Orme Wilson and Lady Wilson visiting, Dr. Tilak and Dr. Bhat standing to the right side of H. E.
2. View of the Labour Room
3. View of the Maternity Ward
4. View of the Maternity Hospital Grounds
5. An Abnormal Baby
6. A Delivery case of Cæsarian section
7. A case of contracted pelvis and Cæsarian section
8. Another case of generally contracted pelvis and Cæsarian section
9. A visit by Her Excellency Lady Brabourne

### ( C ) Dramatic Performances.

1. A scene from the drama "Yashodevi"
2. Another scene from the "Yashodevi" drama
3. Group of girl and boy actors

### ( D ) Other Photos.

1. Mr. Abbott
2. Mrs. Abbott
3. An interesting case of delivery
4. Mr. and Mrs. Hamid Ali (a group)
5. Lady Sykes, visitor to the Hospital
6. A view of the Arabian sea and the Angre's fort in the sea at Alibag from the Hospital
7. The late Hon. Sir Rustum Vakil, Kt., presiding over the Divisional Baby and Health Week Exhibition in 1931



**Dr. P. S. Bhat, M. B. B. S.**  
**Hon. Medical Officer, Kolaba Mater-**  
**nity Hospital and Nursing Home,**  
**Alibag, under the management of**  
**the Poona Seva Sadan Society.**



**Dr. (Miss) Anandibai Athavale,**  
**M. B. B. S., Lady Doctor,**  
**1/c Kolaba Maternity Hospital and**  
**Nursing Home, Alibag, under the**  
**management of the Poona Seva**  
**Sadan Society, Poona City.**





Group of workers of the Maternity Hospital at Alibag.



Hospital staff, Alibag.

From left to right seated (1) Mrs. Divekar. (2) Mrs. Shrikhande, (3) Dr. (Miss) Anandibai Athavale, M.B., B.S., (4) Mrs. Vithabai Vartikar.



Lady Doctor Miss Athavale examining patients in Alibag Hospital.



His Excellency Sir Leslie Wilson, the Governor of Bombay and her Excellency Lady Wilson together with the staff of the Maternity Hospital at Alibag when they came over there to perform the opening ceremony of the Infant Welfare Centre attached to the Maternity, Nov. 1925.



Interior view of the labour Room, Maternity Hospital, Alibag.



View of the Interior of the Maternity Ward of the  
Alibag Hospital.



View of the Alibag Maternity Hospital grounds.



A scene from the सर्ग: यशोदेवी drama.

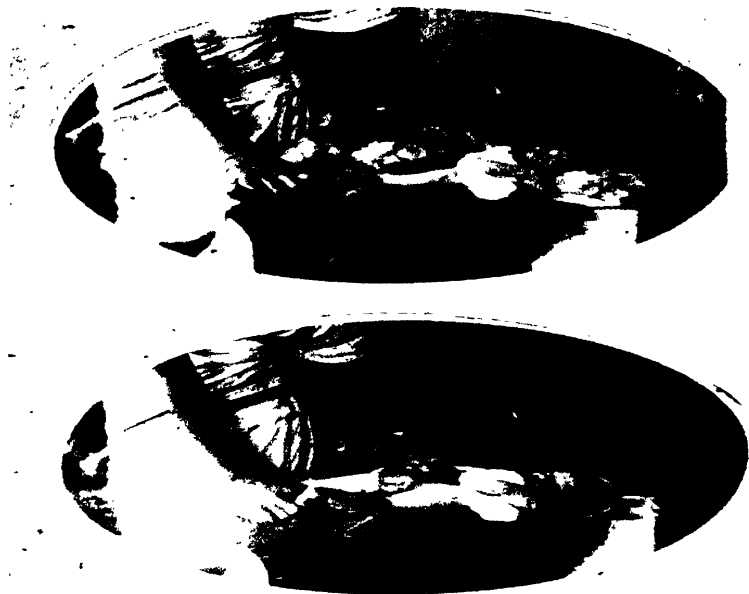




Another scene from संगीत यशोद्वी boys and girls as volunteers for social service under the direction of Matajee their Leader.



A group of boys and girls that enacted the drama संगीत यशोदेकी by Mr. D. G. Dhaboo, B. A., LL. B., at the time of the Konkan Divisional Health Exhibition in December 1931 held on the spacious grounds of the Hospital on the beach.



A typical difficult labour case done at the Kolaba  
Maternity Hospital and Nursing Home, Alibag.



A poor woman in whose case a Caesarian Section had to be done twice. The patient had a deformed pelvis due to infantile paralysis of the right leg.

Another striking labour case done at the Alibag Hospital. The mother suffered from a generally contracted pelvis. On 20.2.32 an emergency Caesarian Section was done at night and a healthy male child was taken out. The boy is now four years standing by the side of the mother.



The lady came back again on the 11/6/34 with ruptured uterus. In spite of the lady doctor's warning of possible danger at the next delivery, she went to the country Dai and then was brought to the hospital in an extremely bad condition. An emergency operation of Caesarian Section and Sub-total hysterectomy was done at 11-30 p.m. The glass jar contains the ruptured womb.



A case of generally contracted pelvis.  
Caesarian Section was done at the Alibag Mater-  
nity Hospital and a healthy male child  
was taken out.



Visit of Her Excellency Lady Brabourne to the Hospital when the Collector, Dr. Tilak, Mrs. Janakibai Bhat, Mr. Y. G. Kamat, Dr. Bhat, Dr. (Miss) Athavale and the Nursing staff were photoed together with Lady Brabourne.



Mr. J. Abbott, M.A., J.C.S. the father and founder of the Kolaba Maternity Hospital and Nursing Home. Alibag while as Collector of the Kolaba District, he worked very hard to organize Medical relief for this district as he had done for the city and district of Sholapur.



Mrs. Abbott worked at the time of the Famine Fete in aid of the Maternity Hospital, Alibag which was formally opened by Sir Leslie Wilson the then Governor of Bombay, in November 1925.





An interesting case in the Maternity Hospital at Alibag.  
Matron Mrs. Shrikhande is standing with the baby.



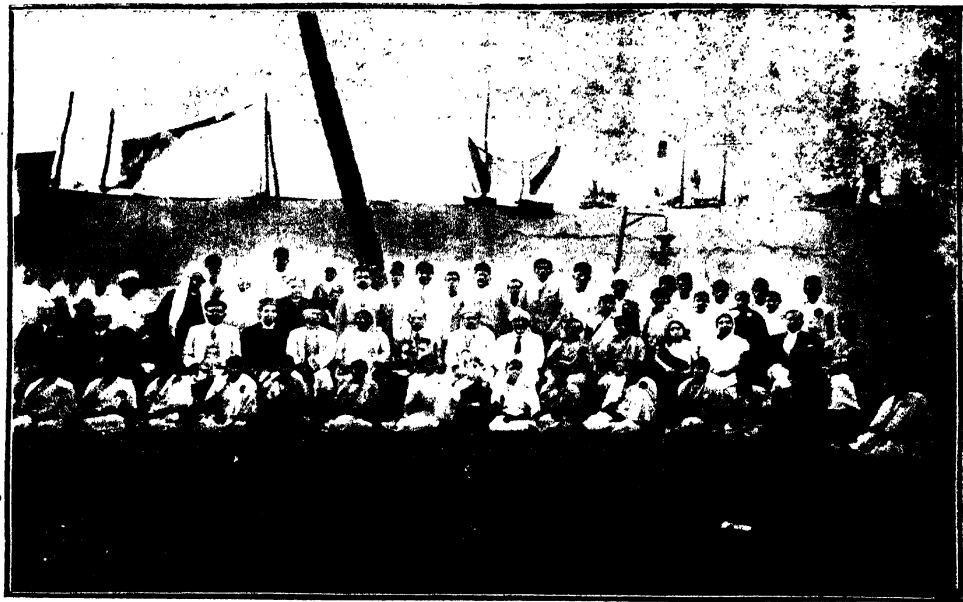
Mr. Hamid Ali, I. C. S., the then Collector of Kolaba and Mrs. Hamid Ali who after Mr. Abbott gave great help to the Hospital and its workers.



Lady Sykes as Visitor to the Maternity Hospital at Alibag.



A View of the Arabian sea and the Angre's Fort in the sea at Alibag.  
The sea is so close to the hospital that one can throw a pebble  
into the sea from the buildings.



The Hon'ble Sir Rustom Vakil, Kt. the Minister in charge Medical Relief presided over the Poona Seva Sadan Society's day-the last day of the Konkan Divisional Health & Child welfare Exhibition at Alibag in Dec. 1931 Among the seated from the left are the Civil Surgeon, Sir Vasant Rao Dabholkar (since dead) Khan Bahadur Bhivandiwalla, Mr. Hamid Ali, Mrs. Hamid Ali, Sir Rustum, Mr. Devadhar, Mr. A. N. Surve, Dr. Athavale (the lady doctor) Mrs. Chitnis one of the Hon. Secretaries & other Volunteers

## **SUB-SECTION VIII**

# **Bombay Branch (Medical & Industrial)**

**(A) Fort Sub-Branch. (Bhatia Maternity Hospital and Nursing Home; now transferred ).**

- 1. Group of workers with Mr. Samant, Dr. Tilak, Dr. ( Mrs.) Hirabai Joshi, and Mrs. Devadhar.**
- 2. Health-Visitors at work**
- 3. Nurse feeding a baby**
- 4. Labour room.**
- 5. Nurse weighing the baby.**

**(B) Girgaum Sub-Branch.**

- 1. The students and teachers of the Sewing Class**
- 2. Prize-distribution Ceremony of the Girgaum Sewing class, 1934.**

**(C) Dadar Sub-Branch.**



A group of workers at the Bhatia's Maternit Hospital, Bombay. Seated from the left are (1) Mr. V. R. Samant (Since dead), (2) Now Dr. (Mrs.) Hirabai Joshi, in Calcutta with her husband, (3) Mrs. Devadhar (now dead), (4) Mr. Devadhar, the organizer of the scheme, (5) Dr. H. V. Tilak, the Chief Medical Officer, (6) Dr. (Mrs.) Saibai Ranade who had worked in Malabar as lady doctor in charge of Refugees' Relief Hospital, (7) Now Mrs. Khadye, M. B., B. S. working in Poona. This Maternity Hospital and Nursing Home mainly started for the benefit of the Bhatia Community in Bombay is located in a big five storied building placed in charge of the Society by the donor for the Hospital and residence of staff. This institution has become very popular and promises to be a self-supporting proposition. We used to spend per year on it between twenty-five to thirty thousand rupees. At a total cost of little over two lakhs of rupees, a most valuable lesson has been inculcated on the minds of the women of the Bhatia Community by us. Thanks to (1) the Late Sir Vithaldas Thackersey, (2) the late Sheth Mularaj Khataw, (3) the late Sheth Hansraj Pragjee Thackersey, (4) the Late Purshotam Vishnu Mavajee.



Health Visitors at work  
in connection with the  
Bhatia Maternity Hospital  
Bombay, managed by the  
Poona Seva Sadan  
Society.



Nurse feeding a baby in  
the Bhatia Maternity  
Hospital managed by the  
Poona Seva Sadan  
Society.





A labour room in the Maternity  
Hospital Bombay,  
managed by the Poona  
Neva Sahani Society.



Nurse weighing baby in the Maternity  
Hospital Bombay,  
managed by the  
Poona Neva Sahani Society.



The students and teachers of the sewing class conducted by the Society in Bombay at its Girgaon centre with Mrs. Devadhar in the middle. She used to supervise it. Mrs. Puttamma, who has done a good deal of collection work in Bombay is seated to the right of Mrs. Annapurnabai Devadhar (wife of Mr. G. K. Devadhar.)



Prize-giving ceremony of the Girgaum Sewing Class, 1935.

## SUB-SECTION IX

### Rural Centres

#### (A) Baramati Rural Centre,

#### (B) Khed-Shivapur Rural Centre.

##### (A) Baramati Rural Centre.

1. First rented Building of the Society's Branch.
2. Group of students in some of the classes
3. Group photo of some of the workers, students and boarders.
4. Mali girl from a village, fully educated at the Institution.
5. Members of the Bombay Banking Enquiry Committee as Visitors.

##### (B) Khed-Shivapur Rural Centre.

1. Rao Bahadur P. C. Patil presiding over the first Prize-distribution ceremony
2. Mr. Devadhar lecturing.
3. Chief of Phaltan giving away prizes in the second year in 1932

4. Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya addressing the villagers as President of the first Rural Uplift Conference
5. "Village Sanitation" Arogya Drama—By village boys and Poona Seva Sadan girls
6. Visit of Mr. M. L. Darling, I. O. S. (on special duty)
7. — do — (Another photo)

##### (B a) Commemoration of King's Silver Jubilee at Khed-Shivapur.

1. Visit of the Society's Public Health School to Khed-Shivapur.
2. A water tap newly opened at the Rural Uplift Centre
3. A Village Road newly named as "Babasaheb Devadhar Road".



First rented building for the Society's Branch at Baramati named after Lady Premleclabai Thackersey started in 1921-22 while Sir Vitthaladas was living. The object in undertaking work at this rural Centre was to approach the rural cultivators who were cooperators with a programme of rural improvement.



The pupils in some of the classes at Baramati.



Some of the workers at Baramati.



A young girl, malee by caste, who used to attend our classes in Baramati was staying on the farm with her mother. She began the study of Alphabet with us and learnt up to the Vernacular Final Standard. She wanted to be trained as a mid-wife for work in villages. She is now a woman deserted by her husband living with her mother and brother in villages.





The Bombay Banking Enquiry Committee visited the Branch at Baramati while on a visit to the Baramati Branch of the Provincial Cooperative Bank.

Seated from the left are—(1) Mrs. Venubai Bathe, Head Mistress. (2) Mr. V. L. Mehta, Managing Director, Bombay Provincial Cooperative Bank, Member of the Enquiry Committee, (3) Mr B. S. Kamat, M. L. C. (4) Mr. J. A. Madan, I. C. S., C. I. E., Chairman of the Committee, (5 and 6) two of the members of the Committee, (7) Mrs. Bapat, the Hon. Secretary, (8) Mrs. Umabai Barve, the Midwife.



Rao Bahadur P. C. Paul, Principal of the Agricultural College, Poona, presided over the first year's Prize-giving ceremony at Khed-Shivajin where the Society is co-operating with the Deccan Agricultural Association in Poona in doing the non-agricultural village uplift work. He is addressing the members of the village community.



Mr. G. K. Devadhar is addressing the meeting of villagers at Khed-Shivapur exhorting them to improve with the help of the various public bodies, conditions of life in villages in order to be more happy and efficient in work.



Second prize giving ceremony at Khed-Shivapur in January 1932 over which the  
Chiefsaheb of Phaltan prised and gave most practical advice to the people of  
this group of villages near Khed-Shivapur.



Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya who presided over the First Rural uplift Conference in June 1931 at the Seva Sadan in the Sir Vithaldas Thackersey Hall. Next day in the morning he paid a visit to the Rural Uplift Centre at Khed Shivapur 15 miles from Poona, on Poona Mahableshwar Road. He addressed the villagers that had assembled there in large numbers to honour him. Many delegates attended the meeting.



The Sangit "*Arogya*" drama and the sangit *Shalini* or village uplift, acted by the Poona Seva Sadan Girls in conjunction with the boys of the village Khed-Shivapur reading in our Night Class in January 1932 in conjunction with the Prize-giving ceremony of that year at the centre.

## **Visit of Mr. M. L. Darling, I.C.S.**

**(on special duty to organize Rural Credit Department of the  
Reserve Bank of India.)**



**When going round the agricultural implements Depot at Khed-Shivapur.  
G. K. Devadhar, M. L. Darling, R. S. Bapat, K. S. Jatar, and V. V. Gadgil.**

**Mr. Darling's visit to Khed-Shivapur Rural Reconstruction Centre  
on the 31st of October, 1934.**



**Left to right : Standing:— 1. Mr. V. V. Gadgil, 2. Mr. R. S. Bapat,  
3. Mr. V. K. Kogekar.**

**Left to right : Seated :— 1. Mr. K. L. Punjabee, 2. Mr. M. L. Darling,  
3. G. K. Devadbar, 4. Mr. B. S. Kamat.**

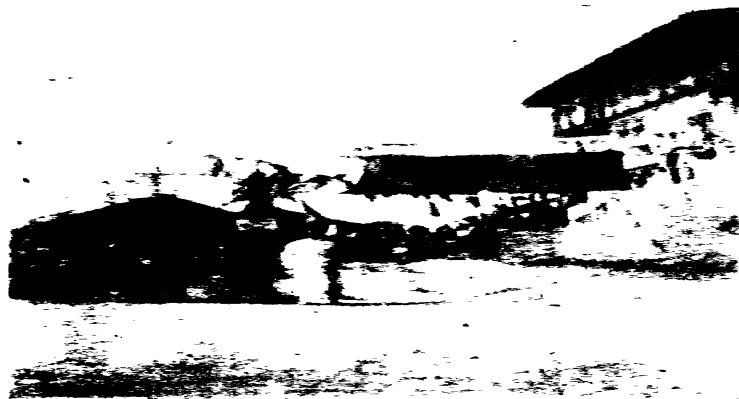




Students of the Society's Public Health School on a visit to  
Khed-Shivapur the Rural Uplift Centre on the King's  
Silver Jubilee Day 11th May 1935



- A water-tap which was newly opened  
in commemoration of the King's Silver  
Jubilee at the Rural Uplift Centre.



A Village Road in the Rural Uplift Centre newly named as " Babasaheb Devadhar Road " on the occasion of the celebration of the King's Silver Jubilee in Khed-Shivapur by the villagers.

## SUB-SECTION X

# The Nagpur Seva Sadan

### (Branch)

**(A) Office-bearers.**

1. W. R. Puranik, Esq. Government Advocate B. A., LL. B.  
Hon. Secretary Nagpur Seva Sadan.

**(B) Educational**

**(C) Industrial Classes.**

1. Sewing and Embroidery Classes for Adult women.

**(D) Music Class.**

1. Harmonium Class

**(E) Other Classes.**

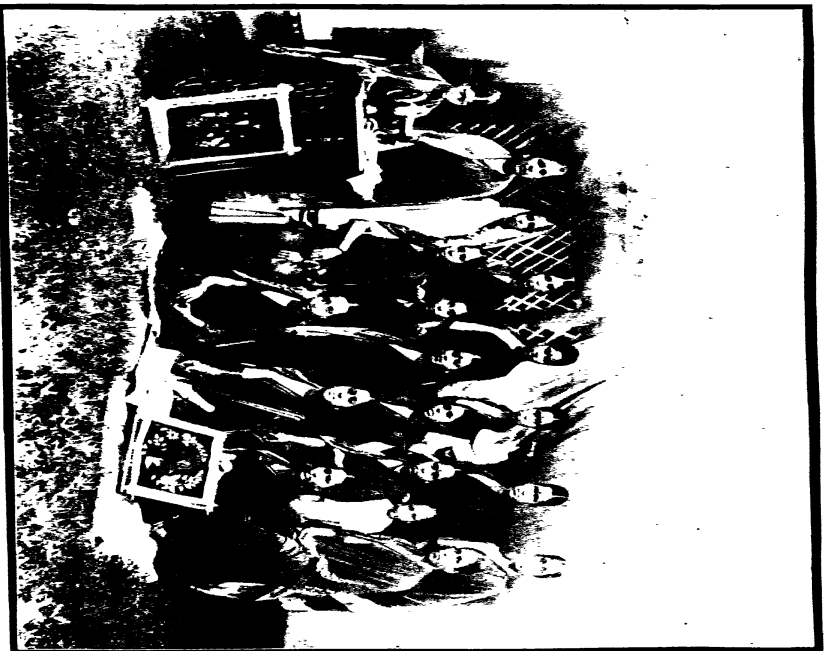
1. A group photo of some of the women reading in other classes there.

**(F) Other Photos.**

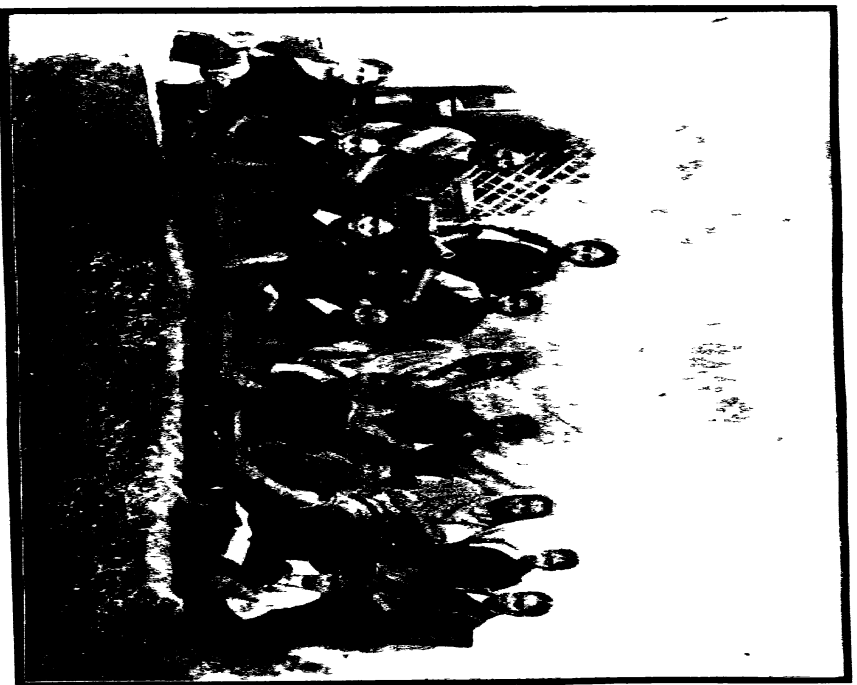
1. Head-quarters of the Nagpur Branch and the Garden surrounding it, in 1927
2. Col. K. V. Kukadey, C.I.E., I.M.S. (Retired)
3. Prize-giving function over which the late Rao Bahadur D. Laxminarayan presided



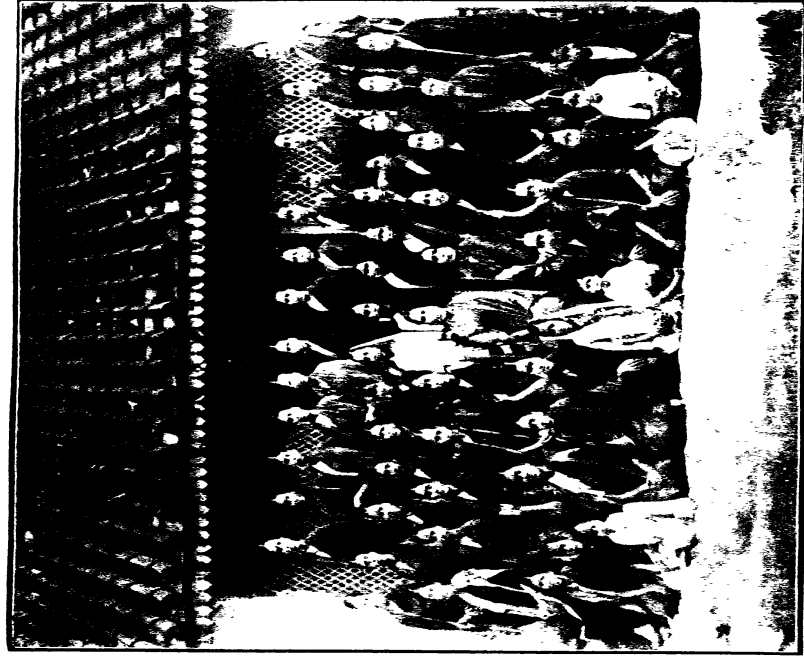
Mr. W. R. Puranik, B.A., LL.B., Government Advocate,  
and Hon. Secretary, Nagpur Sewa Sadan (Branch), Nagpur.



The sewing and embroidery classes conducted by the Nagpur Branch for adult women.

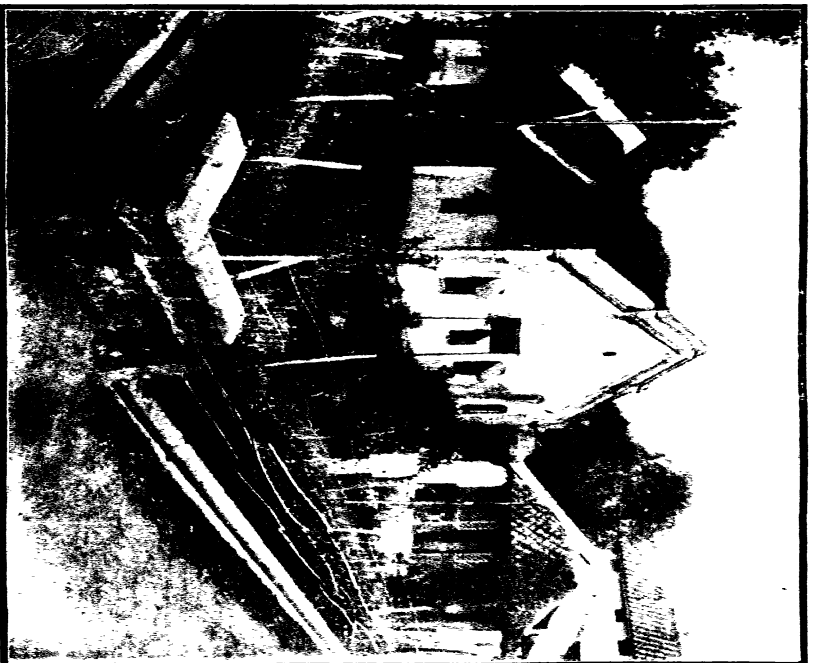


The Harmonium conducted by the Nazpur Branch.



Some of the women reading in the classes conducted by the Nagpur Branch.

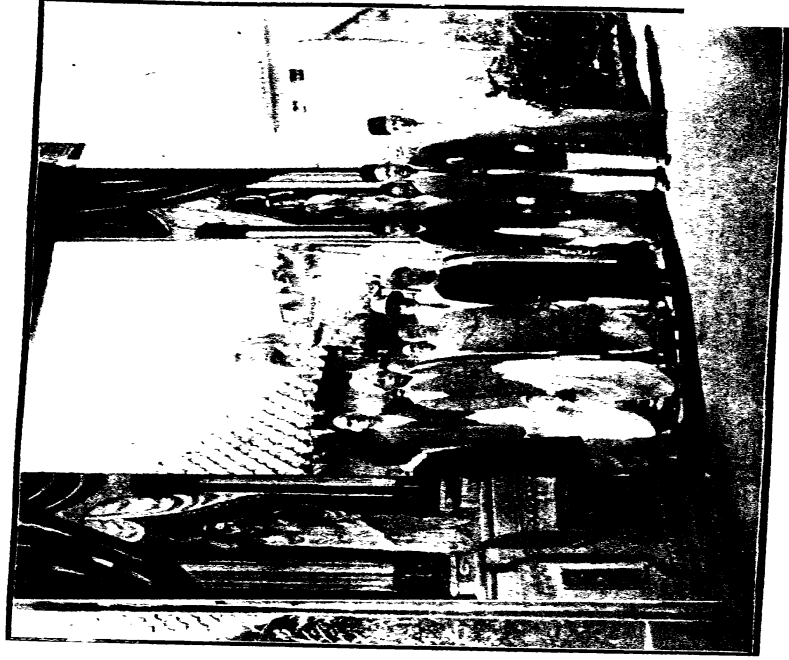




Head-quarters of the Nagpur Branch of the Poona Seva Sahai Society and  
the garden surrounding it, 1927.



Col. K. V. Kukade, C. I. E., I. M. S. ( Retired )



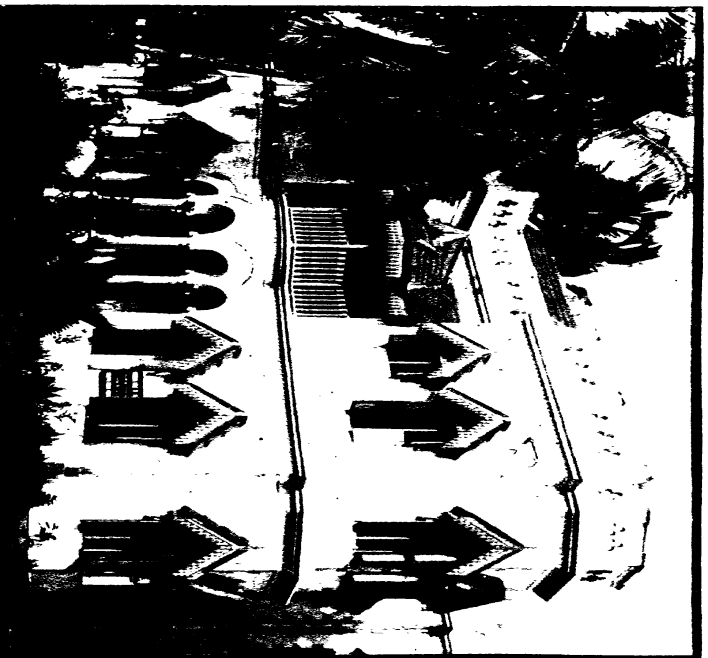
The first Annual function of the Nagpur Branch which was presided over by  
Rao Bahadur Laxmi Narayan of Kamptee.

## **SUB-SECTION XI**

# **MADRAS SEVA SADAN**

**[ Branch, (now Transferred) ]**

- 1. Original Building**
- 2. A group of inmates and workers of the "Women's Home of Service" with Mrs. Cousins and Mrs. Jinarajadasa, Mrs. Janakibai Bhat and Mr. Devadhar**
- 3. A group of the family of Mr. T. R. Venkat Ram Sastri with the prominent workers of the Poona Seva Sadan Society at Madras during the Exhibition in 1928.**
- 4. Mrs. Godubai Kashikar**
- 5. Poona Seva Sadan workers during the Moplah Rebellion in "Malabar" in 1922**



The Women's Indian Association having completely handed over to the Pooma Seva Sadan Society, the Women's Home of service, the Society took charge of it on the 20th of April 1928 and with this nucleus started its Mahatma Branch.

Thus the Home is known as Mahatma Seva Sadan, Branch of the

Pooma Seva Sadan Society.



A group of inmates and workers of the Women's Home of Service on the day of transfer with Mr. Devadhar and in the Centre is Mrs. Janakibai Bhat and Mrs. Cousins.

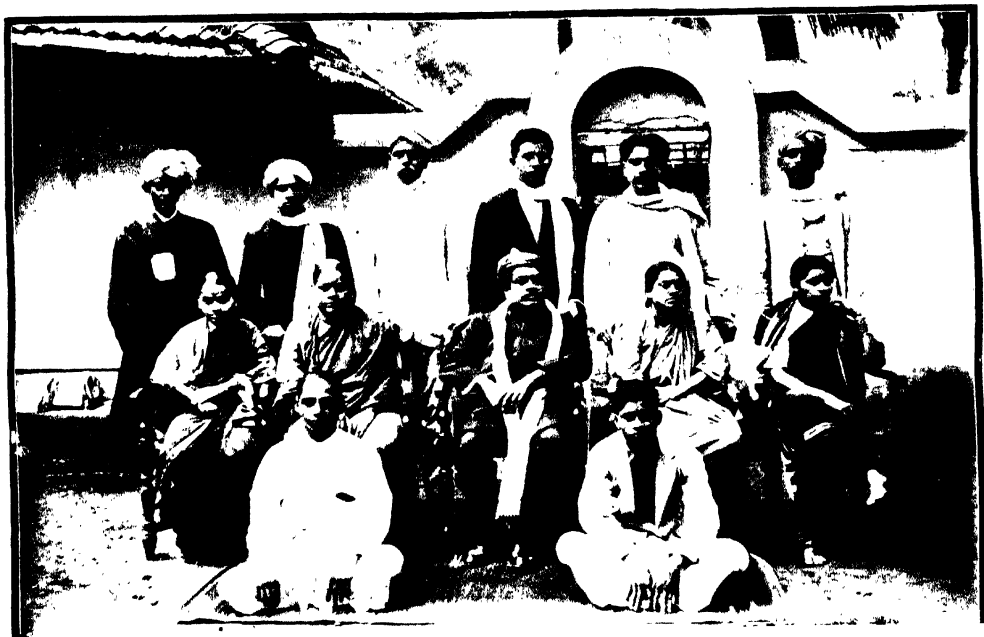


A group of the family of Mr. T. R. Venkatram Sastri C. I. E., of Madras along with the Ladies of his family taken when many prominent workers of the Poona Seva Sandan Society were at Madras along with Mr. Devadhar to organize the work of the Madras Branch. Mrs. Annapurnabai Raje, a Poona Seva Sadan Nurse, who was working at Nandyal in Madras Presidency for a couple of years is seated first on the left, third from the left is Miss Dwarkabai Bhat and the second lady from the right is Mrs. Goolai Kashikar who worked in Malabar in 1921-22 at the time of the Moplah rebellion as Nurse under Dr. (Mrs.) Austin in charge of Medical relief by the Servants of India Society and afterwards for ten years in Banzalore Cantonment as Health-Visitor. The Military Department



*Mrs. Godubai Kashikar* is the sister of the late Dr. Prof. Gune of the Fergusson College. She joined Poona Seva Sadan in about 1915, became a fully qualified nurse and mid-wife, worked in Malabar as nurse in charge of the Hospital temporarily started for the benefit of the refugee women during the Moplah rebellion. She was styled by Dr. (Mrs.) Austin as Gem. of a nurse who afterwards called her to Bangalore for work in the cantonment Municipal Crêchê, served their on a monthly salary all told comming to something like Rs. 200. She is now a military pensioner.





Seva Sadan Social Workers at Mopala rebellion “Malbar” in 1922.

## **SUB-SECTION XII**

# **Gwalior Nurses' and Midwives' Training Centre**

( for the present not working as a training centre under B.P.N.A., Bombay. )

1. Hospital Building and Nurses' group with the late Major V. M. Phatak.
2. Group photo of Hospital authorities, nurses, and probationers at the Jaya Arogya Hospital with Major Sorab Antia, Mr. Devadhar, etc.
3. Mrs. Saraswatibai Phatak, an England returned Health Visitor, (now Superintendent of Maternity Homes, Gwalior.)



The Jaya Arogya Hospital at Gwalior. The Staff of Nurses and probationers supplied by the Poona Seva Sadan Society. There is Major M. V. Phatak in the group with Mr. Devadhar when the latter was on his Inspection tour, 1926.  
The work at this Centre was started in August 1927.

A group photo taken in 1912 of the Staff matron, of nurses and of probationers at the Jaya Arogya Hospital, Cwahor, to which fully qualified nurses and probationer nurses used to be supplied by the Society. Three of the ladies trained there out of the seven in all trained as fully qualified nurses and midwives are now working as sisters in the State hospital Ujjain and of the remaining some are working in the State itself attached to the hospital and one or two have gone out. Owing to the Bombay Presidency Nursing Association having now with-



held the recognition of this centre for training nurses on the ground of its now being outside the limits of Bombay Presidency proper, the Society had to recall the probationers and retraining for their training in other hospitals in this Presidency securing for them the concession of the period for which they have undergone training at the hospital at Cwahor before the date of the withdrawal of the affiliation



**Mrs. Krishnabai Kanetkar a fully trained nurse and midwife was awarded a League of Red Cross-Society's Scholarship to go to England for post-graduate course in Public Health Nursing at the Bedford College for Women. She returned in 1926-27 and is now working as Superintendent of Maternity Homes in Gwalior State on Rs. 300- p. m. together with motor & house allowance. Having become a widow when very young she married Major V. M. Phatak in 1927 who unfortunately died in 1928-29.**

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### I.

#### **Report by the Commissioner of education with Government of India.**

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258. Remarkable success has attended the efforts of the Seva Sadan Society at Poona. Its activities are manifold. It has Vernacular and English classes, Work-room classes, Music Classes, a College for the training of primary teachers, First Aid and Home Nursing Classes, and classes for the training of nurses and midwives with hostels attached to them. It has over one thousand women and girls in its Poona Branch in the various departments of whom 190 live in the four hostels. A large number of those who attend the classes are

married women of the working class who come in for two or three hours daily in the morning or evening. The Institution has branches in Bombay and Satara. Its aim is "to foster among women ideas of social usefulness and national service suited to the requirements of the country." Credit for the wonderful success which it has achieved must largely be ascribed to the Secretary Mr. G. K. Devadhar, of the Servants of India Society. The institution has no counterpart in any other part of India.

### II.

#### **Reports of the Director of Public Instruction, Bombay**

*Extracts in connection with the Poona Seva Sadan from the Reports on Public Instruction in the Bombay Presidency.*

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#### **1. Report for the year 1922-1923, Pages 48-49.**

"The Seva Sadan Societies at Bombay, Poona, Satara, Sholapur and Baramati, ... .. provide facilities for the instruction of women in Sewing,



Knitting, First Aid, Hygiene, Domestic Economy, Cooking, English, the Vernaculars, Music, etc. The Educational Inspector, C. D., observes :—

“Of the institutions working in the cause of female education the various activities of the Seva Sadan Society at Poona and the Widows Home at Hingne near Poona are worthy of special mention. The former has now begun to extend its sphere of action and has started branches at Baramati and Sholapur. . . . The Work-room Classes, Training Classes and classes for training midwives and nurses maintained by the Seva Sadan Society are very popular. There were 1047 women and girls attending the various departments of the Seva Sadan at Poona and Baramati on 31st March, 1923. Of these, 29 attended the L. C. P. S. course and 31 are undergoing courses in nursing and midwifery. Again 149 are in Training Classes, 188 attend the work-room and sewing classes, 100 attend the Special English Classes. It is from the last named classes that women are taken up for the medical and nursing courses. Considering that there is a deplorable lack of trained nurses and midwives outside large cities the services of the Sadan in this direction are valu-

able. The women that leave the work room classes are found to be earning a respectable livelihood.”

#### Page 77.

“There are three special schools in the Central Division maintained mainly for adults, with an enrolment of 161 pupils ( 50 males and 111 females ). They are the Special English and First Aid Classes at Poona and the Sewing Classes at Baramati maintained by the Poona Seva Sadan Society, and the Islamia Private Night School, Sangamner.”

#### 2 Report for the year 1923-1924, page 47.

“The generally lower standard of primary education for girls as compared with that for boys is due chiefly to the social stigma which in many areas still attaches to the woman-teacher. There are signs, however, that things are improving in this direction. It must also be remembered that public education for girls came late in the day and even now their full primary course consists of only six standards as against seven for boys. The institution of a Vernacular Final Examination for girls in 1924 will, it is

hoped, serve to improve the standard of work. Real progress, however, cannot be made until educated Indian women like the late Mrs. Ramabai Ranade come forward in far larger numbers than at present to speak and to work on behalf of their country-women.

Much is being done by the Seva Sadan, chiefly in the direction of adult education in domestic subjects and in the training of teachers.

Most of the work done in this direction is confined to primary education, and training through the medium of the vernacular in domestic subjects. A certain amount of English is taught in the Poona Seva Sadan classes where there is a demand for it."

page 92.

"In addition to these 22 Co-operative Schools there were 216 others, as against 197 last year, the number of pupils being 7,025 as against 6,402. Four of these were Secondary (i.e. teaching English) and the rest Primary or Special, the latter (13) being mostly for women, managed by the Seva Sadan and imparting domestic training and a little English ..."

### 3. Report for the year 1924-1925, Page 51.

"Apart from the Technical and Industrial institutions, which provide varied facilities for the education of women, and more especially an honest means of livelihood to destitute widows, there are several institutions and societies which cater for the advancement of education among grown up women. The work of the Seva Sadan Society, which has now established branches at several important places, deserves to be specially mentioned. The Educational Inspector, C. D., reports :—

"The efforts of the Seva Sadan Society at Poona under the general guidance of Mr. G. K. Devadhar are varied and are directed towards making women self-reliant and self-supporting. His efforts in arranging special classes for grown-up women are particularly commendable and the fact that the facilities provided by the Seva Sadan are now availed of by about 1000 grown-up women speaks for their popularity. It is an interesting sight to witness grown-up-women of over 40 (occasionally with little children) busy with their Primer and multiplication tables."

Page 79.

"In the Central Division the Seva Sadan Society maintain four special classes for adult women, which impart instruction in English, First-aid, and Sewing.

"In addition to 26 lantern lectures delivered by the Seva Sadan Society a series of weekly public lectures was given on cultural topics of general interest. These lectures were well attended."

#### 4. Report for the year 1925-26. Page 74.

"The cause of women's education and of the uplift of women is nobly assisted by numerous Societies and Institutions in this Presidency, chief among which are the Poona Seva Sadan Society, Poona, and the Indian Women's University, Poona. The Educational Inspector, C. D., reports :—

"In the cause of female education, especially the education of adults, the efforts of Professor D. K. Karve on the one hand and of Mr. G. K. Devadhar on the other are commendable.....The efforts of the Poona Seva Sadan Society under the general guidance of Mr. G. K. Devadhar are varied and are directed to-

wards making women self-reliant and self-supporting. His efforts in arranging special classes for grown-up women are particularly commendable. The Seva Sadan Society has now on its rolls more than a thousand individual women and girls in 87 classes of all kinds. The Seva Sadan has now become so wide in its operations that it has come to be recognised as a Mission to the Women of India.

"It is thoroughly non-sectarian in its aims and work. It is worth noting that 11 girls of the Depressed Classes are accommodated along with higher caste girls in the hostels maintained by the institution."

#### Page 103.

"The day schools conducted by the Seva Sadan Society at Poona and Baramati specially intended for women also deserve special mention.

The Educational Inspector, Central Division, reports :—

"As a result of the spade work done by the Seva Sadan in the matter of establishing children's welfare centres, similar activities are noticeable in the mofussil also. The Seva Sadan, Poona, continues

to carry on various kinds of activities especially for the benefit of adult women."

5. Report for the year 1928-1929, Page 101.

"The Poona Seva Sadan Society at Poona, maintains two primary schools—one at Poona and the other at Baramati—for Adult women, with a combined roll of 161. In addition, 85 women attend the English and First Aid Classes conducted by the Society at Poona. The Society also holds Work-room classes at Poona, and in fact has done much for the spread of literacy amongst grown-up girls and women and towards raising the status of poor and helpless widows."

6. Report for the year 1929-1930. Page 111.

"The day schools for women conducted by the Seva Sadan Society at Poona and Baramati also deserve special mention. The Society has rendered great service to the cause of Women's education by opening various classes or institutions for rich and poor alike. The work-room classes of the Seva Sadan, Poona, impart technical instruction and are attended by 135 women."

7. Report for the year 1930-1931. Page 128.

"The majority of special schools are conducted by the Seva Sadan Society and are doing useful work for the educational and social uplift of Indian women. The varied activities of the Society are summed up by the Educational Inspector, C. D., in the following paragraph of his report:—

"The English and First Aid Classes, and the First Aid and Hygiene Classes conducted by the Society at Poona and Ahmednagar are attended by 69 and 15 women respectively. The three Sewing Classes at Baramati, Sholapur, and Ahmednagar, are being taken advantage of by 55 women. The Society has also conducted Work-room Classes for adult women at Poona. The Poona Seva Sadan Society has been as usual doing very useful work for the promotion of the education of women of different classes."

8. Report for the year 1932-33.  
Page 109, Para 171.

The four Hostels in the Central Division for

Depressed classes are maintained by private bodies at Poona, Sholapur, Jalgaon, and Chalisgaon. These are aided by the Department. One of these hostels, namely the hostel maintained by the Poona Seva Sadan Society at Poona, is meant for Depressed Class Women.

**Page 123, Para 191.**

The Seva Sadan English classes in Poona, with an enrolment of 77 women, are reported to be doing good work towards the encouragement of education among the adult female population of the City.

Of the special schools, the Home and the Work-room classes conducted by the Poona Seva Sadan Society for adult women may be specially mentioned.

## B.

### 1. Quinquennial Report for the years 1922-27

**Page 149.**

"The Work-room classes of the Seva Sadan have 138 pupils. This institution, which has branches at Bombay and Satara, is distinguished by the variety

of its activities. It has Vernacular and English Classes, work-room classes, music classes, and classes for training nurses and midwives, with hostels attached to them. With regard to the work done in these classes, the Inspectress writes :—

"The social and medical work of the Seva Sadan is meeting a very great need, and will do much to promote the physical condition of the women and girls of the future, while their industrial classes and grown-up women's classes held after mid-day, when the Hindu woman is most free from her household duties, give opportunities to those who would never have had them otherwise. Their English class and classes for the training of teachers are also of real help to many.

**Page 205.**

"The day schools conducted by the Seva Sadan Society at Poona and Baramati continued to do useful work. The Educational Inspector, C. D., reports :—

"The activities of the Seva Sadan, Poona, in providing facilities for the education of grown-up women are well known. Their Primary schools at

Poona and Baramati have a roll of 191 women, and their Special English Classes at Poona, with a roll of 83 women, are serving a very useful purpose. The Society has recently started High School classes, mainly with a view to securing that a large number of qualified students take up the Nursing and Medical Courses at the Sassoon Hospital and the B. J. Medical School."

Page 208.

"The number of Special schools increased from one, with 48 pupils, to five, with 258 pupils. All of these are for grown-up women and with the exception of one in Bombay, are conducted by the Poona Seva Sadan Society. Instruction is given in these classes in English, First Aid, Sewing, Music, Nursing, Midwifery, and Domestic Industries."

"The Work-room classes conducted by the Society, their Music and First-aid Classes, their Child Welfare work and Training Institutions for women, provide educational facilities for over 1000 women. The Society carries on some of these activities through its branches at Baramati, Satara, Sholapur, Ahmednagar, Alibag, Nasik, and Bombay."

## 2. Quinquennial Report for the years 1927-1932.

Page 244.

"The efforts of the Seva Sadan Society, which aims at the social and educational uplift of Indian women, are well known. The Society covers a wider field of activity in the Central Division, and maintains a network of schools at important centres."

"The Organisation of the Seva Sadan is thoroughly non-sectarian and non-sectional. It aims primarily at character-building and making women self-reliant and useful social workers. The whole work is thoroughly well organised, eminently practical and of very high social and educational value."

"Of the special schools maintained by the Seva Sadan Society, the English and First Aid Classes at Poona, the First Aid and Hygiene class at Ahmednagar and the Sewing Classes at Baramati, Ahmednagar, and Sholapur are doing useful work. Among the classes conducted by the society the work-room classes which are attended by adult women are very

popular. Instruction is imparted in various arts and crafts to enable the students to earn decent livelihood."

—Extract from Chapter XII on "The Village"  
Page 57.

### III.

**Reports:—Indian Royal Agricultural Commission, 1928.**

#### A. The Abridged Report.

##### 1. The Health and Welfare of the country-side:—

"In the course of our tour, we have been much impressed by the great awakening of non-official interest in the health and welfare of the country-side. It is from this manifestation of public interest that we derive our greatest encouragement and hope. This awakening is general and not confined to any particular province. As typical examples of such efforts, we could mention the *Poona Seva Sadan Society*, the Co-operative Anti-Malaria Society in Bengal, and the rural reconstruction work of the Y. M. C. A. in southern India."

##### 2. Links between the Village and the Town.

"Next to making some one individual resident in the village itself responsible for advising the villagers where to go for advice and how best to utilise their own skill and resources in improving the amenities of the village in their spare time, we attach most importance to linking the villages with the social life of the town. We consider that this can best be effected by social workers organised in societies like the (Poona) Seva Sadan Society of Poona. Such organisation facilitates continuity of policy and steady pressure over a long period, both of which are required if permanent results are to be obtained."

—Extract from Chapter XII on "The Village"  
Page 60.

#### B. The Big Report.

1. Typical Examples of such efforts:—The Seva Sadan Society: "The social work of the Servants

of India Society, which was founded by the late Mr. Gokhale, is an interesting example of non-official effort. *It is directed by the Poona Seva Sadan Society which was established in 1910 as a movement to promote the education of women.* Its activities extend to all branches of education, literary, industrial, medical and cultural, but the basic ideal is social service. Whilst all its efforts, therefore, have a bearing on the problems of rural environment, special mention should be made of the facilities which it provides for medical education amongst women. In its last report, 78 women are shown as attending courses of instruction in midwifery and nursing and as students of *the Public Health School at Poona.* Infant welfare centres are attached to the Ahmednagar and Sholapur maternity hospitals, and 148 and 117 women respectively are being trained in midwifery, nursing and child welfare work. There are also branches of the institution at Nagpur and Gwalior where similar work is carried on. In addition to instructional work, and the conduct of infant welfare centres, the society distributes free of cost, medicine, milk and clothes to the children of the poor, while free advice and treatment are given to expectant mothers. The Society is

also extending maternity and child welfare activities in other stations and now has in all five small maternity hospitals and dispensaries and seven infant welfare centres. A number of trained nurses are also available for work in the districts."

—Extract from Chapter XIV on "The Village", page 489, para 408.

## 2. Links between the Village and the Town.

"Next to making some one individual resident in the village itself responsible for advising the villagers where to go for advice and how best to utilise their own skill and resources in improving the amenities of the village in their spare time, we attach most importance to linking the village with the social life of the towns. It would be a tragedy if, during the period of transition, which, we believe, lies before the Indian cultivator, he received no effective assistance from the educated elements in the country. The work started by the Servants of India Society in the Bhil country in the Panch Mahals district of Bombay, and by such societies as the **Poona Seva Sadan Society**, to which reference has already been made, is full of



promise for the future. But, in the main, the attention of social workers has so far been directed to the towns and their vicinity rather than to the country. We are of opinion that work done by societies has a great advantage over individual effort, however devoted. Continuity of policy and steady pressure over a long period are required if permanent results are to be obtained."

—Extract from Chapter XIV on "The Village", page 503, para 425.

### 3. The Depressed Classes.

[The following is an important extract from the Report of the Royal Commission on Agriculture, 1928. It deals with the solution of the problem of the depressed classes in villages. It will be seen that our Society's policy in this direction in helping the solution of the problem is fully justified.]

#### (a) General:—

"We hold it to be no part of our duty, wide as the terms of our enquiry, to examine in detail the position and prospects of the Depressed Classes. But their mere numbers give them an importance in the life of the country,

which requires that the problems with which they have become associated shall not be passed over in silence.

The Census Report for 1921 gave the figure of 52,680,000, or one-sixth of the entire population of India, as a rough estimate of the minimum numbers which may be considered to form the "depressed classes" of the Hindu community. The disabilities under which these people labour differ according to the degree of the ceremonial impurity. This "varies in different tracts and is most conspicuous in Southern India where, perhaps owing to more settled conditions, orthodox Hindu sentiment has been able to develop an intensity of social differentiation which the more complex conditions in Northern India would tend to modify" (Census Report of 1921). That one-sixth of the total population are, in varying degree, denied the common intercourse of life, refused permission to obtain water from the village well, refused even the meagre facilities available for the education of their children, are facts which every impartial student of Social Life in India cannot but admit and, admitting must deplore. But the Hindu Community of today cannot be justly criticised for results the causes of which lie far back in the social history of an ancient country and are themselves very imperfectly known. An increasing number of the Hindu community are striving with all the resources at their command to remove the stigma of social inferiority from these classes. Although, in some cases, removal from the surroundings and colonisation of areas newly won for cultivation, on the lines of the labour colonies started by the Madras Government, may be a beneficial step, the vastness of the population affected makes it

clear that the problem, as a whole, cannot be solved by such special measures. The influence which education has in raising their status is remarkable. The Namasudras of the Bengal Presidency have shown a remarkable desire for, and success in obtaining, education with the result that large sections of the caste who have become educated are now no longer regarded as depressed. We, therefore, affirm our belief in education as the only completely satisfactory solution."

**(b) Difficulties confronting Social Reformer.**

But, here it must be recognised that a Social Reformer is confronted with the serious difficulty that the Depressed Classes as a whole do not desire education for their children. They require, in many cases, the earnings of their children to supplement their own. Nevertheless, progress in education is being made throughout the country. It is impossible to obtain accurate statistics regarding that progress, as no satisfactory definition of what constitutes a "depressed class" can be made. "From the point of view of educationist a child may be said to belong to the depressed class, if his or her presence in the common school is resented by respectable parents." \* Much encouragement can legitimately be drawn

from the fact that this resentment is not an unchanging factor. All social students whom we have met in the course of our enquiry are agreed that, in the past quarter of a century there has been a general decline in its degree and extent. We agree with the educational authorities that it is important from every point of view that special schools should not be established, but that wherever practicable, the admission of the children of these classes to the ordinary schools should be insisted on. In certain parts of the country, introduction of the compulsory system may intensify the problem of common education, but we trust that it will be squarely met by all members of the community and not shirked by a resort to special schools or to segregation within the common school. It is scarcely necessary for us to point out that, in no field of work in the villages, have private organisations a greater opportunity for usefulness than in the raising of depressed element of the community into full membership of the common life.

—Extracts from Chapter XIV on "The Village",  
pages 508 and 509, paras 432-433.

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\* Progress of Education in India, 1917-1922 (page 286.)



**SECTION IV.**

**Speeches, Remarks, Tributes, etc.**

BY

**The Viceroys and the Vicereines  
of India**

AND THE

**Governors of Bombay.**

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## SECTION IV.

(A)

**The Viceroys and the Vicereines of India.****(1) Her Excellency Lady Irwin's Remarks.**

It was the greatest pleasure and interest to me to be able to visit the Poona Seva Sadan Society and to see for myself the splendid work which is being done, of which I had heard so much.

I was immensely impressed by all that I saw, the efficiency of the training of the women for so many useful occupations, the spirit of self-sacrifice and devotion shown by Mr. Devadhar and all his fellow-workers and the atmosphere of brightness and happiness in all the class rooms.

I wish the Society every possible success in the continuation and expansion of its admirable work.

Poona, } (Sd.) DOROTHY IRWIN,  
August 2nd, 1926. }

**(2) His Excellency Lord Willingdon's Message.**

[A copy of a letter dated the 24th of February, 1933, by the Private Secretary to His Excellency Lord Willingdon to Mr. Devadhar who met the latter in Delhi on the 20th of February, 1933, when he had been there to attend meetings of the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research. Mr. Devadhar had an interview with His Excellency the Viceroy who made very kind enquiries about old friends and work in Poona; and among many things to which the long interview related as results of enquiry, Mr. Devadhar presented His Excellency with a copy of the latest report of the Deccan Agricultural Association in Poona of which he is the Chairman. In the Report is incorporated the account of the rural uplift activity carried on by the Poona Seva Sadan Society in collaboration with the Bombay Presidency Baby and Health Week Association and the Deccan Agricultural Association. Mr. Devadhar requested His Excellency to indicate his views on what is known as *rural reconstruction* in the form of a message which His Excel-

lency was kind enough to write and send it on to Mr. Devadhar over his own signature.]

THE VICEROY'S HOUSE,  
NEW DELHI.

D. O. No. 1115 G. M.

24th February, 1933.

Dear Mr. Devadhar,

With reference to your conversation of last Monday, I have pleasure in enclosing a message from His Excellency extolling the work which you have done with regard to the Deccan Agricultural Association. I trust that the message will meet the purpose you had in mind.

Yours sincerely,  
Sd/- E. C. MIEVILLE,  
(Private Secretary to the Viceroy).

**His Excellency Lord Willingdon, the Viceroy  
of India.**

THE VICEROY'S HOUSE,  
NEW DELHI,  
24th February, 1933.

One of the many happy recollections of my life

when I was the Governor of Bombay is that I had the privilege of being the first patron of the Deccan Agricultural Association which, starting as it did in small way, has, under the guidance of my old friend, Mr. Devadhar, and his numerous unselfish and devoted helpers developed into an increasingly important organisation which has for its purpose not only the economic uplift and improvement of our rural population, but through education to teach them to become self-reliant and self-respecting citizens of the country.

All efforts made to create great public opinion which will increasingly help to improve the social life of all those who find it impossible to help themselves, will always have my warmest sympathy; and in congratulating Mr. Devadhar and his co-workers on their splendid services rendered in the past, I trust that the work of the Deccan Agricultural Association will prosper exceedingly in the future.

24-2-33.

(Sd.) WILLINGDON.

B

## **The Governors of Bombay, and their Wives**

(1)

### **His Excellency Lord Willingdon's Speech**

( Delivered on the 16th October, 1917, when he was the Governor of Bombay )

His Excellency in his presidential remarks said that he had to thank Mr. Devadhar for sparing him the necessity of a long address to them as he had only received his report at 4 p. m. that afternoon. Mr. Devadhar, however, doubtless knew the many speeches the Governor had had to deliver at the Legislative Council ; and he, therefore, refrained from burdening him further. It was only left to him to say that he wished to congratulate them all, Mrs. Ranade, Mr. Devadhar, and all their co-workers on the good work they had accomplished in advancing female education, as was evident from the full and comprehensive report submitted by Mr. Devadhar. Referring to the Training College, he asked every one to realize the great help the Poona Seva Sadan was giving to Government in the matter of teaching. He said that he was not standing there to criticise, but he wished sincerely to say that it was a very

great pleasure to himself and Lady Willingdon to be present at such a function that day and to emphasize how enormous was the help which such an institution was able to give to Government. He was sorry to say that owing to the war, the financial position of Government was not yet satisfactory and Mr. Devadhar had not only hinted but suggested that Government should go to his assistance ; but His Excellency, though he knew nothing officially, thought, from the speech of the Hon'ble Mr. Covern-ton—the Director of Public Instruction,—and from the fact that the Chancellor of the Exchequer ( The Hon. Mr. Carmichael who was sitting near him, ) looked cheerful, that there was no need for him to say that the claim of the institution, would meet with sympathetic consideration, and that they may be full of hope. The Institution, His Excellency thought, was the best of its kind in India. Lord Willingdon then thanked the Poona Seva Sadan for the help given to Government and assured the audience that he went away from the meeting immensely impressed with the usefulness of the good and valuable work it was accomplishing and he felt grateful to Mrs. Ramabai Ranade and Mr. Devadhar for all they had done.



(N. B. This great meeting in Poona had made such a deep and abiding impression on the mind of His Excellency Lord Willingdon that when his Lordship was in London, in 1918-19, before proceeding to Madras to assume the reins of the administration as Governor of that Province, he attended in London a meeting which was being addressed by Mr. G. K. Devadhar, during the latter's visit to England just at that time as a member of the Indian Press Delegation at the invitation of the British Government through the Government of India, on the subject of the **Servants of India Society and its Work** under the presidency of Sir Richard Lamb who had just then retired but who had worked in Bombay before retirement as the senior member of the Executive Council of the Governor of Bombay—H. E. Lord Willingdon. This meeting which was addressed by Mr. Devadhar and attended by His Excellency Lord Willingdon was arranged by the East Indian Association in London. Several English friends then in London attended the meeting and spoke. Lord Willingdon was one of them. In the course of his enthusiastic speech which was couched in most appreciative terms he remembered very vividly the fact of his having presided over this Prize-giving function of the Poona Seva

Sadan Society in 1917, and told the meeting that Mr. Devadhar had brought to the Amphitheatre of the Fergusson College, *a sea of women*, half of the whole of the very big Theatre being filled to its utmost capacity by the women who were then the pupils attending the classes conducted by the Society in Poona and others who were members and sympathisers of the Society. His Excellency as Governor of Madras also gave very considerable help to Mr. Devadhar in his organization or measures of relief to the very large number of poor sufferers from Moplah Rebellion and even afterwards when it was thoroughly quelled. The Poona Seva Sadan Society had taken a definite share in this work when Mrs. Austin—the wife of the former Dewan of Travancore, Mr. T. Austin, I. C. S., who is now the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Madras Presidency. He was then the Sub-Collector at Mallappuram in the District of Malabar, and she was placed in charge of the Hospital started by the Servants of India Society for the benefit of women and children who had fled there from the affected parts and who needed very badly medical aid, food, and shelter. Mrs. Austin was assisted by a lady doctor from the Poona Seva Sadan by name Dr. (Mrs.) Saibai Ranade, L. C. P. S.

and a fully qualified B. P. N. A. nurse and mid-wife by name Mrs. Godubai Kashikar belonging to the Poona Seva Sadan Society whom Mrs. Austin described later on as a "gem" of a Nurse. Dr. (Miss) Martin, a missionary lady doctor from Nagpur, afterwards assisted in this work. The whole relief organisation was in charge of Mr. Devadhar.

—Extract from the Report of the Poona Seva Sadan Society for the year 1918.)

(2)

### **H. E. Sir ( now Baron or Lord ) George Lloyd's Speech**

His Excellency Sir George Lloyd (now Baron or Lord Lloyd), the then Governor of Bombay, and Lady Lloyd who afterwards became the Hon. Patroness of the Society, both paid a long visit to the headquarters of the Society on the 22nd July, 1919; and after visiting all the Classes, H. E. made a very sympathetic and appreciative speech from which the following extract is taken:—

"I recognise that you train workers for different kinds of service and that you will also recruit raw

material for the Nursing Scheme which Lady Lloyd is anxious to see developed. Your Institution will be of greatest use in this direction. Gentlemen, you always refer to financial help in such addresses and Government on their side have to consider their resources. But I can assure you of the most sympathetic treatment of your needs at the hands of Government and you can always count upon assistance from the Government in your efforts to develop and expand. The Institution has placed before it a great task and Government will help you as much as may be possible in spreading the task over a wider area because Government recognise that they are primarily concerned in the spread of such work. I shall watch the progress of this Institution and shall take deep interest in its welfare and advance. During the term of my office I have no doubt that I shall see the expansion of the work."

(3)

### **H. E. Sir Henry Lawrence, K. C. S. I. Ag. Governor of Bombay.**

I had great pleasure in revisiting this institution after several years' absence from Poona. The Society

has overcome the opposition it had to face in early days; and the value of the work it is doing for the women of all classes is being recognised. I am inclined to think that it needs more advertisement amongst those classes in Bombay which, having recently made large fortunes, are looking for institutions deserving of their charity.

Poona.

(Sd.) HENRY LAWRENCE.

30th September, 1920.

(4)

### **H. E. Sir Leslie Wilson's Speech**

Speech by His Excellency Sir Leslie Wilson, the Governor of Bombay, when he presided over the Prize-distribution ceremony on Thursday the 8th of October, 1925.

After the distribution of the prizes His Excellency Sir Leslie Wilson delivered a very interesting and encouraging speech which runs as follows:—

#### **His Excellency said:—**

“Shrimant (Dowager) Ranisabab of Jamkhandi, Mr. Devadhar, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I do not think I need tell you that it gives Lady Wilson and myself the very greatest pleasure to visit for the second time, an institution whose name, I think I can safely say, is a household word throughout India. We visited your Institution a year ago, as Mr. Devadhar has told you. It is true that the visit was a somewhat hurried one—not that we did not spend a considerable time in seeing the numerous activities of the Society, but a whole day would be insufficient to give any visitor any adequate realisation of its great and responsible work. We had, however some opportunity of seeing the excellent work which is being done here, and the speech by Mr. Devadhar which, we have just heard, must, I am sure, have given us all a still clearer idea of the wide-spread activities of your Society, and of the excellent work which is being done by it in the cause of women's education in India.

The development of Women's education and of medical relief for women and children, is of comparatively recent growth in India. The importance of this work cannot be over-estimated, and as I have said before, the most encouraging sign in this connection is the very keen interest such work is

arousing among the women for whose benefit it is intended. I feel sure that it deserves, and I trust will receive, every support possible from the wealthy and the philanthropic people not only of Poona, but of the whole Presidency of Bombay. It seems very clear to me that you cannot expect any country, so long as one half of the population, by which I refer to the women and children, remains in a comparatively backward state in such matters; for, in every country it will be found that the character and training of the men in their boyhood years depend on the teaching they receive from their mothers before they go into the world to the ordinary educational institutions. It is for this reason, among many others, that I have been always glad to give whatever support I can to the Poona Seva Sadan, and Lady Wilson and I both very much appreciate the expressions of gratitude to ourselves and to Government for anything we have done to encourage and support your Society.

Perhaps one of its strongest claims on the public for financial support is the fact that your work is not sectarian in character, and that the women and children whom you help are drawn from all classes

and communities. This enables you to make widespread appeal for support, which would perhaps not be justified had you confined yourselves to the uplift only of one community, and your policy provides an excellent example of co-operation, and freedom from all communal and sectarian bias, and is a policy on which I sincerely congratulate you.

It is natural that an institution which has expanded so rapidly should find itself faced with very considerable financial difficulties. So far as your educational activities are concerned, you are entitled to claim grants-in-aid from Government, and from the local authorities, on the same scale as other similar institutions, and I have no doubt that any applications you have to make to Government in this connection will receive the most sympathetic consideration from Education Department and from the Minister, as I can assure you, they will receive from myself.

The request to which you attach the greatest importance, namely, the lease to you of the Vishram Bagh Wada, is one which has been before Government for some years. So far as I can see at present the new Courts are not likely to be completed before

the autumn of 1926, so that my Government has not yet come to a final decision as to the disposal of the Vishram Bagh Wada when it is vacated. I believe there are other claimants in the field, and their representations also must necessarily be taken into considerations. At present, I can only go so far as to say that I know personally of no institution or society that has a better claim, by reason of its past record and present performance on the Vishram Bagh Wada than your Society and I can assure you that when the time comes to make final decision, the fullest weight will be given to all the facts and arguments you have brought forward in support of your claim.

I have listened with great interest to the very full account of your activities, which has just been read, and I heartily congratulate those who have passed out of your Institution on the manner in which they are maintaining the splendid traditions which they have acquired during their course of training here. To those who are at present undergoing training, I can only say that I hope they will prove themselves worthy successors of those ladies whose names have been mentioned on this occasion and that when the time comes for them to go out to

their wider duties, in other parts of this Presidency, they will continue to follow these very high traditions.

In your speech, Mr. Devadhar, you have very rightly mentioned, at some length, the services of several of your workers. You have paid them, as they deserve, well merited compliments on their self-sacrificing efforts in the great cause for which the Poona Seva Sadan works. You have not, and could not in your modesty, mention one name, namely, that of Mr. Devadhar and I think it is unnecessary for me to tell an audience, such as this, that the success of the Society and the high ideals to which it works, are due to so large a degree to the initiation, the enterprise, and the zeal of Mr. Devadhar. I have personally, as Lady Wilson has, an ever-growing admiration for his enthusiasm which never flags, his energy which daily seems to increase, and his optimistic outlook on the future which is an example to all. A deep debt of gratitude is owing to him and to his willing band of excellent workers".

### **Vishram Bagh Wada's Future.**

All those who know Mr. Devadhar, know that he is a very difficult man to satisfy, but the demands,

which he puts forward so strongly and incessantly, are generally supported by excellent reasons. In putting forward his request that the Vishram Bagh Wada may be handed over to the (Poona) Seva Sadan, he has skillfully strengthened his appeal by inviting Her Highness the Ranisaheb of Sangli, as President of the Society, to make a personal appeal to me in the name of the women of this Presidency for the improvement, as the Ranisaheb has argued, of the lot of the neglected women whose education in this country at any rate ought to be the first charge on the revenue of Government and on the charity of the public. I wish very much that it was possible for me to-day to make a definite statement regarding the future of the Vishram Bagh Wada but when the time comes for arriving at a final decision, you know, without my telling you that so far as I personally am concerned the claims of the Society will not be overlooked and I can assure you that Government will give them every consideration.

### **At Home**

Their Highnesses the Chief Sahab and Ranisaheb of Sangli were then "At Home" to the distinguished guests and all visitors but before the company ad-

joined for refreshments, His Highness the Chief Sahab moved a vote of thanks to His Excellency and Lady Wilson for having consented to fit in a short time to attend the function.

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### **H. E. Sir Leslie Wilson's Warm Tribute.**

#### **"Solid and Truly National Work of (Poona) Seva Sadan."**

"I know of no organisation in the Bombay Presidency that can be compared with the Poona Seva Sadan for the work it is doing and I have heard it stated more than once on very high authority that there is no other Society like it in the whole of India."

This was one of the several tributes paid by His Excellency the Governor this evening when attending two functions organised by the Poona Seva Sadan. One was the laying of the foundation stone of the Sir Leslie and Lady Wilson Nurses' Home opposite the Sassoon Hospitals, and the other was a farewell entertainment given immediately afterwards at the

Society's Head-quarters. A fervent appeal by Mr. Devadhar marked the former function, and His Excellency warmly supported his plea for more money. "There can be no doubt in the minds of any of us of the value of the work that is being done by the Poona Seva Sadan Society in the training of Nurses and in the provision of facilities for lady Medical Students" said the Governor. "Like all those who look forward with hope and confidence to the social and political development of this great country, Lady Wilson and I have from the very first recognised the unique position of the Poona Seva Sadan as a truly nation-building agency and I need hardly say that we readily agreed to come here to lay the foundation stone of a building which will enable the Society to continue the excellent work it has been doing for some years and to widen the scope of its activities." There was a very large and influential gathering present at the function which showed the deep interest taken by the whole of Poona in the work of the Seva Sadan.

—Extract from the "*The Times of India*" Bombay.

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### **Sir Leslie Wilson's Tribute to the Poona Seva Sadan Society.**

In welcoming His Excellency the Governor and Lady Wilson and the guests, Her Highness the Rani-sahab of Sangli (the President of the Society) said, that this was a memorable day in the annals of the Society inasmuch as it marked the happy achievement of a longfelt desire to commence the work of a suitable building for the women and girls who sought the shelter of the Society's Homes while undergoing various courses of medical training in Poona.

In requesting His Excellency to lay the foundation stone, His Highness the Chief Sahab of Sangli said that one of the special features of the Society's work was the extremely useful character of the education of women for which it had been making arrangements in Poona and about a dozen other places and towns outside Poona where it had established its branches. But the unique service, which the Society had rendered to the Presidency said the

Chief Sahab, and indeed to the whole of India was the great facilities it afforded to poor and middle class women of all castes, creeds and communities to be trained as Mistresses and Teachers in sewing, weaving, needle-work, music, and singing and as governesses, matrons, nurses, midwives, sub-assistant surgeons, and public health visitors.

### **Hopes realized.**

His Excellency the Governor Sir Leslie Wilson, in laying the foundation stone, said :—

“After what has been said in the very interesting speeches to which we have just listened I feel sure that there can be no doubt in the minds of any of us of the value of the work that is being done by the Poona Seva Sadan Society in the training of nurses and in the provision of facilities for lady medical students. Like all those who look forward with hope and confidence to the social and political development of this great country, Lady Wilson and I have, from the very first, recognised the unique position of the Poona Seva Sadan as a trully nation-building agency, and I need hardly say that we readily agreed to come here this afternoon to lay the foundation stone of a building which will enable the Society to

continue the excellent work it has been doing for some years and to widen the scope of its activities.

In many parts of India so far as my observation goes, it has been hitherto the custom to rely almost entirely on official or semi-official agencies for the work of medical relief and the organisation of public health propaganda. In this Presidency we have been fortunate in finding, in the Poona Seva Sadan Society, a body which endeavours to carry out these valuable duties mainly through the exertion of the members of the Society and to some extent with help from Government. Had we, as a Government been called upon, as is too commonly the case, to do everything ourselves, we should, I fear, have found the task beyond our powers in our present financial circumstances. Consequently the great assistance given by the Poona Seva Sadan Society to Government and to the local bodies, and the services it has rendered to the public in general can hardly be over-estimated.

The Society was faced with a very difficult task in attempting to popularise medical education and hospital nursing among the women of the better classes, and in spreading useful medical knowledge



throughout the villages; it has also undertaken on a considerable scale, medical relief for women and children, specially amongst these classes who are very conservative in their ideas and mode of life to whom Mr. Devadhar has particularly referred.

In the present state of our finances, it is very difficult for me to be at all hopeful in referring to your request for a more liberal measure of financial help from Government. I feel, however, quite safe in saying that the record of your Society's work is such as to justify a very large measure of support from Government and when the financial situation improves, there is, I think, no reason to fear that your reasonable claim will be neglected. Personally I am very glad to support the appeal made by His Highness the Chief Sahib of Sangli and Mr Devadhar to all wealthy people and to the Princes and Chiefs in this Presidency and all over India."

His Excellency and Lady Wilson were then thanked by Major-General Anthony and Major Plumptre and after being garlanded left for the Poona Seva Sadan Society's headquarters where they were given a public farewell.

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### **H. E. Sir Leslie Wilson's Reply.**

His Excellency replied in another speech which contained his views of the worth and work of the Society which was entertaining Lady Wilson and himself.

He said that they had heard of the Poona Seva Sadan Society before they came to India, therefore, they arrived at Poona with certain prepossessions in favour of the Society. But he added that all his hopes had been realised and all his expectations justified, particularly through his personal relations with the leading workers of the Society such as Mr. Devadhar, Mrs. Janakibai Bhat, and others.

### **Known in England.**

His Excellency paid another tribute to the work of the Poona Seva Sadan and in the course of his speech said:—

Lady Wilson and I are both very grateful to Your Highness, as President of the Poona Seva Sadan Society, and to Mr. Devadhar and the

members of the Society for inviting us here this afternoon to bid us farewell. Before we came to India the fame of your Society had already reached us in England, and we had heard a great deal from some of our English friends, who had met Mr. Devadhar and seen his work, regarding the useful activities of your Society in various fields of social service. Consequently we came to Poona with certain prepossessions in favour of the Poona Seva Sadan, which I am delighted to say, have been more than justified from my personal knowledge of the Society's manifold activities and my close contact with some of the leading workers in the Society, such as Mr. Devadhar, Mrs. Janakibai Bhat and others. I have no hesitation in repeating on this occasion what I said three years ago in this very month and this very place that the Society's name is already a household word in India, and it is becoming better known year after year.

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### **H. E. Sir Frederick Sykes' Speech.**

[His Excellency gave a very sympathetic reply couched in the most appreciative terms, to the Deputation organised by the Poona Seva Sadan Society to

wait upon His Excellency Sir Frederick Sykes, the Governor of Bombay, on Monday, the 16th of October, 1933, at the Government House in Poona. The following is the full text of His Excellency Sir Frederick Sykes' reply.]

"Your Highness the Ranisaheb of Sangli, Mr. Devadhar, ladies, and gentlemen,

I am indeed very glad to have this opportunity of meeting you all here again and hearing an account of needs and special problems of your Society which has done and is doing such an excellent work in the cause of the uplift and education of the women of India.

### **A Proud Record.**

I was very interested to find in the illustrated brochure presented by you to Lady Sykes and myself about two weeks ago the account of the manifold activities of your Society, and I congratulate you no less on the spirit of service, and self-sacrifice that so clearly animates your work than on the admirable results that your Society has achieved within the 23 years which have elapsed since its inception. I understand that during this period you have sent out from the institutions maintained by you nearly 700 women as trained social workers, teachers, nurses,

mid-wives, sub-assistant surgeons, health-visitors, governesses, sewing and singing mistresses, etc. This is indeed a record of which anybody can rightly feel very proud.

### **Help to the Helpless Widow.**

The social and educational progress of a country depends as much on women as on men, and unless the women take part in the progress, and the atmosphere of the home reflects the enlightenment which is spreading from schools and all other kinds of beneficial public institutions, the advance will be illusory rather than genuine. To your Society belongs the credit of having broken down the age-long-prejudice in orthodox Hindu circles against respectable women serving as nurses in hospitals, and of having opened new avenues of usefulness to the once helpless Hindu widow. By educating the women of India, irrespective of caste and creed, and thus making them more self-reliant and independent, you have done more for the social and political progress of India than many other organisations that attract more public attention, and I hope that this fact will be increasingly realised by the public and that the

wealthy and the philanthropic public, not only of Poona but of the whole Presidency, will rally to your support.

### **Government's Sympathy.**

That Government have realised the merit of the work done by your Society is clear from the fact that they have sanctioned a substantial recurring grant towards your expenses. As you know during the three years ending 1930-31 your Society received from Government grants aggregating over Rs. 50,000, and I have no doubt, whatever, that when the advent of more prosperous times allows, the Government will again consider your claims sympathetically.

### **Tribute to Mr. Devadhar.**

In bidding you all farewell I should like to take the opportunity of paying a personal tribute to the work of the Honorary Organiser, Mr. Devadhar, to whose inspiration and unflagging activity this great enterprise owes so much. He has spent his life in the pursuit of high ideals, and in single-hearted devotion to the service of his fatherland, and he will live in the Seva Sadan, when the time comes for him to lay

down his work, a lasting memorial of his personality and of the principles which he learnt from the great founder of the Servants of India Society and which he has carried with him undimmed through life. To him and to his throng of loyal and active colleagues India owes a great debt of gratitude for the work that has been accomplished."

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**Her Excellency Lady Hotson, the wife  
of the Offg. Governor of Bombay.**

"I was very interested and pleased with my visit to Khed-Shivapur. In the Institute there seemed many ways of interesting and educating the villagers in a simple way; and assuredly hygiene is much to be recommended. It all owes so much to the practical energies and organization of Mr. Devadhar."

KHED-SHIVAPUR.

20th October, 1931.



**SECTION. V.**

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**Extracts from Books, Reports, and  
Newspapers**

**Relating to  
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## SECTION V.

## SUBSECTION I.

**Extracts from Books****"Renascent India"**

(1) Turning now to the *somewhat similar work* called into being by Mr. G. K. Devadhar, this centres round one of the most important and beneficial organisations in India for the uplift of women of all castes and classes—the Poona Seva Sadan. The origin of this institution Mr. Devadhar himself describes thus:—

"While engaged in famine-relief in the United Provinces (in 1907-8), my conviction grew that India needed just as much an army of trained women workers in various fields of national advance, as men. On my return to Poona I called a dozen small meetings of friends, both ladies and gentlemen, who would feel interested in this idea and these meetings resulted in a resolve

to undertake the education and training of half a dozen poor widows as social workers". This work was started in the house of Mrs. Ramabai Ranade, the widow of the great reformer (Justice Mahadev Govind Ranade), and she remained until her death in 1924, President of the new Society which was definitely launched in 1909—with "life-workers" and a staff of other devoted workers, much after the style of the other societies already referred to, by me. To Mr. G. K. Devadhar belongs the great merit of having broken down the prejudice in orthodox Hindu circles against what seemed the preposterous idea of respectable women and girls serving in hospitals as nurses indiscriminately, men and women of all classes and castes. He sent in 1911 two young ladies to the great hospital in Poona for training and from this small start made with the greatest diffidence and difficulty, has sprung the magnificent result to-day—the breaking down of age-long prejudice, the opening up of new avenues of usefulness to the once useless Hindu widow, the relief of suffering and bruised humanity. In 1928 the Society, in Poona alone, maintained a hostel for 38 probationer nurses, another hostel for 25 junior medical women students



and a third one for 24 senior students. In addition, at the Poona Seva Sadan itself women were trained in public health work ; and an Ante-Natal clinic and Baby Welfare centre were opened there. Besides, there is the training, both literary and industrial, given to adults and children ; a training college, practising school, work-room classes, school for social workers, etc.—and what is more, branches of the institution have been opened in a dozen other towns, including Bombay, Madras, and Nagpur. Altogether, the activities of the Society are now extended to about 1,500 women and girls—and as all their maintenance has to be met by public charity, one can imagine the resourcefulness, energy and organizing talent of a man like Mr. G. K. Devadhar. What is more ; what revolution in Hindu thought must have been effected to make such generous giving and sustained charity possible ! Obviously similar and even far more extensive works of charity have been undertaken by the Christian Missions in India : but in their case, Hindu society has only been touched from the outside ; it has been accepted, but not given ; the ever-present fear of conversion has never made it possible for Hindus to give themselves *sans arrive pensee* or to

enter body and soul into any action which is under the auspices of Christian missionaries. The Poona Seva Sadan itself is the best proof of this fact ; for it was really the taking up of a work inaugurated by a Christian lady, Pandita Ramabai Saraswati, who, born in 1858 and become an Anglican in 1883, had started a Sharada Sadan in 1889 as a home for widows in Bombay and later on in Poona ; an institution which broke up completely in 1893, owing to the fact, that one or two of the inmates had embraced Christianity. Pandita Ramabai thereafter, was side-tracked in a great Protestant woman's refuge, which, good as was the work it did, could never exercise any direct influence on Hindu society as such. To leaven the latter a Devadhar, a Karve, a Gokhale, a Ranade, are needed : the missionaries have set up a standard and given an example ; they have emitted great but invisible beacons of spiritual power which have set going in distant and often by their unknown receivers a music which their own ears do not hear, but which, for all that is very real and divine.

The women's movement in India, especially under the stimulus of the political upheaval of the last three years, has succeeded with a swiftness and

to a degree that would have seemed fantastic even a few years earlier. Women have come out of their purdah and have claimed in the market-place their citizen's rights: the "non-violent non-co-operation" revolution has found in them the most zealous picketters of drink and foreign cloth shops, the most fearless passive resisters of the armed forces of Government, the most uncompromising and intransigent fighters for India's independence, the most persuasive and forceful agitators in the popular cause. The women's movement, like all other currents of social reform, has in the end flowed into the political life of the country; and it is just because of that, that the political movement of India is an essential, nay the most essential part of that Renaissance which, starting with Ram Mohan Roy, has issued in Mahatma Gandhi to-day.

—Extract from Chapter "The Social Reform Movement," pages 67 to 70, of the Book "Renascent India," by Dr. H. C. E., Zacharias, Ph. D.

### **"Rebel India"**

(2) "No man in our day has rendered higher service to India than Mr. Devadhar, the senior among

"the Servants", who has devoted his life to creating a training college for women, the greater number of them—young widows, to whom he opens a career as teachers, nurses or midwives (by means of the Poona Seva Sadan Society). One cannot measure the immense influence of such a College as this, whose pupils go out in their hundreds, to the small towns and villages, carrying with them something of the enlightenment and devotion of the order."

—Extract from Chapter VI on "The personal forces" Page 93, of the Indian Political Unrest Volume containing the publication "Rebel India" by Henry Noel Brailsford:—and published by Leonard Stein, publisher with Victor Gollancz, Ltd., 14, Henrietta Street, Coven Garden, London (1931).

### **"After Mother India."**

**Puberty of Indian Girls and Consummation of their Marriages.**

(3) "Other Indians, both by organisations and as Individuals, believe a lower age prevails. The Marawari Association in Calcutta, for example, claims: 'Indian girls generally attain puberty

between 11 and 12 years." (Opinions on the Hindu Child Marriage Bill, Government of India, Paper No. 8, p. 12, February, 1928. )

Mrs. Janakibai Bhat, Lady Superintendent of the Poona Seva Sadan at Poona, is said to have stated that consummation of marriage did not usually take place before puberty, but soon after puberty, and a little before the age of 13. (Times of India, Bombay, 5th November, 1928.")

—Extract from Chapter V on "When do they mature?" Pages 70-71, of a Book "After Mother India" by Harry H. Field, -Jonathan Cape, Thirty Bedford Square, London.

### Hindu Customs and Infant Mortality.

(3 A) "No layman could write of the details involved in this Hindu custom, first of all because no man is allowed to witness them. Passing them by, then, we may turn to their results. These are clearly shown in the infant mortality records.

Infant mortality (deaths in the first year of life per 1,000 births) :—

U. S. A., average 1921-25	...	74.
England and Wales, average, 1621-25		76.

New Zealand, average 1921-25... 43.

\*India, average 1922-25 ... 178.

Average infant mortality (per 1,000 births) for various cities, 1922-25 :—

New York	69.	London	68.
Calcutta	306.	Madras	276.
Bombay	298.	Cawnpore	461.
*Poona	827.		

It is a strange circumstance that Poona, where the headquarters of two of the leading Indian Social Reform Societies (Servants of India Society and Poona Seva Sadan Society ) are established, and where the National Christian Council has its Centre, should contribute such a particularly appalling record.

—Extract from Chapter XIV on "A Calf if Killed" page 198, of a Book "After Mother India", by Harry H. Field, -Jonathan Cape, 30, Bedford Square, London.

### "Unhappy India."

(4) The Book "Unhappy India" by Lajpat Rai (Banna Publishing Co., Calcutta, 1928) contains the

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\* Annual Report of the Public Health Commissioner with the Government of India, for 1925, Volume I, Calcutta, (1927) pp. 12-13.

Photo of Mrs. Ramabai Ranade, the wife of late Justice Ranade, 1st President of the (Poona) Seva Sadan Society, Poona, and another photo of a group of women medical students in the two Hostels Nos. IV and V in 1926, located in buildings not owned by the Society, at page 128. \_\_\_\_\_

### **"India in 1917-18."**

#### **Aboriginal and Depressed Classes and their Education.**

(5) "Education among the aboriginals, criminal tribes and depressed classes, presents grave difficulties. The Missionary Societies and the Salvation Army, together with Indian Societies for social service, \* are making great efforts to improve the condition of these people of the aboriginal population, reckoned at just under ten millions, only 134,000 or 1.3 per cent. are at school. In the case of the depressed classes, numbering nearly 32 millions, under 330,000 or 1 per cent. are receiving instruction. With the criminal tribes, 4 millions in number, the

\* In the above, the writer has in view Societies like the Servants of India Society, Poona, and the Poona Seva Sadan Society, Poona. G. K. D.

percentage at school sinks to .5. Results on the whole appear small at present but the work is full of promise for the future."

—Extract from Chapter IV on "Some lines of Advance: Moral and Material," page 125, of a Book "India in 1917-1918," published by Superintendent, Government Printing, Calcutta, India (1919).

### **"India in 1926-27"**

(6) Schools for the important work of educating health visitors have been opened in Delhi, Lahore, Madras, Calcutta, and Nagpur; while some training is given also at Poona under the (Poona) Seva Sadan.

#### **Baby Week**

"*Baby Week*" is a development of one side of the League's activities, and was organised in its present form by Lady Reading. It would be difficult to exaggerate the practical importance of the stimulus afforded to the Infant Welfare Movement by Baby Week. The Exhibitions, lectures, and baby shows which annually take place in all the most important centres of India have aroused public interest in an unprecedented degree. The local operations are directed by

Provincial Committees of the National Baby Week, whose members display the keenest enthusiasm. Year by year, the number of new towns applying for assistance in organising a Baby Week increases. There is an ever-growing demand for leaflets, pamphlets, model lectures, cinematograph films, and magic lantern slides. Various benevolent institutions such as the *Poona Seva Sadan Society*, have thrown themselves with enthusiasm into the task of furthering the campaign. The *Poona Seva Sadan Society* has a number of Infant Welfare Centres and ante-natal clinics working in conjunction with the two maternity hospitals it conducts. In short, a great national organisation has been created for the diffusion of knowledge concerning the requirements of babies both before and after birth. The new Baby Week movement is supplementing the efforts of older institutions such as the National Association for supplying Female Medical Aid to the women of India. Further, Lady Reading has initiated a scheme for training Indian Nurses and Doctors in larger numbers, which, as time goes on, should do much to improve the situation. Her Excellency Lady Irwin has continued the work of her predecessor and this year's Baby Week aroused immense enthusiasm. As a means of focussing atten-

tion on the problems of Motherhood and Infancy it is unrivalled and more than it maintains both its popularity and its efficacy. The Silver Challenge Shield donated by the "News of the World, London," for annual competition for the best "Baby Week Campaign" held throughout the Empire (excluding the British Isles) was awarded in 1926-27 by the National Baby Week Council to the Baby Week Committee at Bellary, Madras Presidency. Amongst those who were highly commended in the competition were Simla Committee, Delhi Committee and Secunderabad (Deccan) Baby Week Committee.

—Extract from Chapter III on "The State and the People", Page 153, of a Book "India" in 1926-27, by J. Kotman, Director of Public Information, Government of India, published by Government of India Central Publication Branch, Calcutta : (1923.)

### **"India in 1930-31"**

#### **Welfare work among labouring class Women and Children.**

(7) "In the face of these manifold difficulties the improvements which have already been effected

in the circumstances of the industrial workers, as a result of the activities of the Government, of employers, and of philanthropic organizations, are remarkable. In cities where Improvement Trusts exist, a good deal of attention is devoted to the provision of better homes for the workers, and employers are also realizing the practical advantages of housing schemes. Appreciable progress has also been achieved during the last decade in the provision of Creches for children and of women doctors to safeguard the health of female workers, and organisations such as the *Servants of India Society* and the *Poona Seva Sadan Society*, do a great deal of good by focussing public attention on such questions as housing, food supply, indebtedness, medical aid, educational facilities and so forth."

—Extract from "The Nature of Ameliorative Measures Taken Hitherto," pages 238-39, of the Book "*India*" in 1930-31, published by the Government of India Central Publication Branch, Calcutta.

### Health Schools.

(7 A) "As regards the Lady Chelmsford League, this organization was established in 1920 primarily

with the object of providing financial assistance for the various Health Schools throughout the country in which health visitors are trained; and the services which it has rendered, not only in this direction but also by focussing public opinion upon the necessity for the practical activities which it undertakes, have been very great. The actual number of Health Schools in existence during the year was six, as against seven in 1929-30, the Madras School, whose re-opening was described in our previous Report, having had to be closed down again owing to lack of official support and to the difficulty experienced in obtaining a suitable superintendent. On the other hand, plans were maturing during the year for establishing a new Health School in Rangoon, and meanwhile some Burmese students have been undergoing a course of training at the Lady Reading Health School in Delhi. Moreover, the closing of the Health School in Madras was to some extent offset by the encouraging appointment made during the year to which we have already indirectly referred, namely that of a qualified Indian woman doctor as assistant in maternity and child welfare work to the Director of Public Health in the Presi-

gency ; hitherto no post precisely of this nature has ever been created—though, we have seen, the Government of United Provinces now employs a member of the Women's Medical Service as assistant to the Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals there and at one time a similar post was in existence in the Punjab. Of the six Health Schools in existence in India, those at Lahore and Nagpur are entirely supported and managed by the Provincial Governments concerned, and those at Lucknow and Delhi receive substantial official assistance. *The Poona School is run by the (Poona) Seva Sadan Society.* The Bengal School, however, is still forced to carry on its work without Government assistance of any kind.

—Extract from "The Lady Chelmsford League" pages 453-454, of the book "India in 1930-31" published by the Government of India Central Publication Branch, Calcutta.

### **"Life and Speeches of Sir Vithaldas Thackersey."**

(8) Another institution to which Sir Vithaldas gave substantial financial assistance and Seva Sadan. which is so well-known throughout the Presidency and the Country is the Seva Sadan of Poona. Mrs. Ramabai Ranade, the wife of that great Indian, Mahadeo Govind Ranade, was the prime worker and she was able to bring to the service of her institution the extraordinary capacity for work and zeal of Mr. Gopal Krishna Devadhar (now, President of the Servants of India Society). Mr. Devadhar soon became the Organizing Secretary and the soul of this fine institution which has become one of the great monuments of his great public and social services. Institutions like the Seva Sadan which aim at training up Indian women to a career of usefulness in so many different directions have largely to be financed by contributions, donations and gifts and it requires a person of no small courage, tact, perseverance and unbounded faith to secure the necessary finances from time to time for the increasing activities of an institution of this character. But Mr. Devadhar has proved himself to be

'a champion beggar' and the Seva Sadan continues to flourish as vigorously as ever. Sir Vithaldas' residence in Poona after 1914 naturally brought him into touch with Mrs. Ramabai Ranade and Mr. Devadhar and when a philanthropist thus comes close to a champion and past master in the art of begging, the result is one which one can easily anticipate. Sir Vithaldas' heart and purse were soon opened to give and Mr. Devadhar's hands were soon stretched out to receive. So great indeed was Sir Vithaldas' regard for Mr. Devadhar and so great indeed was his faith in the usefulness of the work that was being done by the Seva Sadan that Mr. Devadhar had merely to ask to receive and an account was maintained on which he could draw to the extent of Rs. 24,000 per annum. This arrangement was very necessary to secure regularity of payments by the Seva Sadan, inasmuch as grants, donations, and contributions did not come in at the proper time, and the sums thus drawn from the account during the year were adjusted at the close of year. The Seva Sadan wished to purchase a building—the Patwardhan Wada—for its activities and Sir Vithaldas advanced the money for the purpose and in March 1919 made a gift of the sum advanced.

In this way, Sir Vithaldas has made donations aggregating to Rs. 65,000 to the Seva Sadan of Poona for the Shreemati Nathibai Ashram and the Sir Vithaldas Thackersey Hall of the Seva Sadan. With the extension of its work, the Seva Sadan opened out branches in some towns and Sir Vithaldas gave an annual grant of Rs. 2,000 for ten years for a branch at Baramati to be named after his wife Bai Leelabai and an annual grant of Rs. 1,000 for ten years for another branch at Satara in memory of Lady Premkunver. Both these branches have been doing good work in their areas under the able guidance and control from the headquarters in Poona. The death of Bai Mammubai, the only daughter of Vithaldas' sister, Gangubai, was the occasion of another donation to the Seva Sadan, of Rs. 14,500 for a Nursing Home for the nurses under training at that Institution. In all thus Sir Vithaldas' benefactions to this institution aggregated to more than a lakh of rupees.

—Extract from Chapter "A Great Philanthropist," pp. 200-202, of the "Life and Speeches of Sir Vithaldas Thackersey," by Prof. H. L. Kaji, M.A., B.Sc., I.E.S., J.P.



### **Bhatia Maternity Hospital & Nursing Home.**

(8 A) Sir Vitthaladas with his co-trustees was also instrumental in financing a scheme for a Bhatia Maternity Home at Bombay. Untrained midwives and unscientific method during child-bed have taken a heavy toll of life from among young women and one of the most important and beneficent movements in recent times has been the provision of maternity homes and of providing facilities for careful nursing supervision and instruction by trained midwives when the expectant mothers do not go to such homes but are confined at their own homes. Mr. Devadhar started a scheme for Bhatia ladies and the Thackerseys financed the scheme for several years till the Khataus, another important Bhatia family, took up the cause and arranged for its finance on a permanent basis.

—Extract from Chapter "A great Philanthropist," pp. 217, of the Book "Life and Speeches of Sir Vitthaladas Thackersey" by Prof. H. L. Kaji.

### **Night Schools.**

(8 B) The night schools thus started, continued to flourish more or less for the next three years. In

April 1922, there were 51, of these 23 in the Central and 18 in the Southern Division; in April 1923, the number was 22, only 9 of these being in the Central Division. Insufficient and irregular attendance was the cheap reason for the falling off in the number. Mr. G. K. Devadhar's letter to Lady Thackersey of the 1st Sept. 1922, is of interest in this connection.

"As I am leaving for the station just now, I hasten to pen a few lines to tell you that the name of your great husband is held in very high esteem even by the people of the villages that are benefited by the night schools started by Sir Vitthaladas. Last night I was in a village about 6 miles from here called Aminbhavi where I visited a night school attended by about 23 grown-up men. They are very enthusiastic about it. Only they are anxious to know whether the school will now be conducted as before. Moreover, I noticed a frequent mention of his name in a Kanarese Sangit Drama on Co-operation to witness which specially I was taken to that village."

—Extract from Chapter "A Great Philanthropist," pp. 213, of the Book "Life and Speeches of Sir Vitthaladas Thackersey" by Prof. H. L. Kaji.

### **Mahadev Govind Ranade—Patriot and Social Servant.**

(9) "I have tried to get my own mental picture of Ranade true in its colouring and right in its proportions by talking with people who had some personal contact with him. In this connection I am grateful to Mr. L. Natarajan, Mr. G. K. Devadhar, Sir Lalubhai Saquldas, the late Mr. Goculdas Parekh, etc. for many illuminating side-lights."

—Extract from the preface by J. K. (the author), on page viii of the book "Builders of Modern India," "Mahadev Govind Ranade,—Patriot and Social Servant," by James Kellock, M. A., B. D., Association Press, (T. M. C. A.) 5, Russell Street, Calcutta (1926). The author was working in Bombay as a Professor at the Wilson College.

### **"Poona 1871-1893"**

(10) "Then, in order to have the study carried on more regularly and thoroughly he engaged a lady teacher from the Female Training College, and she came for a couple of hours each day to teach Mrs. Ranade. In this way by 1875, she had studied upto

the level of a fifth standard child. In the education of his wife Ranade always took the keenest personal interest, and the accomplishment of her character and the usefulness of her life well repaid his care. She became a constant comfort and support to her husband, and also a pioneer of the women's cause in India. The Seva Sadan\* at Poona was started by her, in association with Mr. G. K. Devadhar, and she worked earnestly for Social Reform. She was eleven years of age at the time of her marriage, and she survived her husband by twenty-three years.

—Extract from Chapter VI, Pages 62-63, of a Book "Poona, 1871-1893." Domestic Good out of Evil; Social Reform Friction; The Awakening of Maharashtra; Government's Suspicion; Government's Appreciation".

\* The Seva Sadan is an institution founded by B. M. Malabari, which seeks the uplift of India through the instrumentality of social, educational, and medical service carried on by Indian Women.

N. B. The Seva Sadan referred to, in the above note refers to the Seva Sadan Society, Bombay.

G. K. D.

## SUBSECTION II

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**Extracts from Reports.**


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**"Abridged Report of the Royal Commission  
Report on Agriculture in India."**

(1) "In the course of our tour, we have been much impressed by the great awakening of non-official interest in the health and welfare of the country side. It is from this manifestation of public interest that we derive our greatest encouragement and hope. This awakening is general and not confined to any particular province. As typical examples of such efforts, we would mention the Poona Seva Sadan Society, in Bombay Presidency; the Co-operative Anti-Malaria Society, in Bengal; and the rural reconstruction work of the Y. M. C. A., in Southern India."

—Extract from Chapter XII on "The Village" page 57, of the Abridged Report of the Royal Commission on Agriculture in India, printed at the Government Central Press (1928).

**"Hartog Committee's Report on Education."**

(2) "In the uplift work in the villages women must necessarily play an important part and in this connection the Royal Commission on Agriculture have suggested the establishment of Women's Institutes as centres for educational and co-operative activities as well as for mother and infant welfare work. They also think that such institutes would facilitate the employment of women teachers in village schools. The *Poona Seva Sadan Society*, in the *Bombay Presidency* has already established a number of such institutes.

—Extract from Chapter IV on "Mass Education," para 95, page 84, of a Book "Hartog Committee Report on Education—1929—review of the Growth" Education in British India by the Auxiliary Committee of the Indian Statutory Commission, printed by the Manager, Government of India Press, Delhi. (1931.)

(2 A) We have already had an occasion to refer to the work of the India Women's University at Poona and its associate institutions. *Excellent work is being done by such organisations as the Seva*

*Sadan at Bombay, Poona, and Madras*—an Association controlling large numbers of night schools, adult classes, home-classes and domestic arts classes for women. In Bengal, the Punjab and other Provinces, there are many private and unrecognised associations conducting adult classes for women, maintaining widows' homes and doing social work amongst the poorer classes of the community.

—Extract from Chapter VII on "Education of Girls and Women," para 71, page 182, of the above-mentioned Report.

(2 B) Appendix III of the same publication gives a list of witnesses who gave oral evidence before the Committee in which the name of Mrs. Janakibai Bhat, Lady Superintendent, Poona Seva Sadan, stands at number 12, under Bombay Non-official, page 385.

### SUBSECTION III.

#### Articles from Foreign English Newspapers.

Extract from an article from the "*Manchester Guardian*," Manchester (England).  
(January 29, 1928).

The Poona Seva Sadan Work among Indian Widows.

(From a correspondent)

The lot of Hindu widows is often a doleful one, while education throughout India is hampered by the lack of trained women teachers. Good work in both directions has been done during the last ten years by the (Poona) Seva Sadan, an institution centred in Poona.

The work was begun less than twenty years ago by the widow of a well-known Indian Judge and

philanthropist, Mr. Ranade. Appalled by helpless position of the many young girls who were left widows and could neither marry nor support themselves, Mrs. Ranade started to educate a few of them at her house. Gradually the movement grew, owing much to the Servants of India Society, and from it was evolved the Seva Sadan, which is still a voluntary organization but is able to obtain a grant from the Government as an educational institution. Today they have some 1,400 women working in Poona alone, and they are able to send out others to do various forms of social work in other towns.

The Seva Sadan wisely attempts to give only the kind of education which cannot be provided elsewhere. There is still in India something of a prejudice against nursing as a profession. The Seva Sadan has built three hostels next to the two large Hospitals and has already nearly a hundred women studying to become either nurses or midwives, and these pioneers will help to found a service which is perhaps more needed than any other in India. They will have to fight against certain religious prejudices, but the sight of Brahmin girls and Brahmin widows training as midwives is one of the

most encouraging marks of progress in India. A few women of the upper middle classes come to the Seva Sadan to learn something of social work, and that very modern English Institution "Baby Week" seems to thrive on Indian soil.

Considerably over half of the women who come to the Seva Sadan to be trained either as teachers or in some domestic industry are widows. The older ones still wear the red Sari which marks the Hindu widow, but few of the younger widows do. With their new economic independence and freedom they discard the widows' uniform.

The Seva Sadan, like every other institution which has the support of the Servants of India, is very advanced in its views about caste and religion. Mohammadans, Jews, and Indian Christians are found in its various hostels and classes, and though as is natural in Poona, the Chitpavan Brahmins form the majority of the Hindus, yet one of the most promising pupils belongs to the *Depressed* Mahar caste, and there are sufficient of those sturdy opponents of Brahmanism, the Lingayats, to have a separate hostel for themselves.

Every product of the (Poona) Seva Sadan—nurses, teachers, midwives, and instructresses in weaving or printing—all these are promptly absorbed; India still needs ten times as many. The Seva Sadan deserves perhaps more help than it at present receives either from the upper classes of India or Government. Its chief needs, at present, are bricks, mortar and a better site.

#### SUPPLEMENT.

##### Poona Seva Sadan.

The Seva Sadan of Poona eminently deserves the warm tributes paid to its work by Sir Leslie Wilson when he laid the foundation stone of the Sadan's new Home for nurses named after His Excellency. The Poona Seva Sadan, like that of our

own City, is an ornament to the country. The educational and humanitarian work done by it these so many years is unsurpassed by that of any similar institution in India. As the Chief Saheb of Sangli observed on the occasion, the unique service which institution had rendered to the country was in providing all facilities to poor women of all castes and creeds to train themselves as teachers or nurses or social servants in general. These trained sisters of service in their turn have considerably helped to start branches of the Sadan in about a dozen places in the Presidency and outside, not to speak of many independent institutions modified after the Sadan. We trust the people of the Presidency will cherish these institutions and give them all the moral and material support they need.

—An extract from "Bombay Chronicle, of the the 23rd October, 1928.



**VISITORS' REMARKS.**





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**Visitors from Foreign Countries.****SUBSECTION—A. ... .. EUROPE**  
**I—ENGLAND.****A. Members of Parliament**

**Rt. Hon. Sir John Simon**, G.C.S.I., K.C.V.O., K.C., M.P.,  
( True copy of a letter. )

Dear Mr. Devadhar,

My wife and I both wish to thank you for the help which you gave us in making our visit to Poona so full of interest. I unfortunately could not spare time to see the detailed work of the Poona Seva Sadan Society in the way in which my wife did; but we are both very much interested in your work and send our good wishes for its success.

Yours very truly,  
Sd/- JOHN SIMON.  
(Chairman, The Indian Statutory  
Commission, and Secretary  
of State for Foreign Affairs,  
London. )

Lahore,  
2nd November,  
1928.

## 1 A

**Lady Katherine Simon.**

I visited the Poona Branch of the (Poona) Seva Sadan ( Society ) this morning and was intensely interested in the work which is carried on there.

The variety of the activities amazed me. I did not know that so wide a field of useful work was in existence.

To teach citizens to make them self-supporting is the truest form of help, and in this Institution it is developed on the best lines.

In every branch of work there are teachers trained in order to create skilled labour.

It was very good to see that all castes and religions are treated alike. The ideal is one of *usefulness*.

The work for Maternity and Child Welfare is truly a great advance and will help more than anything else in the uplift of the Indian race. Where the mother and child are looked after there the nation is helped.

The baby is the future citizen of the country and in giving the mother help before the birth and after, India is given the best assistance.

The work of the (Poona) Seva Sadan deserves the help of *every one* and I hope Mr. Devadhar will be given practical encouragement in the great work he is carrying on.

I enjoyed my visit very much and I thank all who helped to make my visit so pleasant.

Government House, } (Sd.) KATHERINE SIMON.  
Poona. } (Fritwell manor, Bonbury,  
3rd October, 1928. } Oxon, England.)

2

### Mr. H. N. Brailsford, Ex. M.P.

The (Poona) Seva Sadan has impressed me as a big creative achievement. One tries in passing through the buildings and talking to its inmates, to form some picture of the influence which all these activities have radiated, for many a year, all over India. The imagination grasps it with difficulty. But one bows with deep respect to its inspirer and architect, Mr. Devadhar.

Poona, }  
7th Oct. 1930. } (Sd.) H. N. BRAILSFORD.

3

### Rt. Hon. Thomas Shaw, C.B.E., M. P.

This is an extraordinarily interesting development and we thoroughly and whole-heartedly wish success to it.

(Sd.) S. T. SHAW.

Poona, } (The Delegate of the International Textile Workers' Association, London.)

4

### Hon. Shapurji Saklatwala, M. P.

This is a splendid work, where humanitarian and scientific principles conquer over prejudices of customs, castes, or creeds. Go on, and our country will have a few valuable women to help us all.

Poona, } (Sd.) SHAPURJI  
1st April, 1927. } SAKLATWALA

**B. London.**

5

**Sister Annie Louisa and Sister Helen, C.H.M.V.**

The time spent in Sadan was all too short to grasp its many departments of loving service. We regard it as one of the "Stars of India."

Poona.	}	(Sd.) SISTER ANNIE LOUISA,
17th January, 1933.		[Asstt. Superior General of the Community of St. Mary the Virgin, St. Mary's Convent, Wantage-Berkshire. (England.)]
		(Sd.) SISTER HELEN, (St. Mary's Convent, Poona.)

6

**Hon'ble Kinnairds**

Thirty years ago we knew Mrs. Kanade as one who had the interest of her city and especially its women at heart; and now after so many years it is a privilege to come and see her great ideals being carried out in such a wonderful way. It is an inspiration to see the growth in so short a time. One cannot but wish that the Poona Seva Sadan may fulfill its and our highest wishes.

Poona.	}	(Sd.) GERTRUDE M. KINNAIRD,
3rd October, 1921.		(Sd.) EMILY KINNAIRD.

7

**Miss E. Hill.**

It has been such a great pleasure to see the Poona Seva Sadan Society and all its workings. I think the work done by this Society is wonderful and I only hope it will be extended all over India.

(Sd) E. HILL.

8

**Miss Beatrice Osmond.**

During my tour in India I considered that one of the most important things to visit over Reform and Social work was the Poona Seva Sadan Society in Poona, for at home in England I had heard of the wonderful and practically idealistic work of Mr. Devadhar. I was prepared for its progressive value, but when I was introduced to its various sections and saw its far-reaching education, I was astonished and felt a real respect and admiration for the brain which had overcome so many difficulties and accomplished so much. I feel that every sympathy and most certainly substantial help financially should be given to such a Society which is hampered in its work by



lack of funds to extend its buildings and the housing question is the fundamental point of the movement.

The Poona Seva Sadan work is the germ of the New India. I congratulate Mr. Devadhar and all his devoted confreres and I wish it most heartily every success.

Poona. } (Sd.) BEATRICE.  
14th February, 1926. } Osmond.

[(Member of the Council  
of the Women's Advisory

Council to the House of Commons ; Hon. Director of the People's League of Health ; Member of the Committee for Islington Child Welfare ; Founder and Hon. Organising Secretary of the Ken Wood Prevention Council ; London Representative on the thirteen Counties Group of the Prisoners' Aid Society.) Ladies Army and Navy Club, London, W. I. ]

9

**Mr. & Mrs. Hoppe.**

It was a privilege to us to have had an opportunity to visit the Headquarters of an organization

whose influence has, during its comparatively short existence, been of such immeasurable importance. The (Poona) Seva Sadan is indeed a model institution and a credit to its able leaders.

Poona. } (Sd) E. O. HOPPE,  
19th October, 1929. } (Sd) T. S. HOPPE.  
(Millais House, Savage Club,  
Cromwell Place, London,  
S. W. 7.)

10

**Sir Arthur K. Yapp.**

( Remarks in the form of a letter )

Dear Mr. Devadhar,

May I thank you for showing me your work at the Head Quarters of the Servants of India Society, the Poona Seva Sadan Society and its Hostels. I was intensely interested in everything and hope for the sake of India you may long be spared and may find it possible to greatly extend the operations of your Society. I was greatly impressed with the efficiency of the work and the happiness of the workers and of those

for whom you work. With kind regards and all good wishes;

Poona City, } Yours Sincerely  
2nd January, 1921. } (Sd.) ARTHUR K. YAPP.

[Y.M.C.A. National Headquarters,  
13, Russell Square, London,  
W. C. I.]

11

**Dr. Esabell Sloan Chesser, M. D.,**

This is very fine work. I wish the Society all good fortune in what they are doing for Indian women.

Poona City, } (Sd.) ESABELL SLOAN CHESSE.  
October, 1927. } 13, Harley Street, London.)

12

**Dr. ( Miss ) M. S. Balfour, W. M. S.**

Mr. Devadhar has most kindly given me the opportunity during two days' stay at Poona Seva Sadan to study the social and educational work being carried on under its auspices. I cannot express too highly my admiration of what is being done not only to help the large class of Hindu

widows but to arouse in other communities and especially in the young, a sense of their duty to their neighbour. I hope the various institutions will continue to flourish and expand as they have done in the past.

Poona. } (Sd.) M. S. BALFOUR.  
27th January, 1926. }

13

**Mr. N. Thomas.**

I visited the Poona Seva Sadan this afternoon and was greatly impressed by all I saw. The girls and women seem most happy. I heard a small class of girls sing with the harmonium, and they kept excellent time. I am most fortunate in coming in to-day and hearing a lecture by Dr. Balfour. Mr. Devadhar and Mrs. Bhat are to be congratulated on the success of this Institution.

Camp, Poona. } (Sd.) N. THOMAS.  
26th January, 1926. }

14

**Mrs. G. Dorothy Thomas.**

I have been much impressed by my visit to the Poona Seva Sadan institutions on the 28th June. I feel that the splendid work carried on by Mr. Devadhar and those assisting him ought to have the utmost encouragement. The women of India have their best friend in such organisation as the Poona Seva Sadan, because it proves to them the nobility of service and the dignity of labour.

There is an unlimited field for activities of the Poona Seva Sadan and Mr. Devadhar and his co-directors should be relieved of pecuniary anxieties so that they could give their whole minds and time to the development of its different branches.

Poona, } (Sd.) G. DOROTHY THOMAS.  
3rd July, 1924. } (5-A, Queen's Gardens,  
Poona.)

15

**Miss Beryl M. Le Power.**

Mr. Devadhar was good enough to arrange a very good programme for me to enable me to see all the

activities of the ( Poona ) Seva Sadan. I am most grateful to him as I should not like to have left India without so stimulating an experience. This is the biggest centre of women's activity that I have seen and I wish it every success in its splendid work.

(Sd.) B. M. POWER,  
[ Member, Royal Commission on  
Poona. } Labour in India, and Deputy  
24th March, 1931. } Chief Inspector, Trade Boards,  
England. ]

16

**Mr. K. L. Speechley.**

I have been much impressed with my first visit to the Poona Seva Sadan in Poona. What impresses me most is the completeness of the work and the progress made during the twenty odd years of its existence. It provides for the physical, intellectual, and moral uplift of the children and women in this city.

(Sd.) K. L. SPEECHLEY.  
Poona, } (Missionary Settlement for women,  
6th January, 1931. } Bombay; Home Address :—  
30, Woodland Gardens, London, 10.)

17

**Mr. M. Chave Collisson.**

These kind people have entertained me for three days and have allowed me to see their work and to share their life. I have appreciated it more than I can say, because it is my first visit to India, and I wanted so much to see the life. I would not have done so without their help. I hope most sincerely that the Poona Seva Sadan will grow bigger and stronger with each year; its work is very impressive, and full of hope. I shall never forget all the kindness I have had.

Poona.  
1927.

(Sd.) M. C. COLLISSON,  
(Hon. Organising Secretary, British  
Commonwealth League, 17, Buckingham  
Street, London, W. C. 2.)

18

**Mr. H. T. Silcock and Mr. Geoffrey  
M. W. Mawy.**

We have greatly appreciated the opportunity of visiting the (Poona) Seva Sadan and seeing a little of its work. We wish it every success and count it a pri-

vilage to have come into personal touch with work so constructive and far-reaching.

(Sd.) H. T. SILCOCK.,  
(Joint General Secretary of the  
Friends Service Council, Friends  
House, Euston Road, London.)  
Poona. } (Sd.) GEOFFREY. W. MAWY.  
3rd October, 1929. } (Friends Mission, Itarsi, C. P.)

19

**Lt. Col. C. Maddock, I. M. S., and  
Mrs. Celia Maddock.**

We visited the Poona Seva Sadan institution on August 11th, under the guidance of Mr. G. K. Devadhar, and were greatly impressed with the work which is being carried on there. It struck us as being of the highest value for the advancement of education amongst all ranks of Indian women, and the regular large daily attendance shows how very much it is appreciated. The enthusiasm and devotion bestowed upon the work by Mr. G. K. Devadhar is bound to carry the institution to even greater developments and we wish it and feel certain of its future success as it is founded on right lines for the deve-

lopment of the Indian race. We also think that the Infant Welfare Branch will be of the most valuable and practical help to the mothers and infants.

Poona. } (Sd.) C. MADDOCK.  
11th August, } [ Civil Surgeon, Poona; and  
Foxglade, Shinfield, Reading,  
(England.) ]  
(Sd.) Mrs. CELIA MADDOCK.

20

### Major General E. R. Kenyon.

I had had a most interesting visit to this wonderful institution. Thanks to Mr. Devadhar and his helpers and am glad to see what excellent work is being done for the women of India.

Poona. } (Sd.) E. R. KENYON.  
21st January, 1930. } [ Retd. Royal Engineer,  
Burnell House,  
Shrewsbury, ( England ) ]

21

### Mrs. & Mr. Rowntree.

We have greatly appreciated the opportunity which has been afforded us to visit the headquarters

of the Poona Seva Sadan Society. We have had the privilege of hearing about the work which is being carried on by Mr. Devadhar and some of his associates and we are glad to have this opportunity of expressing our admiration of the work and of the spirit of devotion which lies behind it and which fills those who are giving the lives to the service of their fellows.

Many great and far-reaching reforms spring from isolated voluntary efforts, and we believe that the Poona Seva Sadan Society has initiated a movement which will continue to grow, because it is based upon sound principles, and which will have even increasing influence in raising the status and improving the lot of the women of India. We wish the Society every success.

Poona. } (Sd.) LYDIA ROWNTREE,  
19th October, 1927. } (Sd.) B. SEEBOHM ROWNTREE.  
[ The Homestead, York.  
( ENGLAND ) ]

22

### Christine J. Thomson, M.D., Ph.D.

It is with the greatest interest that I have seen today the work of the Poona Seva Sadan Society. It

is truly a remarkable organisation, and a worthy tribute to the foresight of its founder.

As a "bird of passage" from England, I have been stimulated and enlightened by the sight of the welfare, educational, and medical work being carried out in India and shall take home with me the happiest memories of the workers and the work being carried out in this land of great opportunity.

My sincerest thanks are due to the Superintendents of the various departments of the (Poona) Seva Sadan Society for their kindness in giving me the privilege of seeing something of their work.

Poona, } (Sd.) CHRISTINE J. THOMSON,  
7th August, 1929. } (Lady Irwin Research Worker.)

### C. Birmingham.

23

**Mr. H. G. Alexander.**

It is a great privilege to be able to visit the centre of such magnificent work. It must surely have a great and growing influence on the life of the whole nation.

Poona, } (Sd.) H. G. ALEXANDER,  
19th October, 1929 } [Woodbroke College, Selby Oak,  
Birmingham (England).]

24

**Mr. R. Nettlefield,**

I have been very much interested in seeing the work being done here in teaching these Adult Women.  
Poona City, } (Sd.) R. NETTLEFIELD,  
4th January, 1929. } [Birmingham, (England).]

### D. Miscellaneous.

25

**Mr. E. M. Stotterforth.**

I have been greatly interested in the wonderful work of this Society and am grateful for the kind courtesy shown when taken over the various buildings. I wish every success to the work.

Poona City, } (Sd) E. M. STOTTERFORTH.  
29th December, 1920. } [Chester (England).]

26

**Alice J. Minor.**

It has been a great pleasure and privilege to have been allowed to see over this most interesting Institute—*India helping Indians to take their place in the progress of the world.*

Poona City, } (Sd.) ALICE J. MINOR.  
29th December, 1920. }

[Homeworks for Christian  
Missions, Lyndhurst Aldiely,  
Edger (England).]

27

**Annie B. Woodhouse,**

Have been most interested in visiting this Institution for Adult Women and congratulate the promoters on what is evidently a most successful institution. Knowing something of the difficulties we specially appreciate the results.

Poona City, } (Sd.) ANNIE B. WOODHOUSE,  
4th January, 1929. } [ Chairwoman, Collyhurst  
Guild for Social Service,  
Manchester (England) ]

28

**Mr. W. W. Young and Mrs. L. E. Young.**

We have inspected the Poona Seva Sadan Society's Institution, and listened to the description of its work and activities, given by our very competent guide, with very great interest. The manifold interests and activities of the Institution show that very much thought has been given by those responsible for the direction of the institution which is doubtless carrying on an excellent work amongst women. We wish the institution every success. We have much appreciated the courtesy of our guide and were much attracted by the orderliness, cleanliness,

and efficient organisation of the various departments.

Poona, } (Sd) W. W. YOUNG, (England).  
(Sd) L. E. YOUNG, "

29

**Dr. N. Macnicol.**

It has been a great pleasure to revisit this institution after several years and to see its really wonderful progress.

Poona } (Sd.) N. MACNICOL,  
10th March, 1920. } Poona.

30

**Mrs. Jean C. Madge and Mr. H. A. Madge.**

We are so grateful for having been shown the wonderful work you are doing. I think it a great inspiration.

Poona, } (Sd) JEAN C. MADGE  
6th March, 1933. } (Sd) H. A. MADGE,

31

**Monica Whately; Ellen Wilkinson, V. Krishna-chariar; and Mr. L. M. Matters.**

It has been a very great pleasure to us all to see the fine work being done by the Poona Seva Sadan

and to know that Indian women are taking their share in the building of that New India, in which they must play such an important part.

To Mr. Devadhar we offer our congratulations that he has lived to see his life's work crowned with victory.

Poona,	}	(Sd)	MONICA WHATELY ;
23rd August, 1932.		"	ELLEN WILKINSON ;
		"	V. KRISHNACHARIAR,
		"	L. M. MATTERS,

32

**Dr. Anne G. Wellington, M. D., and Phate R. Dewar.**

We have greatly enjoyed a visit to this remarkable Institution and are very much impressed by the modern and superior work which is being done here.

Poona.	}	(Sd)	A. G. WELLINGTON,
			and
		(Sd.)	PHATE R. DEWAR.

33

**Muriel Leotee; Margarita Barns ; and Agatha Hamson.**

It has been a very inspiring experience to be taken round the different departments of the Poona

Seva Sadan. We say inspiring because we have seen a great deal of the valuable raw material in India. In this institution we have had the pleasure of seeing this raw material being moulded for the welfare of India.

Poona,	}	(Sd)	MURIEL LEOTEE,
12th June, 1934.		(Sd)	MARGARITA BARNES,
		(Sd)	AGATHA HAMSON,

34

**Mary J. Campell.**

I am grateful for the privilege we had in seeing the splendid work being done in the Poona Seva Sadan by Mrs. Ranade. I shall go back to my Punjab and urge our people to follow her example. It has done my heart good to see what can be accomplished by earnest devoted womanhood.

Poona,	}	(Sd.)	MARY J. CAMPPELL.
10th March, 1920.			

35

**Barbara M. Mackay,**

We appreciate very much the methods here used in cultivating the spirit of service and



industry and the efforts to eliminate the differences of social class and develop the spirit of brotherhood.

Poona, } (Sd.) BARBARA M. MACKAY.  
6th October, 1921. }

## II Ireland.

36

1. Mr. Simon M. Lawrenson,
2. Miss Gladys Lawrenson, and
3. Miss Dores Lawrenson.

My daughters and I have visited the Poona Seva Sadan Society. We very much admire the work that is being done there for women and girls and through them for India.

The beautiful simplicity, elimination of unessentials and the efficiency of all departments greatly impressed us.

Poona City, } (Sd.) SIMON M. LAWRENSON,  
12th August, 1926. }

[ Late Chief Organiser for the  
National Savings Committee of  
Liecester, Worcoester and  
Caunnaught, Ireland. ]

## III. France.

37

### Dr. L. De Gielgud.

The Poona Seva Sadan Society is doing very remarkable and important work and establishment of so necessarily complicated an organization can have been no easy task. The result is gratifying and interesting to see in the highest degree and it has been a privilege to spend the day with the officers of the Society.

It is a matter of deep regret to Judge Payne, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the League of Red Cross Societies, that he has been detained in Bombay through illness, and been unable to enjoy the welcome so kindly prepared for him.

Poona, } (Sd) L. DE GIELGUD  
23rd February, 1927. } (*Assistant with the Director  
General of the League of Red  
Cross Societies.*)

38

### E. Quenny.

I was extremely glad and interested to visit this Institution, to see what modern India is doing

in Poona for its women and how successful its endeavours are. With all my thanks for having allowed me to see this new social life, and all my wishes for the success of this noble Institution.

Poona City. } (Sd.) E. QUENNY.  
 } (Agnji dal University, PARIS.)

#### IV Germany.

39  
**Dr. Else Luder.**

I visited with greatest interest and admiration this Institute.

Poona City, } (Sd.) ELSE LUDER,  
 31st December, 1927. } (Charlottenburg Sybelster,  
 } 19, BERLIN.)

#### V. Switzerland.

40  
**Reni Mocckly.**

Indian Women's welfare and education are surely two of the most important problems. The Poona Seva Sadan Society seems to have taken this difficult task well in hands. Warm Congratulations.  
 Poona, } (Sd.) RENI MOCCKLY,  
 3rd January, 1933. } Geneva.

41

**Dr. E. Petitpierre, M. D.**

It has been a great privilege for us to go round this institution and to its various activities. We are convinced that the "(Poona) Seva Sadan" is worthy of its name.

(Sd.) E. PETITPIERRE,  
 (Mission Hospital, Gadag,  
 Poona, } Betgeri; Home address:  
 16th December, 1931. } ... Basle, Switzerland.)

#### VI. Norway and Sweden.

42

**Mrs. and Dr. Morgenstjerne, Ph. D.**

My husband and I spent a pleasant and interesting afternoon at the Poona Seva Sadan where we were kindly shown round its various departments. We were very much impressed by the splendid and noble work done there. The double object to supply the country with trained nurses and teachers and to give women the opportunity of learning useful work is indeed attained in this institution in an admirable way. It was a special pleasure to see the eagerness with which also the adult pupils worked with the

alphabets and other elementary subjects. I wish the Poona Seva Sadan all the success it deserves.

Poona City, } (Sd.) AGNES MORGENSTIERNE,  
29th November, } (Sd.) GEORGE MORGENSTIERNE.  
1923. } [Lecturer in Indian Philology  
at the University of Cristiania,  
CRISTANIA, (NORWAY. )]

43

### Fia Ohman.

I am very happy to have seen that the Poona Seva Sadan is doing as good work for the women in India as the position of the women is—so is the position of the country. When all the women of India are free and educated, the country itself will go the same way. Great honour to the Poona Seva Sadan.

Poona City, } (Sd.) FIA OHMAN,  
1st March, 1927. } [STOCKHOLM (SWEDEN).]

### SUBSECTION B.

### America

### United States of America.

1

### Mr. and Mrs. Andrews.

Our visit to the homes of the Poona Seva Sadan Society has been a most auspicious introduction to the future greatness of India. We have been received with

utmost cordiality impressed by the hospitality. Mr. Devadhar and his fellow-workers have shown what can be done by organised effort on behalf of the women of India. That so much should have been accomplished in so short a time is little short of marvellous, considering the resources at hand, and the obstacles encountered, and one can but believe that if such a work can be done in Poona and the towns in which branches have been established, and can be done for one part of the Indian peoples, similar results along social and medical lines can be done elsewhere and for other classes. It is inspiring to the visitor from America to see such a spirit of co-operation and self-sacrifice aroused in so great a cause and to see organised effort reaching such noble ends. Such actual accomplishments are worth more than the oratory and talk of the politicians and agitators and represent a constructive movement that means more for India than do many resolutions of political gatherings.

We have faith in Mr. Devadhar and in his ideals and purposes. May they grow and prosper to full maturity.

Poona } (Sd) CHARLES M. ANDREWS,  
City. } (Sd) (MRS.) EVANGELINE M. ANDREWS.

2

**Mr. Ernest P. Horrwity.**

It was certainly both pleasurable and instructive to visit Poona Seva Sadan Society and see the excellent work done there in handicraft, linguistic, music, weaving, spinning and other departments which I was privileged to watch at work. The *Society's work seems to combine German efficiency with American Utilitarianism*, and should be furthered and encouraged in every way. May its branches extend more and more over the whole of India, to the glory and progress of this wonderful land.

Poona, } (Sd.) ERNEST P. HORRWITY,  
25th August, 1927. } [ Inspector at City of New York  
College and Hunter College.  
New York City. (U.S.A.) ]

3

**Dr. W. P. Jacocks, M.D., P.H., and Mrs. Jacocks ; Miss Mary Beard ; and Miss Eliza W. Beard.**

The earnest work in teaching adults batch scholastically and practically now being done at this centre, is most interesting. The effort also to carry out a health visiting programme should result

in a healthier community in this District. These and many other useful activities were seen through the kindness of Mr. Deyadhar and his staff, all of whom spared no effort in explaining every activity.

(Sd.) (MRS. and DR.) W. P. JACOCKS,  
(International Health-Division,  
The Rockfeller Foundation,  
61, Broadway, New York.)

(Sd) MARY BEARD,  
[Association Director, International  
Health Division, The Rockfeller  
Foundation, 61, Broadway, New  
York. ( U. S. A. ) ]

Poona City. } Sd/- ELIZA W. BEARD.

4

**Mr. W. S. Carter.**

It has been a great pleasure to visit the Poona Seva Sadan Society and to see something of the very important work which it is doing for the education of Indian Women in various fields.

Poona, } (Sd.) W. S. CARTER,  
11th February, 1927. } [Division of Medical Education,  
Rockfeller Foundation,  
61, Broadway, New York City.  
( U. S. A. ) ]

5

**Miss Ruth F. Woodsmall.**

It has been a very great privilege and pleasure to have visited the Poona Seva Sadan. Although I had anticipated keenly this visit, it has surpassed my anticipation as I had not realised the full scope of the work. I have been specially impressed with the splendid leadership of the Institution, its very efficient organization and the all-pervading spirit of service. I can think of no greater need for the future of India than the training of her womanhood for useful citizenship. Because of this objective of the Poona Seva Sadan and because of its inter-communal character, I feel that its work deserves the highest commendation.

Poona, } (Sd.) RUTH F. WOODSMALL,  
23rd December, 1928. } [ 600, Lexington Ave.,  
New York City. ( U. S. A. )

Address :—

40, rue Sira Selvi,  
Taxim Square,  
Constantinople, (Turkey)]

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6

**Miss Ruth F. Woodsmall.**

I have been much impressed again on my second visit to the Poona Seva Sadan, after an interval of two years, with the splendid organization, the enthusiasm, and efficiency of the leaders, and the steady progress forward towards the realization of the physical, intellectual, and moral uplift of the women of Poona.

(Sd.) RUTH. F. WOODSMALL,  
Poona City, } [Institute of Social and Religious  
5th January, 1931. } Research, New York City.  
(U.S.A.) ]

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7

**Rev. Mr. Francis J. McConnell.**

I have been deeply impressed with the work of the Poona Seva Sadan Society, a work which reveals profound understanding of the needs of the Indian people and high efficiency in meeting these needs. The social ideals which dominate the Poona Seva Sadan seem to me lofty and inspirational, the devotion of the workers complete, and the response

of the people extraordinary. I shall never forget the afternoon spent in inspecting the institution.

Poona, } (Sd.) FRANCIS J. McCONNELL,  
23rd November, } [(President of the Federal Council of Churches in America; Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Barrows Lecturer for 1931.) 150, Fifth Avenue, New York City. (U.S.A.)]

8

### Mr. & Mrs. Butterfield.

I am greatly impressed by the work done here, especially that part of it dealing with the education of adult women. But I am even more interested in the views I have heard, expressed here in regard to rural uplift, and the plans that are going into operation in nearby villages. It promises to be a great contribution to the solution of the village problem in India.

Poona City, } (Sd.) KENYON L. BUTTERFIELD,  
11th February, 1930 } [Counsellor on Rural Work, International Missionary Council., 419, Fourth Ave., New York City. (U.S.A.)]  
(Sd.) MRS. K. L. BUTTERFIELD.

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9

### Mrs. G. T. Scott ; and Miss Ruth Elliott.

We will take great pleasure in telling the women of America about your wonderful work for women in India.

Poona City. } (Sd) (Mrs.) GEORGE T. SCOTT,  
(Sd) RUTH ELLIOTT,  
[ 156, 5th Avenue,  
New York City. (U. S. A.) ]

10

### Mrs. Agnes B. R. Hocking

The reclaiming of the beautiful old mansion-house at the village of Khed-Shivapur as a Community Centre for the villagers should be an inspiration and enrichment in the years to come. It seemed to us as an admirable piece of work.

(Sd.) Agnes B. R. Hocking,  
( Mass, U. S. A. )

11

### Dr. William E. Hocking,

I visited the village of Khed-Shivapur and was much interested in the work carried on. The village

appears to have a vigorous life of its own and to be increasing in numbers at the same time there is little new building in evidence. There is room here for vigorous and intelligent community planning, in which the interest of the citizens is enlisted as co-operators from the start. I hope to be able to follow the working of this notable experiment.

(Sd.) WILLIAM E. HOCKING.  
[ *Harold University*. (U. S. A.) ]

12

**Miss Caralyn D. Smitey.**

This is a splendid work, and I have greatly enjoyed my visit here.

Poona, } (Sd.) CARALYN D. SMITEY,  
23rd November, 1929. } [ Boston. (Mass.) (U. S. A.) ]

13

**Mr. & Mrs. Southworth.**

( True copy of a letter )

My dear Mr. Devadhar,

Mrs. Southworth and I were keenly interested in our visit to the Poona Seva Sadan on November 14, last, in the splendid work it is doing especially in

the instruction given to women and girls. It is one of the worthiest forms of philanthropy with which I have come in contact in India, and worthy of generous support.

Continental Hotel,  
and Cafe Royal  
12, Chowringhee Road,  
Calcutta,  
2nd January, 1929.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) FRANKLINE C.  
SOUTHWORTH.  
[ President, Meadville  
Theological School,  
Chicago. (U. S. A.) ]

14

**Mr. & Mrs. Hohman.**

With gratitude for the generous hospitality of the (Poona) Seva Sadan and with all good wishes for the future of this most interesting and helpful work.  
Poona, } (Sd.) ARLEN FISHER HOHMAN,  
21st December, 1929. } and

(Sd.) ELINOR P. HOHMAN,  
[ Chicago, Illinois, (U. S. A.) ]

15

**Dr. H. C. Taylor, M. S. Agr. Ph. D.**

The spirit of service as manifest in the work of the (Poona) Seva Sadan is the foundation for my belief

that India has those indigenous qualities which in the new day which is dawning, will lift all classes to higher levels of culture. It was a great pleasure to be with you.

Poona. } (Sd.) H. C. TAYLOR,  
3rd November, 1931. } (Agricultural Economist, and  
Member, Commission of  
Appraisal, Laymen's Foreign  
Missions Inquiry, U. S. A.)

16

**Dr. Henry Charles Taylor, M. S. Agr. Ph. D.**

It was a great pleasure to visit Khed-Shivapur Rural Uplift Centre. The vision of those who are planning Rural Reconstruction Units in India will not only help the home country but give inspiration to otherlands. May the good work go on until every village in India has a school, adequate health facilities, and improved agriculture, industrial foundation, and a culture for all which has been enjoyed by the few. My own creed is as follows :—

"I will that men may live better, think higher, and rise to new levels. In this Universe I see a purpose designed by Him who made the Stars. In the

attainment of this purpose, I will enlist my life and work and strive and fight against the opposing forces and lead to victory those who see a purpose to be attained."

With this as a creed I find myself in closest sympathy with the purposes of your Rural Uplift Service.

Khed-Shivapur, } (Sd.) H. C. TAYLOR.  
3rd November, 1931. }

[Agricultural Economist and  
Member of Commission of  
Appraisal, Laymen's Foreign  
Missions inquiry (on tour).]

17

**Mr. & Mrs. James Lippincott.**

We have enjoyed and been much interested in seeing the organization of this Institute for the education of India's young girls. We know that the hope of India's future depends on the good work of the Institution and others like it and express the hope that its influence may spread and expand that India's youth may always have adequate education. We pledge our constant efforts to help raised funds in



distant countries for development of the above-mentioned schools.

Poona. } (Sd.) (Mr. & Mrs.) JAMES LIPPINCOTT,  
6th March, } [ C/o H. V. HERNDON,  
1933. 690, Market St.,  
San Francisco, Calif., (U. S. A. )].

18

**Mrs. Harry Garland Timbres, B. S. R. N.**

It has been an inestimable privilege to be a guest at the (Poona) Seva Sadan for three days. After visiting all its departments I can say with sincerity I have never seen an inspired idea take practical form in the complete way this idea has done. From the beginning, whenever a need arose, it was met squarely and a new department resulted. As a consequence, twenty short years, an institution has grown up that is an inspiration to all people interested in women's education, children's education, health, social problems and rural reconstruction. I hope Mr. Devadhar will be able to give America Europe something of his wisdom concerning Social service."

Poona. } (Sd.) REBECA S. J. TIMBRES,  
10th October, 1931. } (2101, Park Ave., Baltimore,  
Maryland, U. S. A.)

19

**Mr. Harry G. Timbres, B.A., M.D., D.T.M. & H. (Eng.)**

It is difficult to find words which will adequately endorse this work, whose standard is equal to anything of its kind that one would find in the world and is indeed superior to a great deal that passes for social work in other countries.

Poona, } (Sd.) HARRY G. TIMBRES,  
1st October, 1931. } [Santiniketan, Bengal; and 2101,  
Park Ave. Baltimore, Maryland ( U. S. A. )]

20

**Miss Gertrude Ely.**

I am very deeply impressed by what constructively lasting work is being done by the Poona Seva Sadan Society under the able, wise, and unselfish leadership of Mr. Devadhar and I feel very sure this Society and its trained workers are doing much for the future of India.

Poona, } (Sd.) GERTRUDE ELY,  
17th January, 1927. } [Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania,  
Near Philadelphia, (U.S. A.)]

## SUBSECTION C.

**Australia**

1

**Mr., Mrs., and Miss Pollard.**

We were greatly interested in the Institution and admired the manner the great work is carried out.

Poona City,	}	Mr., Mrs. & Miss
17th December, 1929.		(Sd). POLLARD,
		37 Aroona Road, Caulfield,
		Victoria ( Australia).

SUBSECTION D. ... .. **Miscellaneous****I Java**

1

**A. Fox, and J. M. Pos Brenkelaar.**

As Missionaries from Java, engaged in the work for the spiritual uplift of Javanese people, and especially as students of Indian life, we were very much touched by all what is done for the education of Indian women in the (Poona) Seva Sadan at Poona. This work amongst women and for women bears in itself the seed of a new India.

With many thanks and our best wishes,  
 Poona. } (Sd) A. FOX,  
 17th September, 1932. } (Sd) J. M. POS BRENKELAAAR.

**II Asia, Africa, Australia, New Zealand and Pacific and Indian Oceanic Islands.**

(1)

**Major J. R. Webb, I. M. S. and other 14 Foreign Health Officers of the far East.**

(Impressions recorded on the 13th February, 1928, by the Party of the Health Interchange of the League of Nations, after their visit to the headquarters of the Poona Seva Sadan Society and their round in the seven or eight buildings in which the varied work of the Society is being conducted.)

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The party of foreign Health Officers now touring in India under the auspices of the League of Nations had the good fortune to visit this institution on the 13th February, 1928. Although this visit had not been previously arranged in the official programme, yet those in charge courteously arranged a most instructive and interesting visit. One of the visitors

speaking at the Medical Society's garden party at Poona on the same afternoon referred in his speech to the excellent work which this institution is carrying on in the interest of, and in promoting education and knowledge amongst, all classes and perhaps more particularly amongst the women of Poona and its districts. He said that more of this work is required for uplift of peoples of India in the fight towards attaining an improvement in the Public Health. We wish to thank those in charge of this Institution for their kindness and courtesy on the occasion of their visit.

Poona, } (Sd.) J. R. WEBB,  
13th February, 1928. } (Representing the Government  
of India with the party of the  
Health Interchange of the  
League of Nations)

*Signatories of the Foreign Health Officers of the Far East.*

- 1 Dr. C. R. Eshy, Manila (P. I.).
- 2 Dr. M. Fermont, French Indo-China.
- 3 J. P. Lourdran, "
- 4 A. H. Baldwin, Australia.

- 5 Ch. Winckel, Java.
- 6 Wu Lien Teh, China.
- 7 A. M. Ramzy, Egypt.
- 8 T. J. Hughes, New Zealand.
- 9 V. V. Chellappah, Colombo, Ceylon.
- 10 A. S. Wellington, Federated Malaya States.
- 11 Dr. S. Nishiki, C. M. O. Korea, Japan.
- 12 G. Jutengan, Phillippine Health Service, Manila.  
(P. I.)
- 13 Tze Chih C. Pekin, China.
- 14 Dr. Mang Chedt, Bangkok, Siam.

### III India.

(1)

#### **The late Dr. Jamshed Munsiff.**

As a frequent visitor and a fervent admirer of the Poona Seva Sadan I can faithfully endorse all that had been said by the delegation of the League of Nations and Colonel Graham, and join them in wishing the Institution all possible success.

Poona. } (Sd.) JAMSHED MUNSIFF,  
14th January, 1928. } (Offg. Director of Public  
Health with the Government  
of Bombay.)

## SUPPLEMENT.

## II. America.

(1)

## I. France.

(1)

## Mr. and Mrs. Swift.

I have had a most interesting and instructive visit to the (Poona) Seva Sadan Society. It is a splendid institution doing a most useful work which might well be the inspiration for others.

(Sd.) ERNEST J. SWIFT.

Poona City, }  
3rd January, 1935. } ( Secretary-General, League  
of Red Cross Societies,  
Paris. )

## Mr. Arthur L. Scott, and Margaret Scott.

It is always an amazing and satisfying revelation to us to view the work and activities and achievements of the Poona Seva Sadan. The amazing fact is that a group of earnest, intelligent Indians identify themselves with a progressive tact in such a way that all India feels the impart of the marvellous influence. This morning, therefore, it was a distinct pleasure to us to be shown so considerably around the main Headquarters of the (Poona) Seva Sadan in Poona. We shall not forget it.

With the best wishes from America,  
Poona, } (Sd.) ARTHUR L. SCOTT  
31st December, 1934. } (Sd.) MARGARET SCOTT.



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**THE CENTRAL**

**AND**

**PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS.**



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## SUBSECTION I—CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

## A. Administration.

## I: Personal Staff of the Viceroy.

(1)

**Col. J. Norman Walker, C. I. E., I. M. S.**

I have heard of the Poona Seva Sadan for several years and been in regular communication with Mr. Devadhar for more than two years. It was a privilege to be shown something of the work in progress, and my visit proved that at times realization can exceed anticipation. I have seen something of the work but it would take many days to make a critical survey of all that is being done for women and children by this Society.

In the short time at my disposal I was able to assure myself that the activities of the Society were well thought of, efficiently carried out, and conducted with the strictest economy.

The buildings are now used to the fullest capacity and I hope Mr. Devadhar's desire that the

Provincial Government should place their buildings at his disposal, may be fulfilled at an early date.

I am anxious that the training of Health-visitors throughout India should be critically examined and standardised. In this connection we shall welcome Mr. Devadhar and the representatives of the Poona Seva Sadan at the Delhi Conference to be held after Christmas.

(Sd.) J. NORMAN WALKER.

[Surgeon to H. E. the Viceroy,  
and Hon. Secretary, The Lady  
Chelmsford All-India League  
for Maternity and Child  
Welfare, Delhi (now Director of  
Medical and Sanitation Dept.,  
Nizam State, Hyderabad  
(Deccan)].

Poona. }  
2nd August, 1926. }

## II. Viceroy's Executive Council,

(1)

**The Hon'ble Khan Bahadur Mian Sir****Fazl-i-Hussain, K. C. S. I., K. C. I. E.,**

( True copy of a letter. )

Dear Devadhar,

Yours of the 23rd instant. It was very kind of you to show me round. The next time I am in Poona,

I hope to be able to devote more time to studying your excellent institution.

With best wishes.

I remain,  
Your sincerely,  
(Sd.) FAZAL-I-HUSAIN.  
(Minister I/c Education,  
Health, & Lands,  
6, King Edward Road,  
New Delhi.)

New Delhi.  
27th October, 1929. }

### III. Secretariat.

(a) Department of Education, Health  
and Lands.

(1)

**Mr. J. A. Richey.**

I had often heard of the work of the Poona Seva Sadan, but until my visit this week had no idea of the magnitude of the work. I was particularly impressed by the large attendance of adult women. The rapidly increasing numbers are a sufficient testimony to the value of the work and to the soundness of the lines on which the institution is run.

I can only hope that some of the visitors from other provinces may be inspired to found institutions

elsewhere on this model. I congratulate Mr. Devadhar, Mrs. Ranade and their associates on the wonderful success of the undertaking.

Poona, } (Sd.) J. A. RICHEY,  
6th August, 1920 } (Educational Commissioner  
with the Government of India.)

(2)

**Mr. J. A. Richey.**

( True copy of a letter )

Dear Mr. Devadhar,

I return herewith the Visitors' Book of Poona Seva Sadan. I was indeed very much impressed by all that I saw at the institution and I enclose a cheque for Rs. 300 towards the work. I hope to see the nursing department on my next visit.

Please send me a stamped receipt for Rs. 300.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) J. A. RICHEY.

( Educational Commissioner with  
the Government of India. )

Camp, Poona, }  
7th August, 1920. }

*P. S.*—The above donation is from public funds, hence the need for the receipt. But I should like to help the work personally and so send a second cheque for Rs. 100 of my own.

(Sd.) J. A. RICHEY.

(*N. B.*—When Mr. Richey's Predecessor in office Mr. (Sir) Henry Sharp visited the institution in Poona in about 1916-17, he was so impressed even with the work and its lines that he considered the institution "exceptionally good" and sent me a cheque for Rs. 400 and out of that fund we named some of our College cupboards after Mr. Sharp.)

(3)

**Col. J. D. Graham, I.M.S.**

I visited the Association's headquarters with the League of Nations' visitors mentioned in the previous page (now printed on page 78, section VI. of the Album,) and was delighted with all that I saw. The work being done is practical work by Indians for Indians. This is as it should be. It is conceived on the sound lines of making many Indian women independent and self-supporting in following the lines of work which are very necessary for the

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uplift of their Indian sisters both healthy and sick. The education of Indian women is one of the bright hopes for India's future development hygienically and must be encouraged everywhere. We want to see such work multiplied ten-fold and extended over India. I wish Mr. Devadhar and the Association every success in their great endeavour.

Poona, } (Sd.) J. D. GRAHAM,  
14th February, 1928. } (Public Health Commissioner  
with the Government of India.)

(4)

**General T. H. Symons, D. G.**

I visited this Institution this afternoon. It appears to be doing most interesting and useful work.

Poona, } (Sd.) T. H. SYMONS,  
16th February, 1928. } (Head of the Medical  
Services of the Govern-  
ment of India.)

#### IV. Public Services Commission.

(1)

**Mr. S. Raza Ali, and Mr. B. P. Varma.**

Mr. Thakkar of the Servants of India Society deserves our best thanks for arranging for us a visit

to the Poona Seva Sadan Society's Buildings. My Colleague Syed Raza Ali and myself were permitted to see the work which this unique Institution is doing for the womanhood of India. Mrs. Naik, the Lady Superintendent, very kindly explained to us the various activities of the institution and we were shown round the various departments. Both of us were greatly and favourably impressed with the work done and the high and lofty ideals the workers have placed before them. We both wish them every success in their efforts.

Poona, 20th July, 1931. } (Sd.) S. RAZA ALI,  
                                      } (Sd.) B. P. VARMA,  
                                      } (Ministers, P. S. Commission,  
                                      } Delhi.)

### B. Imperial Legislatures.

### I. Legislative Assembly.

(1)

**Mr. Panchanansinha, M. L. A., Mr. M. Suhravardy and Mr. M. Anwarul Aizmi M. L. A., Bar-at-Law.**

We owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Devadhar for showing us one of his monumental works, the Poona

Seva Sadan, and explaining its working for nearly four hours on Tuesday, the 10th July, 1928. When we left it in the evening we were full of admiration and inspiration. All its numerous departments and branches are linked together for a common purpose, namely making the way smooth for Indian women to acquire culture and self-reliance and to become fully useful to Society. We were struck with its neatness and cheering atmosphere. The inmates were full of life and vigour. Their outlook was optimistic. We had heard of its modest beginning and saw what it had grown into. The sphere of its activities is widening. We wish it were possible for such an institution to have its branches in all the important places of this Country where through lack of education and the existence of various social evils, the condition of our women is not such as it should be. Mr. Devadhar and his associates have indeed shown by their achievements how we can attack the problem of women's uplift. Behind all that we saw we

found imagination, self-sacrifice, assiduity, and sincerity.

(Sd.) PANCHANANSINHA,  
Kumar of Srinagar, (Purnea); Member  
Road Development Committee.]  
(Sd.) M. SUHRAVARDY,  
(Member of the Council of State  
Bengal.)

(Sd.) M. ANWARUL AZIM,  
(Member, Road Development  
Committee, Chittagong )  
Poona, }  
10th July, 1928. }

(2)

**Mohammad Shafee Daudi, M. L. A.**

We have visited this institution for a pretty long time this afternoon. Mr. Devadhar has kindly explained all its activities and shown us all around. We are struck with this economic method of work and the simple life of the students. The remarkable feature is that all communities and all classes have claimed the attention of Mr. Devadhar equally. Even in matter of dining, no difference is observed between a Hindu or a Musulman. Depressed classes have also been so gladly taken in the institution. The women of this part of the country will no doubt take a march over the rest of India by the help of this Institution.

We offer our sincere thanks to the founder and the organisers of the institutions.

(Sd.) MOHAMMAD SHAFEE DAUDI,  
Poona, } [President, Central Khilapat  
12th October, 1928. } Committee,  
Muzaffarpur (B. & O.).]

(3)

**Mr. Thakurdas Bhargava, M. L. A.**

I paid a visit to the Poona Seva Sadan Institution this morning. I had heard much of it before and I was longing for a visit. I am glad to say that my expectations were fulfilled and what I saw, fills me with a hope that Indian ladies if they are given proper opportunities, are competent to do everything and in course of time are likely to surpass men in matters in which they are in their own element. The activities of the Institution are varied as would appear from the boards stuck up in the hall indicating them.

Everything is neat and clean. The ladies in-charge are very obliging and take very good interest in their work. Such an institute reflects great credit on those who work it. I wish we had some institutes like this in Upper India. The lead given by Poona in other matters has been aptly followed and I have



no doubt that this Institution shall inspire an ideal as the Fergusson College did.

The department relating to Depressed Classes is very interesting and may prove a solvent to many of the difficulties experienced in social matters. Without such institutions in every Province I feel the cause of rural education can never be solved.

I wish the Institution all prosperity and success.

Poona, } (Sd.) THAKURDAS  
4th November, 1928. } BHARGAVA.

## II. Council of State.

(1)

### Rao Sahib Dr. U. Rama Rao.

Mr. G. K. Devadhar, M. A., was kind enough to take me round, with the other members of the Roads Development Committee, to show the working of the Poona Seva Sadan. After spending nearly four hours in studying the working of the Institution, I am of opinion that Poona Seva Sadan is a cosmopolitan Institution working for the social uplift of all classes and creeds where the Brahmin, the Depressed Classes, the Parsi, the Mohammedan and the Christian are equally welcomed. Its activities

are many-sided—Literary, Cultural, Manual, Industrial, Medical and Social Welfare, etc. Its latest development of starting a Maternity Home and Child Welfare Centre is very commendable and they are already doing excellent work in that direction. I fully appreciate the medical and nursing activities of the Poona Seva Sadan. It is a comfortable Home for helpless widows and makes them lead an honest, pure and useful, and independent life. The Institution is an unique one and deserves continued financial help to further its activities. Extension of accommodation is urgently felt. It is a matter of pride and pleasure to go through the Institution and see how one sincere social worker like Mr. Devadhar with self-sacrificing two or three lady workers can work up an Institution from a small beginning to the present position. I wish Mr. Devadhar and his co-workers a long life to continue the useful work.

(Sd.) U. RAMA RAO.

[ Medical Practitioner, and Member,  
Poona, } Council of State, "Hawarden",  
14th July, 1928 } Lawder's Gate Road,  
Vepery, Madras.]

(2)

**Mr. Shivdevsingh Uberol.**

I had the pleasure of being invited by Mr. Devadhar, M. A., Hon. Secretary of the (Poona) Seva Sadan Society, Poona, and in response to his kind invitation I paid a visit along with other members of the Roads Development Committee.

We went round and saw all the Branches and were highly impressed with the most useful activities of the Society. The movement is sure to elevate the educational, moral and economic condition of the women of this part of the country and deserves encouragement and patronage at the hands of every Indian interested in the welfare of the better half of the community.

I wish Mr. Devadhar and his noble colleagues long life to continue on this noble service to the woman folk

Poona,                    } (Sd.) SHIVDEVISINGH UBEROL.  
14th July, 1928.        } [Member, Council of State,  
                                  Sialkot (Punjab)]

**SUBSECTION II—BOMBAY PRESIDENCY.****A. Administration.****I. Governor and President-in-Council.**

(1)

**H. E. The Rt. Hon'ble Sir Leslie Orme Wilson**, P.C., G.C.I.E., G.C.S.I., C.M.G., D.S.O.,

On July 25th, Lady Wilson and I paid an all too short a visit to the Poona Seva Sadan. Although we spent nearly two hours visiting the various activities of the Society, we could only have a glance of all the work which is being carried on.

It is difficult to speak too highly of the eminently practical work we saw, or of the social or educational value of this work.

The total number of students on the roll on the day of our visit was no less than 1256, and when one thinks of this number and realizes that the main objects of the Society are to provide the country with trained nurses and teachers and training to learn useful work, one can appreciate how much the Society is doing for India and Indian women.

We both heartily congratulate Mr. Devadhar and his colleagues, devoted to duty as they are, on their

self-sacrificing work, and hope to have another opportunity soon of visiting the (Poona) Seva Sadan again and feel sure that it will have in the future all that success it so thoroughly deserves.

Government House, }  
Ganeshkhind, Poona, } (Sd). LESLIE WILSON.  
12th August, 1924. } (Governor of Bombay.)

## II. Members of Council and Ministers.

(1)

### The Hon'ble Sir George Carmichael and Lady Gertrude Carmichael

We were very pleased to have another opportunity of seeing the excellent work which is being carried on by the Poona Seva Sadan in Poona. There has been a great expansion and many improvements since our last visit in 1917. More accommodation is obviously required, and to give the Society the reversion of the Vishram Bag Wada seems a suitable way of providing it.

Poona, }  
15th October, 1920. } (Sd.) GEORGE CARMICHAEL,  
 } (Member, Executive Council of the Governor of Bombay.)  
 (Sd.) GERTRUDE CARMICHAEL.

(2)

**Sir Ebrahim Rahimtoola, K. C. S. I.,**

( True copy of a letter. )

My Dear Devadhar,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date.

I am sure you will understand that as the question you are raising is likely to come up for consideration within the next few days, it would not be right for me to express any opinion on the subject in your Visitors' Book. I am, therefore, returning it. I hope you won't mind it.

Yours sincerely,

Poona, }  
3rd November, 1920. } (Sd.) EBRAHIM RAHIMTOOLA.  
 } (Member, Executive Council of the Government of Bombay)

(3)

**Hon. Mr. W. F. Hudson, I. C. S.**

It was a great pleasure to my wife and myself to renew our acquaintance with the Poona Seva Sadan after an interval of seven years, and to see its remarkable development since our last visit. The Society is certainly doing wonderful work for the women and girls of this Presidency and deserves the

support of every one. Its chief need in Poona is room to expand, and I sincerely hope that a way out of this difficulty may before long be found. We congratulate Mr. Devadhar and his band of workers on the progress they have made since 1922, and wish them all success in the future.

Poona, } (Sd.) W. F. HUDSON,  
15th October, 1929. } (Member, Executive Council  
of the Government of Bombay.)

(4)

**Hon. Mr. G.V. Pradhan, B.A., LL.B., J.P.**

I visited the Poona Seva Sadan Society's Branch at Poona twice in company of Mrs. Pradhan. I have always a very high appreciation of the work which the Institution is doing for adult female education. It caters for the needs of poor women, irrespective of caste, creed, and religion. They are taught self-reliance and social service and it is an institution deserving every aid. One has got to see the working of the Institution in all its details to be convinced of what service it is doing.

I also inspected its Sholapur Branch and was present at the prize-distribution ceremony with Mrs. Pradhan. The same good work is done there. It is

also turning out nurses and midwives, and several women who have got their education in all the different branches at different centres, are well settled in life.

I wish the institution every success. Mr. Devadhar, its indefatigable worker, and his lady assistants deserve every praise.

Poona, } (Sd.) G. V. PRADHAN,  
23rd October, 1929. } (Finance Member,  
Government of Bombay.)

### III. Secretariat

(a) *Political and Reforms Department.*

(1)

**Mr. J. Martin, I. C. S.**

My wife and I, in company with Mr. J.W. Smith, have had the pleasure of being shown over the Poona Seva Sadan by Mrs. Jankibai Bhat and some of her colleagues and helpers.

Our time was too short to see the whole of the Institution, but we were much interested by what we saw of the many branches of activity of the Society.

Both in amount and character of work, its activities are impressive. It is a pioneer and a unique

institution which has grown from small beginnings to what it now is.

We hope it will continue to prosper and spread, and to help the women of India both by its work and its example.

Poona, } (Sd.) J. MARTIN,  
17th September, 1927. } (Chief Secretary to Govern-  
ment of Bombay.)

(b) *General and Educational Departments.*

(1)

**Mr. J. K. Ker, I. C. S.**

Mr. Devadhar was kind enough to take me round all the branches of the Poona Seva Sadan yesterday. It is managed on broad-minded and practical lines and in a spirit of devotion to duty as a result it is so successful that it is growing faster than the available accommodation permits and more space is badly wanted. I hope that the scheme for the extension of the premises will be carried through, without a hitch.

Poona, } (Sd.) J. K. KER,  
28th September, 1920. } (Secretary to Government,  
General Department, Bombay.)

(2)

**Mr. C. W. A. Turner, C. I. E., I. C. S.**

I have paid a hurried visit this morning to the Poona Seva Sadan to inspect the Vishrambag Building which the Poona Seva Sadan want to take once for their numerous classes for which at present they have inadequate accommodation. I am very glad to have seen it under the guidance of Mr. Natekar, who has explained everything to me.

As I have always found in my previous visits every thing is in spick and span order in the institution.

Poona, } (Sd.) C. W. A. TURNER,  
22nd October, 1927. } [Secretary, General Department, Government of Bombay;  
(now Chief Secretary, Political and Reforms Department.)]

(3)

**Mr. R. B. Ewbank, C. I. E., I. C. S.**

I had the pleasure of being shown over the Poona Seva Sadan by Mr. Devadhar himself. It is ten years since last I visited the institution and I was greatly impressed by the progress made in every direction. The women were obviously happy and contented in

their work. It is a truly constructive achievement to enable these unhappy widows to re-create their lives and to devote themselves to a variety of callings of real service to the Community. Apart from the widows the educational work among other girls is obviously valuable and meets a growing need. Mr. Devadhar's own spirit of charity, service to others, and goodwill pervade and inspire the whole place. I am proud to be able to count amongst my friends a man who has gathered around him such a devoted staff and who, mainly by his own work and personality, has to his credit such an achievement as the (Poona) Seva Sadan.

(Sd.) R. B. EWBANK,

Poona, }  
18th November, 1931 } (Secretary, General Department with the Government of Bombay.)

(c) *Public Works Department.*

(1)

**Mr. D. R. H. Browne.**

Recently I had a welcome opportunity of visiting the headquarters of the Poona Seva Sadan Society, and Mr. Devadhar and his helpers showed me round

and explained the various activities of this very 'live' institution. I was surprised to learn how varied and numerous are its spheres of effort, and I was immensely struck by the evidence of very efficient organisation in all departments which was clearly apparent and by the splendid work which the Society is obviously doing under the leadership of its energetic Honorary Organiser and General Secretary, Mr. Devadhar. I wish the Society and its highly deserving band of workers every success.

Poona City, } (Sd.) D. R. H. BROWNE,  
28th July, 1929. } (Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Bombay.)

## **B. Provincial Legislature**

### **I. Bombay Legislative Council.**

(1)

**Mr. N. E. Navale, B.A., LL. B., M.L.C.**

Visited the Poona Seva Sadan Society. Mr. Devadhar, the most energetic Hon. Organiser and General Secretary of the Institution, was kind enough to take me round and show over

the various classes and the various activities of the Institution. I was simply wonderstruck by the excellent progress the Institution is making in various useful directions. Mr. Devadhar seems to have followed the liberal policy as regards admission of girls, as I was glad to find girls from various backward communities, including even depressed classes. The Poona Seva Sadan is really a unique institution which deserves every encouragement both from the Public and Government. I am told that Government is not giving as liberal a grant to the Institution as they ought to give, owing to their oft repeated excuse of financial stringency. The buildings at present at the disposal of the Society are quite insufficient for the various activities of the Institution. The Society, therefore, wants to move Government seriously about the handing over to it the Vishram Bagh Wada. The Wada is situated just adjacent to the Buildings of the Society. I learn that the Poona Municipality also wants the Wada for the purpose of a museum. I think that the claim of the Poona Seva Sadan Society is more appropriate and important than that of the Municipality which as an independent corporation can afford to erect its

own building for the purpose of the museum. I wish the institution every success.

Poona, } (Sd.) N. E. NAVALE.  
30th July, 1929. } (Dy. President, Bombay Legislative Council, Ahmednagar.)

(2)

**Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Bar At-Law, Ph. D., M. L. C.**

I visited the Poona Seva Sadan again today. The Institution is a well-known one and I need hardly say more about it. I wish the institution every success.

Poona, } (Sd.) B. R. AMBEDKAR.  
27th July, 1929. }

(3)

**Dr. P. G. Solanki, L.M. & S., M.L.C.,**

I visited the Poona Seva Sadan Society at Poona and Mr. G. K. Devadhar, M. A., C. I. E., President of the Servants of India Society, was very kind enough to take us round, with Dr. Ambedkar, M. L. C., and Mr. Baloch, M. L. C., all over the premises. I found the class-rooms and the inmates very neat and clean. Bright faces of girls beaming with joy were round about

seen, engaged in their daily work and studies. This institution has very many activities and is very ably managed by Mr. G. K. Devadhar and his staff. It is highly creditable for him. I wish all success to this Institution and wish that many more branches are opened throughout India.

Poona,  
27th July, 1929.

(Sd.) P. G. SOLANKI,  
(Poona.)

(4)

**Khan Saheb G. A. D. Wasif, M. L. C.,**  
**Mr. Syed Munawar, B.A., M.L.C., J.P. and**  
**Mr. Haji Ibrahim Jitekar, M. L. C.**

We visited the Poona Seva Sadan Society and were highly impressed with the constructive work that is carried on there by its energetic General Secretary, Mr. G. K. Devadhar, M. A., C. I. E., with the willing assistance of his efficient colleagues. The Society is a model of a cosmopolitan institution admitting girls and women of all classes and creeds including Musalmans and imparting them secondary education from the lowest standard to Matriculation,

teachers' training in its entirety, and industrial and professional education and training so as to enable them to stand on their own legs and earn a living as Health Visitors, Midwives, Nurses, School Mistresses, Sewing Mistresses, Supervisors of schools and above all to become good wives. Besides, sewing, cutting, knitting, biscuit-making, hand-loom weaving, dyeing and calico-printing, type-composing, and gardening are also taught to the girls in the institution. There are as many as 860 girls attending the various branches of the Society's Poona Branch, whose activities are not only many-sided but steadily expanding in all directions. The crying need of the Society at present is additional accommodation. We understand that Government has been approached to annex to the Society the Vishram Bagh Wada which is in its immediate neighbourhood.

Looking to the utility of the Institution and its needs of accommodation we feel that the Society's claim for Vishram Bagh Wada is the foremost among all. We earnestly hope that philanthropic people interested in the welfare and education of women will find this institution the most deserving of their



generosity. We congratulate the self-sacrificing workers of the Society and wish it every success.

(Sd.) KHAN SAHEB G. A. D. WASIF  
[ (Malegaon, (Dist. Nasik. ) ]

(Sd.) SYED MUNAWAR,  
(One of the Trustees of the  
Bombay Port Trust,  
Bombay No. 8. )

I endorse all that is written above.

(Sd.) HAJI IBRAHIM JITEKAR.

Poona.

**C Officers whose jurisdiction extends over the whole Presidency including Sind.**

**I. Bombay**

(a) *Industrial Department*  
(1)

**Mr. P. B. Advani, M. Sc., J. P.**

I was greatly impressed by what I saw in the Poona Seva Sadan. The work which is being carried out is of utmost importance for the advancement of the country and I wish the institution continued

success. The Poona Seva Sadan deserves all the encouragement which can be given to it.

Poona, }  
10th January 1930. }

(Sd.) P. B. ADVANI,  
(Director of Industries,  
Bombay Presidency,  
Bombay.)

**II. Poona**

(a) *Educational Department*  
(1)

**Mr. F. B. Pendarves Lory, M. A., I. E. S.**

I have long been a profound admirer of the work which the Poona Seva Sadan is doing for the uplift of women as also for the good of the community in general. What the institution has done is stupendous. But the movement it has set on foot, will need continually expanding funds, and it is to be hoped that the public will realize the enormous value of the work that is being done and will generously support the Poona Seva Sadan in its endeavours to extend the scope of its usefulness.

In the classes that I had the pleasure of visiting, method and order were the dominant features that

impressed themselves on me. I believe the instruction given in all the many branches of the Institution to be sound and on right lines.

I wish every success to the Poona Seva Sadan and to the magnificent work which Mrs. Ramabai Ranade and Mr. Devadhar and their co-workers are doing.

Poona, } (Sd.) F. B. PENDARVES LORY,  
15th September, 1922 } (Director of Public Instruction,  
Bombay Presidency,  
Poona.)

(2)

**Mr. W. Grieve, M. A., B. Sc., and Mrs. A. Grieve**

My wife and I spent a happy and interesting morning under the able and kind guidance of Mr. Devadhar, Mrs. Bhat, and other friends, seeing the institution and its varied activities.

It is a great and good work. We were impressed by the orderliness of all the buildings, the activity and fine organization shown in all the many and

varied branches of work, and the great spirit of charitableness pervading all.

(Sd.) W. GRIEVE,  
(Director of Public Institution  
Poona, } Bombay Presidency, Poona.)  
1st February, 1927. } (Sd.) A. GRIEVE

(b) *Medical Department*

(1)

**Major General A. Hooton.**

As to the quality of work these nurses have been doing, the following extract from a letter by Lt. Col. (now Major-General) A. Hooton (retired) to Mr. G. K. Devadhar, our Honorary Organiser and General Secretary, will be a sufficient proof. Major General Hooton remarks :—

“ I am glad to give you a good report of the Poona Seva Sadan probationers here. We are all agreed that the experiment has been a great success and that the movement is a most promising one. One very important point is that the probationers, who

have entered for various courses, have been almost all of the right stamp and I must congratulate you on having been able to enlist ladies of good position and character who will be likely to maintain the reputation of the nursing profession after qualifying. In other localities where I have known an attempt was made to train Indian nurses, it was by no means easy to get people of any position to take up the work, with the result that the reputation of the nursing profession suffered. The sister in charge informs me that the work of your probationers has been on the whole exceedingly good. Of the four candidates who have gone up for the final examination of the B. P. N. A. not one has failed to qualify—a fact which speaks for itself and it has to be borne in mind that their examination is indetical in the vernacular with that for European nurses. I consider these results entirely justify you in appealing to the Government and the public for further assistance in support of the movement and wish you every success in your effort.

Poona. } (Sd.) A. HOOTON,  
(Surgeon-General with the Government of Bombay, B. P., Poona.)

(2)

**Lt. Col. R. W. Anthony, I. M. S.**

I was shown round the buildings of the Poona Seva Sadan Society by Mr. Devadhar on July 6th and was much impressed by the cleanliness and order everywhere displayed. The Society appears to be doing excellent work and has my sympathy and best wishes for its welfare and further advancement.

Poona, }  
15th July, 1925. }

(Sd.) R. W. ANTHONY,  
(Ag. Surgeon-General  
with the Government of  
Bombay, B. P. Poona.)

(3)

**Major-General H. Rothery Nutt, M. D., I. M. S.**

I was much impressed with the good work that is being done by the Seva Sadan, and by the great enthusiasm that Mr. Devadhar shows in his sustained work here.

I saw most of the institution and hostels and realize that it deserves every help. I hope it will

have continued and increasing prosperity and usefulness.

Sd. H. R. NUTT,  
[Surgeon-General with the  
Government of Bombay,  
Poona.]

Poona,                    }  
13th April, 1933. }

*N.B.*—He visited the two Nursing Hostels and the Head-quarters of the Poona Seva Sadan Society, on 12th April, 1933, in the evening from 5 to 6-30.

## **D. Officers at the Presidency.**

### **I. Educational Department.**

(a) *Educational and Dy. Educational Inspectors  
and Inspectresses.*

(1)

**Rao Bahadur K. G. Joshi, B. A.**

Visited the Poona Seva Sadan Hostel for the women of the depressed classes at the special request

of the Hon. Organiser, (and General Secretary), Mr. G. K. Devadhar. The arrangements made for the boarding and lodging of the inmates in spite of the tremendous difficulties in the way are thoroughly satisfactory and reflect highest credit on the organising and managing capacity of the Secretary and his co-workers.

What pleased me most was that there were eight Depressed Class girls who are provided for in the Hostel. Six of these are too poor to pay for the arrangements made for them and it is understood that the Poona Seva Sadan has to bear most of the charges. All the girls look neat, bright, and happy. They are evidently most benefitted by their association with the other inmates of the Hostel, from whom they cannot be distinguished easily. I am very much interested in the history of these girls and from what I heard and saw I was convinced that had it not been for the facilities afforded by the Poona Seva Sadan most of the girls would have continued to live a life of drudgery and misery like several other unfortunate sisters of their community.

I wish the Poona Seva Sadan activities all possible success.

Poona, } (Sd.) K. G. JOSHI,  
6th March, 1926. } (Educational Inspector,  
C. D., Poona.)

(2)

**Mr. J. S. Kadri, M. A.**

I visited the Poona Seva Sadan and was very much interested in what I saw of its varied activities.

The institution reflects great credit on the management and workers who appear all keen in discharging their duties to the best of their power and ability.

There is an under-current of service and self-sacrifice visible in the conduct of the organisers as well as in that of the teachers and the taught.

There is an air of equality and fraternity among the various castes and creeds taking advantage of this institution and this is a real achievement in the direction of social reform.

I wish the institution all success.

Poona, } (Sd.) J. S. KADRI,  
17th June, 1929. } (Educational Inspector,  
C. D., Poona.)

(3)

**Mr. Syed Nurullah, M. A.**

I was very glad to have had this opportunity of visiting the Poona Seva Sadan and going round the various branches of its activities which are almost too numerous to mention here. It reflects great credit on the management that, notwithstanding the number and variety of activities undertaken, they are able to present, to even a critical observer, achievements of which they may very reasonably be proud. I have not the least hesitation in saying that the Poona Seva Sadan institutions are supplying a big gap in the needs of the women of India. The spirit of sacrifice and devotion to service of the management are admirable. Nothing less than that could possibly have attracted the large number of children, girls, and women who so willingly and trustingly flock to the Institution. I wish the Poona Seva Sadan every success.

Poona, } (Sd.) SYED NURULLAH,  
16th July, 1930. } (Educational Inspector,  
C. D., Poona.)

(4)

**Miss F. L. Mcfee.**

It was very great pleasure to me to see the work of the Poona Seva Sadan. It is amazing and most praiseworthy, for each department seems to be splendidly managed. The devotion of the workers is an object-lesson to many others, and if only similar institutions could be started in different parts of the Presidency there would be little cause for widows to feel they were a burden to society. My thanks are due to Mr. Devadhar and his co-workers in having spent the time they did in showing me the work of the institution.

Poona, } (Sd.) F. L. MCFEE,  
23rd August, 1920. } (Inspectress of Girls Schools,  
S. D., Dharwar.)

(5)

**Miss A. E. Brootie, I. E. S.**

(On Special Duty.)

I feel much indebted to Mrs. Ramabai Ranade and Mr. Devadhar for giving me an opportunity of seeing something of the splendid work of this orga-

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nization. It seems indeed, to have solved the problem of women's education in these parts. It provided activities and facilities of every description for over 700 women and girls chiefly the former (over 500). So that no woman may be without that training which is necessary for her own peculiar circumstances and within her powers of assimilation. It was indeed a revelation to see such large classes of women of every age and degree being educated for some useful purpose.

I was much impressed with the devotion and fine spirit of all these workers in the good cause. If only they could send out from this Central Institution "Missionaries" to the less favoured spots the material is everywhere I feel if only there were the workers.

It is sad to find even here difficulties in the way. I refer to the inadequate accommodation. Expansion is difficult as private and public buildings and roads prevent acquirement of the necessary space. But in spite of all obstacles the work and the results are in my opinion little short of *marvellous*.

(Sd.) A. E. BROOTIE.  
Poona. (Poona.)

(6)

**Mr. D. B. Bapat.**

I was indeed much impressed with what I saw at the Poona Seva Sadan. The work in the different departments is carried on with a spirit of nobleness and disinterested motives. The institution is found to provide education on modern lines in different branches suited to the needs of Indian women. It has a great future and I wish it every success.

Poona, } (Sd.) D. B. BAPAT,  
25th August, 1920. } (Deputy Educational Inspector,  
W. Khandesh.)

**II. Agricultural Department.**

(a) *Deputy Director of Agriculture.*

(1)

**Prof. V. G. Gokhale, L. Ag.**

I had great pleasure of having an opportunity of visiting the Poona Seva Sadan and of being shown round by Mr. Devadhar. I feel sorry I did not visit the Institution long before this. I was much struck with a living picture of the reality of the great name and glory under which this most generous and fitting

institution for the upliftment of Indian womanhood is known. The internal arrangements were gone through in every detail and I never expected to see such a high class of affairs before I actually saw them. It reflects great credit, public spirit, and public service in the organisers of this institution and the band of selfless public spirited workers like Mr. Devadhar and his associates Mrs. Bhat and others.

I wish the best of prosperity to these laudable endeavours. I am much obliged to Mr. Devadhar and Mrs. Bhat for their kindness.

Poona, } (Sd.) V. G. GOKHALE,  
27th August, 1925 } (Deputy Director of Agriculture,  
Ratnagiri, Konkan.)

**E. District Arrangements.****I. Central Division.**

(a) *Commissioners*

(1)

**Mr. H. B. Clayton, C. I. E., I. C. S., M. A., J. P.**

Visited with Sardars Purandare and Potnis, and saw the wada. It had rained heavily during the night

and was too wet to go out of doors. I wish the various movements every success. Mr. Devadhar and his staff fully realise the difficulties of the problems they are attempting to tackle and this is possibly half the battle.

Poona, } (Sd.) H. B. CLAYTON,  
18th September, 1931. } (Commissioner, C. D. Poona.)

(2)

**Mr. F. G. Pratt, I. C. S.**

Mr. Devadhar, Mrs. Ranade and Mrs. Janakibai Bhat were kind enough to show me all the various activities and departments of the Society's work in the Sadashiv Peth. Mr. Devadhar is anxious to secure reversion of the Vishram Bagh Wada when the High School migrates and it would be a great pleasure to me if I could help him to realize his wish. The latest development of the Society's work is the Infant Welfare Branch which I am sure will rapidly grow and prosper. I wish every possible success to the Society and its devoted band of workers.

Poona, } (Sd.) F. G. PRATT,  
5th October, 1920. } (Commissioner, C. D. Poona.)

(b) *Land Records Office,*

(1)

**R. B. C. D. Kavi, B. A., B. C. B. and  
Prof. D. G. Karve, M. A.**

We had very great pleasure in visiting this institution for two days. It is doing many-sided useful activities particularly for women and deserves all possible encouragement. We wish it full success under the able guidance of Mr. Devadhar assisted by a band of lady workers.

Sd/- C. D. KAVI,  
(Offg. Superintendent of  
Land Records, Central  
Division, Poona.)  
Sd/- D. G. KARVE,  
(Professor, Fergusson  
College, Poona No. 4.)

Poona, }  
3rd August, 1931. }

**A. Poona District.**

(a) *Collectors.*

(1)

**Mr. A. M. Macmillan, I. C. S., C. I. E.**

"I visited the Centre on the occasion of Lady Hotson's visit, and was very much interested in the work being carried on. In my opinion it is of



interest mainly as an experiment in methods of work since the conditions in Khed-Shivapur could not be reproduced in average village, either as regards buildings, or equipment, or personnel for conducting the various activities of the Centre. So long as it is remembered that it is in the nature of an expensive laboratory-experiment in methods and not an experiment under normal working conditions the results of which could be applied directly to other villages and conditions, I think, it is most valuable."

Poona, } (Sd.) A. M. MACMILLAN.  
20th October, 1931. } (Collector, Poona District, Poona.)

(2)

**Mr. & Mrs. W. F. Hudson, I. C. S.**

My wife and I spent a very pleasant and interesting hour at the Poona Seva Sadan and were much impressed by the work in all its varied departments. Considering that the institution is only ten years old, its development has been astonishing, and Mrs. Ranade and Mr. Devadhar deserve every congratulation on their success. All that is wanted now

is more room and more money and I have no doubt Mr. Devadhar will get both.

Poona, } (Sd.) W. F. Hudson,  
4th September, 1920. } (Collector, Poona District, Poona.)

(3)

**Mr. & Mrs. W. T. Owen, I. C. S.**

Mrs. Tudor Owen and I spent a most instructive afternoon in the company of the indefatigable Mr. Devadhar and his co-workers Mrs. Janakibai Bhat and Drs. Ranade and Shikhare. He is an Indian Burnardo and deserves all the help and encouragement that is available in official and non-official circles.

Poona. } (Sd.) W. T. OWEN,  
1st July, 1928. } (Collector, Poona District, Poona.)

(4)

**Mr. W. Tudor Owen, I. C. S.**

The Poona Seva Sadan makes me proud to be Collector of Poona.

Poona, } (Sd) W. TUDOR OWEN,  
9th April, 1929. } (Collector, Poona District, Poona.)

(4 a)

**Mrs. Muriel Tudor Owen.**

We visited the Poona Seva Sadan today and I have been asked by Mr. Devadhar to write something about the good work that is being done. The magnitude of the work, the unfailing patience, and hard work of the Superintendents, the Teachers, the Doctors, the Nurses, result in an atmosphere of kindness and efficiency, so that it is difficult to find words in which to praise this most wonderful organisation.

We all know what a dreadful fate it was in the old narrow orthodox days to be a Hindu widow, and when I was told today that 75 per cent of the women being trained here to earn their own livings were widows, I realized what this Institution was doing and giving hope to the hopeless, an object in life to those who otherwise had no future and great happiness in the ability to teach and help others. I wish this Organisation the greatest success.

Poona,  
9th April, 1929.

(Sd.) MURIEL TUDOR OWEN.

(b) *Civil Surgeons and Military Medical Officers.*

(1)

**Lt. Col. R. F. Steel, M. B., F. R. C. S.,**  
(Edin.) **I. M. S.**

Along with Major Plumtree, I.M.S., I visited all the various branches of the Poona Seva Sadan at the invitation of Mr. Devadhar, who very kindly conducted us personally and explained the working of the various branches. The work done is wonderful, and the standard attained very high indeed. Mr. Devadhar has a thorough grasp of the needs of India and has set himself to enable India to satisfy those needs by her own efforts. The needs are great but with a few such men as Mr. Devadhar India need not despair. We were very much impressed by the high standard of efficiency attained in all the institutions.

Poona, }  
25th May, 1924. }

(Sd.) R. F. STEEL,  
(Civil Surgeon, Poona.)

(2)

**Lt. Col. R. H. Candy, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., I.M.S.**

The (Poona) Seva Sadan is an unique institution. All the glorious testimony in this book will

hardly convey to the reader a true appreciation of its intensive both work and workers.

The available space is crowded with very form of educational work and fresh branches are constantly being tried out. It matters little if such experiment is successful or not; it does matter that such brings more workers into the orbit of the Society to be infused with that same guiding spirit.

This work will bring its own blessings.

Poona, } (Sd.) R. H. CANDY,  
22nd & 30th June, 1933. } (Civil Surgeon, Poona.)

N. B.—He made this remark after visiting the Poona Seva Sadan twice on the 22nd and 30th June, 1933.

(3)

**Col. G. L. Duncan, I.M.S.**

(True copy of a letter.)

DEAR MR. DEVADHAR,

I was very pleased to get your letter and the literature you sent separately. You ought to be very proud of the extensive and varied nature of the organisation; and although varied all branches

of the scheme are most useful and practical. The gratitude of those whom you provide such service for is the best reward you can have; but I hope that further honour will fall to you for your work.

I am afraid that in these days too much prominence is given to political matters and the general public are dangerously unaware that much social service is being quietly and unostentatiously carried on. I certainly was not aware that there was such an extensive movement as the Poona Seva Sadan Society provides. I hope it will long continue to flourish under your capable organisation.

I enclose a cheque for Rs. 20 which I hope the Society will accept to further its good work.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) G. L. DUNCAN  
[8, Risly Road,  
Kirkee (East).]

Poona No. 3. }  
16th September, 1929. }

(4)

**Capt. H. N. Shivapuri, I. M. S.**

My wife and I visited to-day the Poona Seva Sadan and saw the wonderful work being done here in their many departments by this wonderful associa-

tion. This work has only been possible due to the enthusiasm of Mr. Devadhar and his devoted staff of workers. We wish the institution more prosperity and success in future.

Poona. } (Sd.) H. N. SHIVAPURI,  
22nd September, 1931. } [Officer-Commanding, Indian  
Military Hospital, Kirkee;  
(now Chief Medical Officer  
Jaipur, Jaipur State) ].

(5)

**Lt. Col. A. J. Lee, I. M. S.**

I am very glad to have had the privilege of being shown over the (Poona) Seva Sadan by Mr. Devadhar himself. Although my visit was during the vacation I have obtained a very good impression of the extensive activities and very efficient organization of the institution.

The Maternity and Child Welfare Branch particularly interested me as this work has of recent years come to the fore in connection with the families of Indian Troops. Mr. Devadhar has kindly given the Poona Indian Troops Maternity and Child welfare Centre his help by sending a Lady Sub-Assistant Surgeon to work with us.

It is to be hoped that the sphere of social service of the (Poona) Seva Sadan will continue to expand as I am sure it will so long as Mr. Devadhar with his personality and energy remains the guiding hand.

Poona. } (Sd) A. J. LEE,  
10th May, 1932. } [Officer-Commanding Indian  
Military Hospital, Kirkee: (now  
at I. M. H., Peshawar) ].

(c) *Government High School for Girls.*

(1)

**Miss. K. M. Bever**

I had much pleasure in visiting the Poona Seva Sadan on the 20th instant after some years and I was amazed to find the progress it had made. The activities of the institution are most varied, and education is brought within the reach of every woman, so that even grown up girls may be found battling with the primer in order to be trained as teachers or nurses later on. It is, above all, gratifying to see the numbers of widows who take advantage of this excellent institution with the object of being trained for some profession. Every class in every branch

appeared to be full and I fear this good work will be seriously hampered if there are no means of expansion in the near future. I should like to congratulate Mrs. Ramabai Ranade, the founder of the Sadan, Mr. G. K. Devadhar, the energetic Hon. Organiser, and all the workers especially Mrs. Janakibai Bhat and Mrs. Yamunabai Bhat on the wonderful results that have been attained during the short period of its existence and to wish it further success in the future. Such institutions must be dear to the hearts of all who are interested in the uplifting of Indian womanhood which is so vital to the progress and welfare of India.

Poona. } (Sd.) K. M. BEVER,  
23rd August, 1920. } (Lady Superintendent, High School for Indian Girls, Poona.)

(d) *Co-operative Department.*

(1)

**Rao Bahadur K. B. Bhadrapur.**

Visited the Institution and was kindly shown round by the authorities. I may, say at once, state that it is a model institution and deserves wide imitation all over the country. I would like to see a larger

number of ladies of backward class communities take advantage of the Institute.

Poona. } (Sd.) K. B. BHADRAPUR.  
23rd September, 1920. } (Personal Assistant to the Registrar, Coop. Societies, Poona.)

## **B Sholapur District.**

(a) *Collectors*

(1)

**Mr. J. R. Hood, I. C. S.**

Under Mr. Devadhar's kind guidance I have spent a most interesting hour at the Poona Seva Sadan Headquarters and leave much impressed by the great value of the work that is being done here for the women of India.

Poona, } (Sd.) J. R. HOOD,  
30th July, 1927. } (Collector, Sholapur District, Sholapur.)

(2)

**Mr. H. F. Knight, I. C. S.**

Mr. Devadhar brought me to Khed-Shivapur to-day and I have been very interested indeed in the activities of the Association. These activities seem

to cover every side of village life and owe a tribute to the enthusiasm of Mr. Devadhar and his honorary workers.

Poona. } (Sd.) H. F. KNIGHT,  
3rd July, 1931. } (Collector, Sholapur.  
District, Sholapur.)

## II. Southern Division,

(a) *Backward Class Officer, Bombay Presidency.*  
(1)

**Mr. David Symington, B. A., (Oxon.) J.P., I.C.S.**

I was fortunate enough to be shown round the many departments at the (Poona) Seva Sadan Society's Head-quarters by Mr. Devadhar himself. I was very much impressed by what I saw. The Society is doing a great work for the women of India of all castes including the Depressed Classes.

(Sd.) D. SYMINGTON,  
Poona. } (Ag. Backward Class Officer,  
10th September, 1932. } Bombay Presidency, Dharwar)

(b) *Criminal Tribes Settlement*  
(1)

**Mr. O. H. B. Starte, I. C. S.**

I was very much interested in seeing the work of the Poona Seva Sadan. Its work is of the utmost value

for Indian Women, specially for widows, and is also very useful in providing a training-ground for Indian Women workers in various branches of social service. I wish the Institution every success and heartily congratulate Mr. Devadhar and the other workers.

Poona, } (Sd.) O. H. B. STARTE,  
31st July, 1929. } (Criminal Tribes Settlement  
Officer, Dharwar,)

## Other Departments

### I. Medical.

(a) *Sassoon General Hospitals, Poona.*

(1)

### Miss Hutchings.

Miss Hutchings, the former Assistant Lady Superintendent of the Sassoon General Hospitals, has on a later date and on the occasion of a Prize-giving ceremony held in honour of our passed out sub-assistant Surgeons, Nurses, and Midwives, under the presidency of Major-General W. E. Jennings, the then Surgeon-General with the Government of

Bombay, on the 29th of January, 1923, remarked as follows:—

"I am fully convinced, it is largely due to the fact that we are able to rely on the Poona Seva Sadan Society, to keep us continually supplied with the services of the 26 of their number (now it is 36) that we are able to carry on the nursing arrangements as efficiently as it is done to-day. I hope the Poona Seva Sadan Nurses will continue to do good work for the Hospital and through their training they will prove themselves a great power for good in the service of their country."

—Extract from page 12 of the illustrated Brochure relating to the new Nurses' Quarters (under construction), presented to H. E. Sir Frederick Sykes on the 2nd of October 1933, when he paid a long visit to this spot accompanied by Lady Sykes.

Poona, }  
29th January 1923. }

(2)

(Miss) F. Moulson.

I visited the Poona Seva Sadan Headquarters on January 26th, and was very much interested in all

that I saw and heard, at the preliminary training school of the Indian Probationers, who in part, compose the staff of the Sassoon Hospitals. I can vouch that in most cases, the girls trained by the Poona Seva Sadan Society, are a great credit to Mr. Devadhar, Dr. Ranade and their class teachers.

Poona. } (Sd.) (Miss) F. MOULSON  
28th January, } (Lady Superintendent, The Sassoon  
1927. } General Hospitals, Poona.)

## II. Educational (Industrial).

(a) *Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute.*

(1)

**Mr. V. A. Fernandez, J. P., L. T. M., F. T. I.**

Visited the Poona Seva Sadan and found it very interesting. The very good work done in the Hosiery, Sewing, and Weaving departments deserves commendation.

(Sd.) V. A. FERNANDEZ,

(Ag. Head of the Textile  
Department, Victoria

Poona City, } Jubilee Technical Institute,  
11th September, 1920. } Matunga, Bombay.)

(b) *Training College.*

(1)

**(Miss) I. G. Clough.**

Asked to give one's impressions, the feeling is that the task is impossible, as there is so much to impress in the Poona Seva Sadan! Suffice it to say that with the hope of a future visit in one's mind today's introduction to the work of the Institution has been full of interest. One is amazed at the progress that has been made in so short a time.

Poona.	}	(Sd.) (Miss) I. G. CLOUGH,
		(St. Mary's Training College, Poona.)

charge of the working of the Institution. The idea of ladies supervising the young girls in their study and in their working is something novel. But here the novelty has been solved and very satisfactorily too. They supply a long felt want and they deserve all the thanks that can possibly be paid to them. I am much, impressed with the working of the Institution. As my humble contribution I make a donation of rupees one hundred. I leave the disposal of the amount in the hands of my friend Mr. G. K. Devadhar.

Poona	}	(Sd.) M. SIVAGNANAM,
17th January, 1926.		(Minister for Development, Government of Madras, Madras.)

### SUBSECTION III.—Madras Presidency.

#### A. Administration.

##### I. Executive Council and Ministers.

(1)

**Hon. Mr. M. Sivagnanam.**

Visited the Poona Seva Sadan this evening in company with Mr. G. B. Garud and the ladies in

#### B. Madras Legislature.

##### I. Madras Legislative Council.

(1)

**Dr. (Mrs.) Muthulakshmi Reddi, M. B. & C. M.**

When passing through Bombay I broke my journey at Poona to visit its famous Institution, "The Poona Seva Sadan Society" and thus fulfill my long



cherished desire. Through the kind hospitality of Mr. Devadhar, its Hon. General Secretary and Organiser, I was permitted to stay within the Society's premises and thus was given every facility to study its activities. I was simply delighted to see that hundreds of our widows and other helpless, poor, and deserving women of all classes and creeds, whose lot, in the absence of this Institution, would have been unthinkable, are being trained into useful and independent members of the society through the self-sacrificing and devoted efforts of Mr. Devadhar. I honestly feel that Bombay, through its worthy citizen, Mr. Devadhar, has solved in a very practical manner, the question of Adult Women's Education in our country, has found the right remedy for all the ills of enforced widowhood—a feature peculiar to this unfortunate land—and thus has given the lead to other provinces. It was such a joy and satisfaction to note that while the inmates are spending their time happily and cheerfully, they are also receiving the right kind of education suited to each individual, so as to make them not only self-reliant but also able to serve humanity in various capacities as teachers, doctors, nurses, midwives, Health Visitors etc. May

the noble and selfless example of Mr. Devadhar and his devoted band of women workers inspire many of his countrymen and women that they may follow in their footsteps.

(Sd.) MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI,  
(Deputy President, Madras  
Legislative Council,  
Rundall's Road, Vepery,  
Madras)

Poona. }  
26th June, 1928. }

(2)

**Mr. V. P. Narayanan Nambiar, M. L. C.**

I was delighted to have visited the institution.  
It is doing admirable work.

Sd/- V. P. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR,  
[ Member, Madras Legislative  
Council; Member, Senate  
of the Madras University,  
Tellicherry, ( N. Malabar. ) ]

Poona City. }  
3rd January, 1935. }

## C. Law and Justice.

### I. Advocate-General.

(1)

#### Hon. Mr. S. Srinivasa Ayyangar.

Mr. Devadhar was kind enough to take me round the Poona Seva Sadan and explain the lines on which it is run and the departments under which its activities are divided. It is positively the most remarkable and successful institution in any part of India which I have seen. Its unique achievements and results have revealed to me the possibilities of a National Institution for the emancipation and uplift of women and for the relief of unemployment amongst them. For sheer efficiency I have seen no Institution its equal. The devotion, the untiring energy and the wonderful organising capacity of Mr. Devadhar and Mrs. Janakibai Bhat as well as their unerring judgment in dealing with many difficult and delicate problems that must arise in connection with the work of such a large institution training over 1300 women and girls are quite large in every room and every detail of this admirable institution. I am

happy and proud to have a compatriot like Mr. Devadhar.

(Sd.) S. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR,  
(The late Advocate-General of  
Madras, and President of the  
Poona City. } Indian National Congress at  
3rd May, 1927. } Gauhatti, 1926.)

### II. High Court Judges.

(1)

#### Hon. Mr. R. Sadashiv Aiyar.

It is indeed a great privilege and pleasure to see the eager-hearted and noble activities of the Poona Seva Sadan at Poona. Here, if anywhere in India, the social worker can derive practical guidance and inspiration in the conduct of manifold and intensely fruitful actions of any successful women's institution. Go wherever one may—to class after class of diverse industrial and art-training—the high spirit of beauty, the economic efficiency and lofty, spiritual, and moral fervour are in intense evidence. Indeed this institution breathes the spirit of scientific organization to its tiniest minutia; while the self-devotion of the staff down to the Infant standard teacher enve

lops the whole "Sadan" with a sacred halo. May it prosper in plenty and power and be the benign mother of regenerated life-saving Indian Womanhood!

Poona. } (Sd.) R. SADASHIV AIYAR.  
7th February, 1920 } (Late Judge of the High Court,  
Madras.)

#### SUBSECTION IV.—United Provinces and Bihar Orissa.

##### I. Educational Department.

(a) *Director of Public Instruction.*

(1)

**Mr. Claude Dela Fosse.**

(True copy of a letter)

Dear Mr. Devadhar,

It is very kind of you to write to the members of the Central Advisory Board of Education who had the pleasure of visiting the Poona Seva Sadan in your company. It was a great misfortune that our visit coincided with the Diwali Holidays. In the absence of the classes it was rather difficult to realize the condition of the institution, though we saw

enough to indicate its wide and varied usefulness. A few years ago I had the pleasure of closely inspecting it and I wrote some remarks in the inspection book. I do not know whether the book is still in existence. No doubt, since those remarks were made many improvements have been effected. I greatly wonder at the daring with which you and your committee improvise arrangements to meet pressing needs and the courageous way in which you face further developments with your comparatively slender resources. The institution has achieved so much that it will soon, I hope, be able to rest awhile from expansion and take up the work of consolidation. I wish you all success in your philanthropic endeavour. It must be a great satisfaction to you all to know that you are bringing happiness into the lives of, and providing new spheres of usefulness for, so many poor and often unfortunate women.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Allahabad. } (Sd.) CLAUDE DELA FOSSE.  
10th November, } (Director of Public Instruction,  
1922. } U. P. Senate House, Allahabad).

(b) *Govt. School of Dyeing and Printing.*

(1)

**Mr. H. B. Shroff.**

I was very pleased to go round the Poona Seva Sadan and was immensely pleased to see in particular the numerous industrial activities which would enable the women to earn out an honest living on their own after they leave the Poona Seva Sadan. The authorities deserve congratulations for introducing a wide range of useful activities-mingling of training of body and mind.

Poona. } (Sd.) H. B. SHROFF.  
22nd October, 1927. } (Principal, Government School  
of Dyeing and Printing,  
Cawnpore.)

## II Co-operative Department.

(a) *Development Section.*

(1)

**Mr. A. Rahim, M. A.**

I visited the Poona Seva Sadan in the morning of the 23rd December, 1925, and was very kindly shown round by Miss D. Bhat. All that I saw I was deeply impressed with and much of it was a revelation to me. It is a matter of happy augury that

social workers in the ladies' section find much earnest and efficient workers and such princely financial and business magnates to support their nation-building activities. Where everything is well nigh perfect in all their departments it would be useless to particularise any special section for praise and it would be more than useless to presume to offer suggestions or criticisms coming as I do from a part of India where we have so very much to learn from Poona and Bombay in the matter of educational and economic reorganization of Indian female life.

Poona, } (Sd.) A. M. RAHIM,  
23rd December, } (Development Officer, Co-opera-  
1925. } tive Societies, Bihar and  
Orissa, Patna.)

## SUBSECTION V. -Miscellaneous Provinces.

### I Punjab.

(a) *Punjab Legislature.*

(1)

**Mr. Bhagvat Saran Singh, M. L. C.,**

I had been to (Poona) Seva Sadan of Poona this morning with my wife. Sharangpani took much

pain to show the whole institution as minutely as it was possible within the time we had at our disposal. We are very much impressed what I saw here. I wish every success to the institution from the heart of my bottom. I am very sorry for not being able to meet with the founder of the institution, Mr. Devadhar. But I hope I shall be able to meet him in near future and if possible, I may be of some service to him.

Poona. } (Sd.) BHAGVAT SARAN SINGH.  
24th January, 1930. } (Mukhidpore House, Ojaya).

tute women self-supporting and deserves full help. We wish it all success.

Poona City, }  
April, 1933. }

(Sd.) D. V. REGE.  
[ Deputy Commissioner,  
Mandla (on leave )].  
(Sd.) KAMALABAI REGE.

### III Assam. Labour Board.

## II. Central Provinces.

(a) *Deputy Commissioners.*

(1)

**Mr. D. V. Rege, I. C. S. and Mrs. Rege.**

My wife and I paid visit to the Poona Seva Sadan and were kindly shown round by Mr. Devadhar and Mrs. Naik, the Lady Superintendent, Poona Seva Sadan High School. We were extremely delighted with what we saw. The institution is fulfilling a real need in making desit-

(1)

**Mr. J. G. Bourne, I. C. S.**

I am extremely grateful to Mr. Devadhar for so kindly showing me round the Poona Seva Sadan and explaining in detail the various branches of work. I had of course often heard accounts of the wonderful work performed by this institution in the cause of India's womanhood. But what I saw at my visit far exceeded my anticipations. I was deeply impressed

by the wonderful results achieved by this devoted band of public workers. I wish them all success.

Poona City, }  
27th August, 1930 } (Sd.) J. G. BOURNE  
(Chairman, Assam Labour Board.)

## SUPPLEMENT.

(1)

**Mr. B. De, C. I. E., I. C. S. and Mrs. B. De.**

My wife and I are much obliged to Mr. Devadhar for giving us an opportunity to see the manifold activities of the Poona Seva Sadan, an institution unique in India in its conception and organisation. Although several institutions have since been established on similar lines in other parts of India, the central idea has, it is believed, been borrowed from Poona. Mr. Devadhar, the organising train, has therefore, earned the gratitude of the people not only of Poona but of all India. He has imbued the staff with his own spirit of self-sacrifice, which is beyond all praise; and so long as this spirit is present, the success of the institution is assured.

The Special English and Adult Classes are supplying a sorely-felt need of women—both married and widowed in an Indian household. The industrial section is deservedly popular, providing useful occupation to the women in their spare time.

A Public Health School has been recently opened and it may be confidently expected that it

### IV. Miscellaneous.

(a) *Medical—Civil Surgeons*

(1)

**Major. P. Rinhil, I. M. S.**

I am obliged to Mr. Devadhar for having given me an opportunity of visiting the Poona Seva Sadan a few days ago. I was shown round and explained the various activities of this very useful and well-conducted institution. Mr. Devadhar, the Honorary Secretary, is the guiding hand of the Society, and I wish him and his co-workers every success in the noble work they are doing in the cause of education and uplift of their women-folk.

Poona, }  
12th May, 1932 } Sd/—P. RINHIL.

will send out competent and qualified health-workers to take up maternity and child welfare work in other towns and in the villages in the interior.

The activities of the institution are of such absorbing interest that, although we paid two visits, the time spent was hardly sufficient for the purpose.

We were shown over by Mrs. Bhat and Mr. Natekar to whom our special thanks are due. We wish the institution all succes.

Poona City, }  
28th August, 1933. }

(Sd.) B. DE.  
(Commissioner on leave).

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I. Hyderabad State.

(1)

**Raja Bahadur Dhunrajgirji Narsingirji.**

I have been much impressed by the very valuable and laudable work which the "(Poona) Seva Sadan" is carrying out in its various departments, which all aim at the uplift of Indian womanhood without any distinction of caste and creed. Mr. G. K. Devadhar—the creative brain—and all his band of workers in this noble cause, deserve all praise and public support.

(Sd.) DHUNRAJGIRJI  
NARASINGIRJI.  
Poona, }  
30th January, 1933 } (12, Koregaon Road, Poona.)

(2)

**Mr. Rustomji Faridoomji.**

Mr. Natekar kindly took me over the (Poona) Seva Sadan premises and I was deeply impressed by the

wider and beneficent activities of the Mother Institution and its branches. I do not know of any single institution in India accomplishing so much towards the well-being of her women. I had the privilege of paying, at my visit, my respects to Mrs. Yamunabai Bhat who is one of the principal lady workers.

Poona, } (Sd.) RUSTOMJI FARIDOOMJI.  
30th April. 1934. } (Hyderabad, Deccan.)

(3)

**Mr. R. S. Naik, M. A., Bar-at-Law.**

( True copy of a letter. )

DEAR MR. DEVADHAR,

Thank you very much for your kind letter, dated 31st January, 1933. I am sorry I did not reply to you earlier. I had a talk with Dr. Ranade and we expected you here about the 20th of this month, and thought I will be able to do something for you when you are here. Unfortunately I was denied that pleasure for the present. I am leaving for Europe this evening and hope to be back sometime in the first week of July. I hope to have the pleasure of meeting you here sometime after that. My monthly contribution of

Rs. 5 for one year, you can realise by sending a V.P.P. at the end of July for Rs. 60/-. Once more let me tell you how much I admire the grand work that is being done by you and your colleagues in conducting such a useful institution in spite of so many difficulties. Give my regards to your colleagues whom I met when I was there.

With kind regards from,

Yours very sincerely

Hyderabad (Dn.) }  
26th March,  
1933.

(Sd.) R. S. NAIK,  
[ Hyderabad ( Deccan. ) ]

(4)

**Mr. D. M. Clough.**

The Poona Seva Sadan fills one with amazement and delight, so many-sided are its activities—its progress since its beginning in 1909 to the present date 1922, has been miraculous, and is a great tribute to its founders and all workers in it. May long life and prosperity attend it.

Poona City. }

(Sd.) D. M. CLOUGH,  
(Secunderabad.)

**II Mysore State.**

(1)

**H. H. Sir Sree Kantirava Narasimharaja  
Wadiyar Bahadur, G. C. I. E., Yuvaraja  
of Mysore.**

[ The Yuvaraja of Mysore visited the Poona Seva Sadan and was taken round the Institution by Mr. C. K. Devadhar. ]

The institution has advanced both in the extension of its building and the number of people deriving benefit from it. I was much impressed by the progress made since my last visit in 1915.

Poona, } (Sd.) K. N. WADIYAR.  
9th September, 1931. } (Yuvaraja of Mysore,  
Bangalore.)

(2)

**Sir M. Visveswarayya, Kt., C. I. E., LL. D.,  
D. Sc., M. I. C. E.,**

I visited the Poona Seva Sadan twice within a week, once to see the nurses' quarters and at another time (on the 10th August) the Industrial classes of the Sadan.

Many girls of the lower, middle and poorer classes come to the institution to qualify themselves for some occupation or other, such as teachers, nurses, needlewomen, etc.

The principal industries taught are sewing, embroidery, hosiery, and weaving. The Institution has succeeded inducing high caste-women to work as nurses in public hospital; a notable achievement considering the old prejudice against such employment.

Pioneer work of a most useful character for which there will be increasing demand in future is being initiated. The public of Poona owe the design, growth, and vigilant management of this excellent institution to the foresight and devoted labours of Mrs. Ramabal Ranade and Mr. G. K. Devadhar.

(Sd.) M. VISVESWARAYYA,

(Ex-Diwan of Mysore, and

16, Bund Garden } President, Industrial Education  
Road, Poona, } Committee, Bombay Presidency,  
15th August, 1921. } Uplands, High ground,  
Bangalore.)

(3)  
**Dr. A. Amritraj, L. R. C. P. & S., D. P. H.,**

Through the kind courtesy of Mr. G. K. Devadhar I had the pleasure of visiting this Institution. Mr. Natekar very kindly took me round the different sections. The work impressed me most particularly that relating to Infant Welfare and the arrangements made for training ladies to become nurses and doctors. I wish the institution every success. To me as an Indian it was a matter of great pride to have been able to visit this place.

Poona, } (Sd.) A. AMRITRAJ,  
11th April, 1922. } (Health Officer, C. & M. Station,  
Bangalore.)

(4)  
**Dr. Rao Bahadur C. B. Ram Rao, B. A., M. D.**

I passed a happy and most instructive day in the company of my friend Mr. G. K. Devadhar and his fellow-workers. I was kindly shown over those of the villages in which the Rural Reconstruction work is being carried on.

Kheda-Shivapur, } (Sd.) C. B. RAMA RAO,  
23rd November } (Retired Dist. Medical and Sani-  
1931. } tary Officer, "Kanti-Nivas," Basa-  
vanguadi, Bangalore.)

(5)

**Mr. A. Ramaswamy Aiyar.**

My wife and myself were very kindly shown round the institution by the Lady Superintendent and we must express our admiration of the splendid work done here for the womanhood of India. We wish the Institution every success.

(Sd.) A. RAMASWAMY AIYAR,

Poona, } [Excise Commissioner in  
21st January, 1923. } Mysore (Retd.)]

(6)

**Prof. A. K. Wadia.**

I have been looking forward to the pleasure of visiting so famous an institution as the (Poona) Seva Sadan of Poona. Thanks to the courtesy of Mrs. Y. Bhat and Mr. Natekar. I have been taken round the whole institution with its varied departments. It has been a very valuable experience, and I wish that such institutions can be brought into existence in all the parts of India. I most sincerely believe that a nation depends for its health on the worth of its daughters. In so far as the (Poona) Seva Sadan

aims at the regeneration of our country through the education of our women it is entitled to every praise and sympathy and help from Indians.

(Sd.) A. K. WADIA.

Poona No. 2. } (Professor of Philosophy, Mysore  
University, Bangalore.)

(7)

**Prof. A. Subbarau.**

The lady superintendent, Mrs. Naik, very kindly took me round the institute and explained to me how each section was worked. I am very glad I visited the institute as I am particularly interested in Educational problems. I was particularly interested in their Rural Reconstruction Scheme of work, as also the training of Health Visitors. Great work is being carried on inspite of difficulties associated with housing accommodation. I wish the institute all success.

(Sd.) A. SUBBARAU

Poona, } (Professor of Physiology,  
28th March, 1933. } Medical College, Mysore).

(8)

**Mr. M. Pillidgy.**

I am very glad to have seen the Poona Seva Sadan and consider it to be doing excellent work. The classes are all so thorough and the women and girls are obviously enjoying being educated.

Poona, } (Sd.) M. PILLIDGY,  
3rd October, 1930. } (Shanti Sadan, Bangalore City.)

**III Baroda State.**

(1)

**His Highness Shrimant Sir Sayaji Rao Gaekwar, G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., LL. D., Maharaja of Baroda.**

Mr. Devadhar very kindly took us round the Institution which is doing really useful work namely training workers in various spheres of life. We complement Mr. Devadhar for his devotion to the cause and for what he has accomplished in spite of stupendous difficulties in his path. We wish the Institution more prosperous career.

Poona, } (Sd.) SAYAJI RAO GAEKWAR.  
22nd March, 1933. } (Maharaja of Baroda, Baroda.)

(2)

**Princess Kamaladevi Gaekwar of Baroda.**

It has been a great pleasure to me and my friend Mrs. Kamalsingh to visit the Poona Seva Sadan and I am thankful to Mr. Devadhar who had kindly shown us over all the departments of this unique institution.

Mr. Devadhar's untiring enthusiasm in the cause of Female Education has been highly beneficial to the teaching staff who are working zealously.

We were impressed by a systematic, smooth, and simple manner in which the entire machinery of this institution is being run. It is a home of real sisterhood, a temple of education, where everybody gets a free entry without any prejudice of caste and creed. Here helpless women are taught the simple ways which help them, not only to earn independently an honest and respectable livelihood but also to become helpful to those who need their guidance and advice.

I wish this noble Institute all success and prosperity.

Poona, } (Sd.) KAMALADEVI GAEKWAR,  
27th February, 1933. } (Baroda.)



(3)

**Rao Bahadur Sir V. T. Krishnammacharya,  
B. A., B. L., Kt., C. I. E.**

My wife and I were shown round by Mrs. Janakibai Bhat and Mr. Natekar. It was a great pleasure to us to see the excellent work done by the Society for the uplift of Indian women and our only regret was that we could not see all the Departments of the Institution.

We wish the Institution every success. Its work is nation-building in the best sense and the workers are full of enthusiasm and energy.

Camp, :-"Dunlavin," } (Sd.) V. T. KRISHNAMMA-  
Ganeshkhind Road, } CHARL,  
Poona, } (Dewan, Baroda State,  
28th September, 1927.) } Dilaram, Baroda.)

(4)

**Rao Bahadur Govindbhai H. Desai.**

I had heard from friends and read reports in the papers about the excellent work that is being done by the Poona Seva Sadan Society, Poona. I had the pleasure of visiting it personally today with my friend Mr. M. J. Patel, B. A., LL. B., District and

Sessions Judge, Navasari, Baroda State, and very pleased to find that the work it does in its different departments for the uplift of Indian Women is really admirable and most useful. Mr. Devadhar, the Hon. Organiser and General Secretary, and the band of workers associated with him in this noble work, and real service to the country deserve our grateful thanks, hearty congratulations, and every possible help and support.

(Sd.) GOVINDBHAI,  
H. DESAI.

Poona, } [ Naib Dewan, Baroda State,  
29th October, 1929. } (Retired.) ]

#### IV. Central India Agency.

*A. Gwalior State.*

(1)

**Mr. W. E. Jardine, C. I. E., I. C. S.**

By a happy accident I met Mr. Devadhar, some fifteen years ago, on the platform of a roadside station in Central India where he was collecting fodder for the starving cattle of Kathiawar and Gujrat, and I am proud to know after all these years that the friendship then formed has been maintained.

The Poona Seva Sadan over which he was so good as to show me to-day, in all its branches and varied form of activity is an institution which, with its founders and organizers, will be looked back upon with pride and affection by the people of India in the good days to come when the women of India have come back to their own and resumed their rightful place in the scheme of Indian National Service. It is no small thing to be turning out annually for social service of all kinds, medical and educational, hundreds of Indian ladies of education and character who can uphold wherever they go the highest tradition of Indian womanhood.

The health and happiness and general turn-out of all the students reflect the greatest credit both on the students themselves and on the ladies in charge of them, Mrs. Yamunabai Bhat and Mrs. Janakibai Bhat.

It has been a great privilege to this Institution and I wish it great and continued success not only in Poona but all over India.

Poona, 30th April, 1927. } (Sd.) W. E. JARDINE,  
(late Political Agent of Gwalior,  
C. I. and several other Indian  
States.)

*B. Bhopal State.*

(1)

**Feeroza Dulhan Begum.**

I went round the (Poona) Seva Sadan in the morning. All the school classes were at work. It was most interesting, clean, and neat. I was very impressed by all the work done and various classes so well managed and organized. I hope it will go on successfully, and wish them best of luck.

Poona, 14th February, 1931. } (Sd.) FEEROZA DULHAM.  
BEGUM,  
(wife of late Prince Md.  
Habeebulla Khan of Bhopal.)

*C. Rutlam State.*

(1)

**Shrimant Chain Singh, Thakursaheb of Pancher,**

( True copy of a letter ).

My dear Devadharsaheb,

I am highly thankful to you for the trouble you took to take me round the Ashram. It gave me the greatest pleasure and satisfaction to know that the

Ashram is the only one of its kind in the whole of India. I found the Ashram premises very clean and the training is imparted most efficiently. It will help the Indian women a great deal in future. I should say it is the wisest step taken to help the cause of India. My full sympathies are with you and the Ashram. I wish it prosperity day by day. I send Rs. 15 and will continue the same humble offer every year.

With best wishes,  
Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) CHAIN SINGH,  
[THAKURSAHEB, PANCHER,  
C. I. (Rutlam State)]  
via Nambi, B.B. & C.I. Ry.]

Pancher, C. I.  
2nd July, 1928.

#### V. States in the Madras Presidency.

##### A. Cochin State.

(1)

**Rao Saheb K. J. Guna Pai, B. A., B. L.,  
Mr. C. Sridhara Prabhu, M. A., B. L., and  
Mr. C. S. Masurekar.**

We were shown round the different departments of this noble institution, and though we had only a

cursory glance at the work done, it has left an ennobling impression on our minds and those responsible for this work deserve the warmest congratulations of all true patriotic Indians.

(Sd.) K. J. GUNA PAI,  
[High Court Vakil, Ernakulam  
(Cochin State.)]

(Sd.) C. SRIDHARA PRABHU,  
[Chief Court Vakil, Ernakulam  
(Cochin State.)]

Poona City.  
30th September, 1921.

(Sd.) C. S. MASUREKAR,  
[Chief Accountant and Auditor,  
Poona City Municipality,  
Poona City.]

#### VI. States of Western India.

##### A. Kathiawar State.

(1)

**Lt. Col. (Major) C. M. Plumptre, I.M.S., F.R.C.S.E.,  
M. R. C. S., L. R. O. P.**

It has been a great pleasure to visit headquarters and some of the branch institutions of the Poona Seva Sadan Society at Poona and see something of

the work done by this Society. At the four Hostels visited, 175 students are training as doctors, nurses or teachers. One was much struck by the brightness and cleanliness maintained and the evident care and supervision for the comfort and welfare of the inmates.

The attendance both of adults and children at the classes in such varied subjects as English, Public Health, Primary Education, Music, Industrial subjects, are large, the numbers are increasing and the results most encouraging. The work at the Infant Welfare Centres struck one as most thorough careful registers of weight and progress for each patient being maintained for over a year by district visiting or hospital attendance.

The Society is receiving constant calls for further activity and deserves every support to enable it to meet them.

Rajkot, Kathiawar. } Sd. C. M. PLUMPTRE.  
22nd June, 1924. } [ Agency Surgeon, Rajkot,  
(Kathiawar), (now Surgeon to  
the House of correction,  
Arthur Road Jail and Civil  
Jail, Bombay).]

(2)

**Lt. Col. ( Major ) C. M. Plumptre, I.M.S., F.R.C.S.E.,**

M. R. C. S., L. R. C. P.

( True copy of a letter. )

My dear Mr. Devadhar,

Sorry for delay in sending an all too brief note on my most interesting visit to see the work and activities of the Poona Seva Sadan Society with all of which I was most impressed. It was most interesting going round with you both in Poona and Bombay and most encouraging to see what great things have and are being done to promote the amelioration and welfare of the people of India. I have been very busy since getting back and found a good deal waiting for me to do.

We have fortunately had good rain and Rajkot is looking very prosperous.

Hoping you are quite well ;

Yours sincerely,  
(Sd) C. M. PLUMPTRE.  
Rajkot, Kathiawar. } [ Agency Surgeon, Rajkot,  
26th, June, 1924. } ( Kathiawar ); ( now Surgeon to  
the House of correction Arthur  
Road Jail and Civil Jail,  
Bombay. ) ]

(3)

**Dr. K. V. Banu, L. R. C. P. S.**

The Institution is doing most useful work and I was pleased to see all the departments.

Poona, } (Sd.) K. V. BANU,  
20th October, 1921. } [ Park, Rajkot, (Kathiawar) ].

*B. Cutch State.*

(1)

**Dr. Gopal R. Tambe, M. A., B. Sc., L. M. S.**

I had the pleasure of visiting the wellknown Poona Seva Sadan of Poona. I have also the good fortune of watching its growth from its birth and its present healthy and adult stage. I was extremely pleased at the marvellous progress this unique institution has made in one generation and I have no doubt it will always be remembered as the pioneer institution which has laid the foundation of practical Female Education and opened new ways for the uplifting of Indian Women in general.

Poona, } (Sd.) G. R. TAMBE.  
11th October, 1927. } (Chief Medical Officer, Cutch).

*C. Bhavanagar State.*

(1)

**His Highness the Maharaja of Bhavanagar  
and Her Highness the Maharani of  
Bhavanagar.**

Mr. G. K. Devadhar invited us to visit the Poona Seva Sadan and kindly took us round to see everything. We were very pleased with everything we saw; and the people owe much to Mr. Devadhar whose spirit of charity and service has created this institution.

(Sd) KRISHNAKUMARSINHJI,  
(His Highness the Maharaja Sahab  
of Bhavanagar.)

Poona, } (Sd) VIJIYABA,  
28th July 1932. } (Her Highness the Maharani Sahab  
of Bhavanagar.)

*D. Junagadh State.*

(1)

**Khan Bahadur M. I. Kadri**

I had the honour of being shown round the various Departments of this highly useful Institution.

The work done here is admirable and the organisers are to be congratulated on the success achieved by them. I have declared my intention of paying the boarding and lodging charges for four years of a Muslim girl from the Vali Mohammad and Dost Mohammad Muslim Girls' Orphanage to be sent up for training here and to take early steps to select a suitable girl and send her here.

Poona. } (Sd.) M. I. KADRI.  
4th November, 1928. } (Chief Justice, Junagadh.)

**VII. Deccan States Agency and Kolhapur Residency.**

*A. Phaltan State.*

(1)

**Captain Meherban Malojirao Mudhojirao alias Nanasaheb Naik Nimbalkar.**

I had the pleasure of paying visits to the Poona Seva Sadan on the 24th and 25th instants. Mr. Devadhar and his worthy colleague Mrs. Bhat very kindly took me round and showed the actual working of the various departments carried on by the

Society for the amelioration and education of our poor women, and particularly widows, whose lot is most unhappy. It is very noteworthy that this Society has made such great progress in so short a time and increased the scope of their activities to such a large extent, especially when they have to depend mainly on the generosity of the public. I feel great admiration for the self-sacrificing spirit of Mr. Devadhar and all his colleagues and wish them every success in the noble cause for which they are striving.

Phaltan Lodge, } (Sd) MALOJIRAO  
Poona City, } MUDHOJIRAO NAIK  
27th August, 1926. } NIMBALKAR,  
(the Chief of Phaltan, Phaltan.)

(2)

**Capt. Meherban Malojirao Mudhojirao alias Nanasaheb Naik Nimbalkar.**

I had the pleasure of visiting the Khed-Shivapur Centre and of getting first-hand information. I was very much impressed with all I saw and the great and selfless work that was carried on there by Mr. Devadhar and his associates, both men and women.

The Prize Distribution Ceremony for the performance of which I was invited, showed me very clearly what the people of the place owed to this Centre. I was particularly glad to note that the untouchables were not excluded from the benefits of this activity. I wish all progress to the Centre and to the work of the promoters of this movement.

Khed-Shivapur, } (Sd.) MALOJIRAO MUDHOJI-  
18th January, 1932. } RAO NAIK NIMBALEKAR,  
(Chief of Phaltan, Phaltan).

*B. Kolhapur Residency.*

**Mrs. Murial R. Pottinger.**

I paid a visit to the headquarters of the Poona Seva Sadan (Society) during my stay in Poona and I was much interested in all I saw. The work done by the Society must be of incalculable value, covering as it does charitable work of so many different kinds. The welfare clinics alone form a most important factor in the relief work undertaken, and I was glad to be afforded an opportunity of seeing the number of mothers and babies present at the daily welfare centre. The recent opening of a training school for

Health Visitors in connection with the welfare work is another most important branch undertaken by the Society.

It is a magnificent organization in the cause of humanity and those who give up their time to this work are doing much for the uplift of their countrymen.

Kolhapur, } (Sd.) MURIAL R. POTTINGER,  
24th, September, 1924. } (Wife of the Resident of Kolhapur  
and the Political Agent,  
Residency, Kolhapur.)

(2)

**Mrs. M. R. Pottinger.**

( True copy of a letter )

Dear Mr. Devadhar,

Before leaving India I should like to thank you and the Poona Seva Sadan Society for all the trouble you have taken in selecting us one of your workers to take charge of our Kolhapur Welfare Centre.

We know that the training received in your Institution, both moral and practical, should render her really useful in the work which she has undertaken.

Your Society is one which is now well-known throughout India and from which benefit is derived by people of all castes and creeds. It is a wonderful work in the cause of humanity and has the additional advantage of fostering a spirit of philanthropy amongst those who are trained under your supervision as workers. With every good wish for your future success and with my kindest regards,

(Sd.) (Mrs.) M. R. POTTINGER.  
(wife of the Resident of Kolhapur  
and Political Agent, S. M. C.,  
Residency, Kolhapur.)

### VIII. The Punjab States.

#### A. Jind State.

(1)

#### Mr. Shukla, Hur Das.

I have been delighted to visit the Poona Seva Sadan about which I have heard for so many years. I think it is doing wonderful work and I wish

there was no institution like this in other parts of India.

Poona City. } (Sd.) SHUKLA, HUR DAS,  
[Chief Minister's House, Sangur.  
(Jind State)].

#### B. Kapurthala State.

(1)

#### Mrs. K. F. Mody, Lady Secretary to Her Highness Maharani Saheba of Kapurthala.

Her Highness the Maharani Saheba of Kapurthala visited the Poona Branch of the Poona Seva Sadan Society during her stay here. H. H. was very pleased indeed with all the departments she visited and took a keen interest in the Maternity and Child-Welfare section which she found kept in an extremely clean and neat way. Her Highness thanks the Committee who took the trouble to take her round and explain everything to her and hopes it will progress in future towards the betterment of our Hindu sisters.

(Sd.) K. F. MODY,  
Poona, } (Lady Secretary to Her Highness,  
8th October, 1928. } Maharani-Saheba of Kapurthala).



## IX. Jammu and Kashmir State.

(1)

**Mr. S. H. Toshakhani.**

It gave me immense pleasure to have been shown round the various institutions of the Poona Seva Sadan through the generosity of Mr. Devadhar and his assistants. What struck me most was the way in which education has been harnessed to the practical needs of every day life with—in my humble opinion—complete success. It seems to me that people interested in the work of women's uplift in other places have much to learn here. The atmosphere in the various institutions of the Poona Seva Sadan is ennobling and entirely free from those artificialities which are the outcome of a narrow outlook on life. This is all due to the practical idealism of Mr. Devadhar—the heart and soul of the movement.

(Sd.) S. H. TOSHAKHANI,

Poona.

13th January, 1930.

{ President, Women's Welfare  
Trust, Shrinagar, (Kashmir);  
(Private address:—4th Brigade,  
Shrinagar, (Kashmir). }

## SUPPLEMENT

I. Mysore

(1)

**Mr. V. L. Venugopal.**

We came from Bangalore with a fixed resolve to visit the (Poona) Seva Sadan of Poona, about which we had such excellent reports both at Madras and Bangalore.

A personal visit greatly strengthened our belief in the great and valiant work that is being carried on. It is an inspiration to others in the same field and Mrs. V. Ramalinga Mudaliar who accompanied me to the above institution the other day wants me to add that the presence of such public bodies carrying on unselfish work is an indication of the greatness of the nation.

May the (Poona) Seva Sadan grow day by day!

(Sd.) V. L. Venugopal,

[Managing Director,

Poona City. }  
8th February, 1935. }

S. T. O. W. Coy.,  
Yelahanka (Mysore State).]

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(a) *Hyderabad (Sind) District.*  
(1)

**Mr. Kevalram Dayaram Gidumal, B. A.**

After visiting Madras and Sholapur Seva Sadans I have seen to-day the work of the Poona Seva Sadan Society at its Headquarters. Mr. Devadhar and his band of co-workers are worthy to be congratulated for doing pioneer work in a most important movement directed towards the building of our Nation. The nursing and medical work is specially interesting as also the vocational classes. The Poona Seva Sadan is expanding its scope in various districts in and outside of Bombay Presidency and one can only wish it developing into an All-India Organization having a branch or associates centre in every district town in India. May the blessings of the World-Mother ever be with this noble institution.

(Sd.) KEVALRAM DAYARAM GIDUMAL.

[The son of the late Dayaram Gidumal, the founder of the Seva Sadan Society, Bombay, with the late Mr. B. M. Malabari of Bombay.)  
Poona City. }  
31st January, 1929. } Bandhu Ashram, Hyderabad (Sind)].

(2)

**Mr. R. V. Thadani.**

I visited the Poona Seva Sadan Society institution and the personal assistant to Mr. Devadhar was kind enough to take me round and explain to me various activities of the Society.

I have been deeply impressed with the working of the Society and trust that its usefulness will be an object lesson to other provinces.

Poona. }  
30th December, 1932. } (Sd.) R. V. THADANI.

(b) *Karachi District.*

(1)

**Mr. J. H. Gulrajmal.**

While on my visit to Poona I had an opportunity to see the (Poona) Seva Sadan Institution, their school, etc. and was very much impressed with the progress made and girls receiving education and technical training from different parts of the country. I wish every success to such an Institution which is

doing enormous service to the country particularly the Maharashtriya Community.

(Sd.) J. H. GULRAJMAL,  
(Managing Director, The Sind  
Prov. Ins. Coy. & Director  
Poona City, } of the Mercantile Co-op.  
5th December, 1934. } Bank, Ltd., Karachi)

(2)

**Prof. H. L. Chablani ; Mr. Gobindram Pritam-  
das ; Mr. S. S. Jolani, M. L. C. ; and K. Pumaliah.**

We are grateful to Mr. Devadhar for giving us an opportunity to visit his splendid institution-Poona Seva Sadan. We were delighted with what we saw and wish Mr. Devadhar's example was followed in other parts of the Presidency specially Sind. We wonder how one man could achieve so much in his own life time and pray God will spare Mr. Devadhar a few more years to spread his gospel of active social service more widely.

(Sd.) H. L. CHABLANI,  
(Sd.) GOBINDRAM PRITAMDAS,  
Napier Hotel, Poona. } (Sd.) S. S. JOLANI,  
15th August, 1932. } (Sd.) K. PUMALIAH.

(3)

**Mr. N. T. Mallik.**

Through the courtesy of Mr. Devadhar I was given an opportunity to go round the Poona Seva Sadan and to see various activities of the Institution. I was very much delighted to find that very noble work is being done in various directions. The Poona Seva Sadan maintains a Training College for women, Practising School. Three hostels for Nurses and Medical Students, a Maternity Home, a Baby Clinic, a Music Class, a Printing Press, and an Industrial class. The work is being done as a Labour of love and with a view to "serve humanity".

The staff takes great interest in their work and the children and ladies who live under their protection look quite healthy and happy.

The buildings are kept quite clean and neat and look quite sanitary.

I wish the institution every success.

Poona City, } (Sd.) N. T. MALLIK,  
6th July, 1929. } (Karachi)

(4)

**Mr. Manohardas Tribhuvandas**

I saw the whole Institution. It is very well organised, and kept very neat and clean and it deserves every support from the public.

Poona, } (Sd.) MANOHARDAS TRIBHUVANDAS.  
13th January, 1933. }

(5)

**Mr. N. Haji Abdullah Haroon, Mr. M. Hatim B. Tyabji, and Begum Mustafa Khan, M. B. E.**

We were extremely pleased with the work done by the Poona Seva Sadan and also gained much by the interesting talk we had with Mr. Devadhar. We hope he will come to Karachi and give us some ideas which will be of great help to us.

(Sd.) N. HAJI ABDULLAH HAROON,  
(Victoria Road, Karachi.)

(Sd.) M. HATIM B. TYABJI,  
(Sunnyside Road, Karachi.)

(Sd.) BEGUM MUSTAFA KHAN,  
(13, Connaught Road, Poona)

Poona City, }  
17th October, 1929. }

**II. Northern Division.**(a) *Ahmedabad District.*

(1)

**Miss Mani Vallabhbhai Patel.**

I have been in this institution for about 26 days in order to study the work going on in its different departments. I have seen all the work in detail, and am much pleased with it. I have not seen any other institution for women working so well particularly for poor women. The workers of the Institution have also been very kind to me.

Poona City, } (Sd.) MANI VALLABHBHAI PATEL,  
20th December, } (Daughter of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Khamasa Gate,  
1925. } Ahmedabad.)

(2)

**Mr. Gopalbhai Mehta.**

I am greatly pleased to see the Institution and the able way in which same is conducted by the paid as well as the honorary staff and supervisors. This institution is trying to fulfill and further the want of women education that is deplorably backward in

the country and especially the adult-women's education branch is very impressive and I am glad to note that many of the ladies come from good as well as poor families to attend these classes. In fine I wish all success to the Institution in its very noble work and that many more of this type are most essential in our country where a very great majority are far from any educational institutions.

Poona City,                 } (Sd.) GOPALBHAI MEHTA,  
13th January, 1933. } (Ahmedabad.)

(3)

**Mr. Gopaldas Viharidas Desai.**

By the kindness of Mr. Devadhar, I was allowed an opportunity of visiting the various institutions under the Poona Seva Sadan Society. The Superintendents of the several institutions were very obliging and acquainted me with the history of their institutions in charge of each of them respectively. The services of this Society to the public especially to women are very valuable and they are known and admired not only in this Presidency but beyond that in the whole Country. It is very creditable to the

management to draw out such a great scheme, to organize it efficiently and to accomplish till now the most difficult of all tasks of financing it till recently. The vast extension demands vaster resources in money and I greatly sympathise with Devadhar in his difficulties. I trust Government will extend its generosity as in the past and so will the Deccan Chiefs perceive it equally their duty to help such a useful institution.

Poona City,                 } (Sd.) GOPALDAS VIHARIDAS.  
18th July, 1930. }

(4)

**Mrs. Heeravanti Mansukhlal.**

I visited the Poona Seva Sadan today. There I am very glad to see excellent work of this Institution and I am very much interested to see the social work done here.

Poona City,                 } (Sd.) HEERAVANTI  
13th October, 1930. } MANSUKHLAL.

(b) *Kaira District.*

(1)

**Mr. Chhotubhai S. Patel, & Mr. L. L. Patel,**

It is with great pleasure and enlightenment that we visited the institution this afternoon. The slow but splendid progress which the institution has made, the efforts made to meet the needs of Hindu women, and the method with which every detail is worked out, and last but not the least the noble spirit which animates every member of the staff, reflects high credit. We cannot but feel that such institutions alone will solve the various complex problems of our social life. We came as hearers and have learnt a great deal from our short visit. The institution is an emblem of self-sacrifice and devoted service. Without any boon it ostentatiously sends out currents of cheer, life and vitality into many a home. We wish brighter future and greater and wider sympathy from the public.

Poona City.	}	(Sd.) CHHOTUBHAI S. PATEL,
29th January, 1920.		(Sd.) L. L. PATEL, (Life-Members, Charotra Education Society, Kaira District, Gujrat.)

III. *Bombay Suburban Division and District.*(a) *European Missionaries.*

(1)

**Miss A. W. Nesbitt.**

I have just had the privilege of spending a week-end in the Poona Seva Sadan and have an opportunity of seeing all the departments at work. I have been much impressed by the splendid purpose this Institution is serving, and by the good work which is done here for Indian women. Most of all I have appreciated the splendid spirit of devotion with which the work is done, and I greatly value this opportunity of knowing each member of the staff personally and of exchanging ideas about the future possibilities of social work with them. I have learnt much during my stay here, and shall watch the future developments of the work with great interest. Most of all I shall value the friends I have made here through sharing in the life of the Institution for a short time and through the interest we have in common.

Poona.	}	(Sd.) A. W. NESBITT.
14th December, 1924.		(St. Columbia School, U. F. C. Mission, Bombay.)

(b) *Parsee Community.*

(1)

**Sir Jamsetji Jeejeebhoy, K.C.I.E. (Bart.)**

During my brief visit to Poona on 19th February, 1928, to lay the foundation stone of the buildings of the Servants of India Society's presses, I had the privilege of paying, in company with Mr. F. R. Wadia, my second visit to the Poona Seva Sadan Society. On our way to this place Mr. Devadhar took us over to the new nurses' Hostels, Public Health School, the Bai Motlibai Wadia Training College, and the High School for girls—all conducted by the Society outside its headquarters. At the two or three headquarters buildings we saw the working of other educational, industrial, medical, and music departments which struck us as the different parts of a connected and co-ordinated whole. The marvellous growth of this most useful Institution, which is thoroughly non-sectarian in its character is a matter of pleasing surprise to many. Both the Government of India and the Government of Bombay have very handsomely recognised in their educational reports the great value of the work of this Institution specially in this direction of Adult Women's Education and the

unique position this indigenous Society occupies in the Country today. This is amply testified by the fact of its many branches in this Presidency and in some other parts of India as also by the circumstance that a great demand is made on it for the supply of trained workers from almost every province in the land. This Society which has now assumed an all-India character, is serving almost every part of the country, and as such it is deserving of all possible help. I know its responsibilities are growing and I am sure, Mr. Devadhar and his colleagues who deserve to be congratulated on their achievements will be able to enlist the sympathies of the charitably-minded people all over the country whom I can assure that their funds will be most usefully employed. The Wadia Charities have helped this Society, and as I remarked in the course of the speech that I made at the Poona Seva Sadan at the close of my visit, it was a tribute which we could pay to the most excellent charitable work which this Society was doing irrespective of caste, creed, or colour. It would

give me very great pleasure to see that its growing work does not suffer owing to lack of funds. I wish it from the bottom of my heart a very great success.

Poona City. } (Sd.) JAMSETJEE JEEJEEBHOY.  
15th March, 1928. } (Chairman, Wadia Charities,  
Bombay.)

(2)

**Sir Hormasjee A. Wadia, Kt.**

I visited the Poona Seva Sadan and saw its various activities after an interval of over two years, and I congratulate Mrs. Ramabai Ranade and her colleagues and co-workers on the splendid results of their devoted endeavours. In appreciating such work it is necessary to bear in mind the difficulties and discouraging surroundings which confronted those pioneers in their good work. It would be unfair and ungrateful to ignore or forget those difficulties and surroundings now because they have been so successfully surmounted. I have always admired and sympathised with the Poona Seva Sadan, Poona, and my visit today has increased my admiration and confirmed my sympathy.

It would be a privilege to assist and promote such work in every way one could.

Poona City. } (Sd.) HORMASJEE A. WADIA,  
9th August, 1920. } (Bombay).

(3)

**Mrs. Sophie Wadia.**

In remembrance of a most interesting and inspiring visit at the Poona Seva Sadan where splendid work is being carried on in the service of humanity and in the true spirit of self-sacrifice and devotion. It deserves all possible help and encouragement.

Poona City. } (Sd.) SOPHIE WADIA.  
28th November, 1930. }

(4)

**Sir R. D. Tata.**

I gladly accepted the invitation of Mr. Devadhar, the energetic General Secretary of the Poona Seva Sadan Society to visit the institution on the 7th instant. The different schools attached to the Society were closed on that day for the Diwali holidays, but



I went over the different buildings devoted to various purposes, and was much interested in the information which Mr. Devadhar gave me of the Society's varied activities. I realised what useful work of practical benevolence the Society was doing and how it had attained its present position from very small beginnings. Thanks to the zeal and devotion of the principal workers among whom Mr. Devadhar occupies the most conspicuous position, who deserve to be warmly congratulated on their solid and disinterested work in various useful directions. I wish the Society continued success and prosperity, which it deserves.

Poona City, } (Sd.) R. D. TATA.  
17th November, 1920. } (Navasari Buildings,  
Fort, Bombay.)

(5)

**Lady Hilla Cowasji Jehangir (Jr.)**

The Poona Seva Sadan, under the able guidance of Mr. Devadhar and his friends, is doing most excellent work in various directions.

I cannot dilate on the numerous activities all of which pertain towards the uplift of Indian womanhood.

It is the only institution of its kind which devoted all its energies for the welfare of poor, helpless Indian women, and were it not for the Society many a mother would not only find herself without a living but without any means of honest livelihood.

The gratitude and appreciation of these women (many among whom are widows) must prove to be the greatest reward to the promoters whose only idea in life is "Social Service".

May success and prosperity ever follow the Poona Seva Sadan and may it receive the generous support of all who realize the humanitarian and educational nature of its work.

(Sd.) HILLA COWASJI  
JEHANGIR (Jr.)  
(Wife of the Hon'ble Sir Cowasjee Jehangir (Jr.), Member, Executive Council, Government of  
Poona. } Bombay, and now the Member of  
28th August, 1925. } the Legislative Assembly).

(6)

**Mr. Kharsed F. Nariman, B. A., LL. B., M. L. C.**

I had heard a good deal about the Poona Seva Sadan in Bombay but till I actually visited it, I had

no idea of the good and useful work it is doing, particularly with regard to the female training and education. It is a unique institution, well organised, well conducted, and well-disciplined. If there were more institutions like this in the country, the problem of female education and training would be quickly and easily solved by private efforts without relying upon any help from Government. The brightest feature of it is that it enables hundreds of respectable ladies to earn an honest and respectable livelihood and at the same time to relieve human sufferings by rendering medical aid, which is much more important than the mere academical education such as is given in various female educational institutions. I congratulate the original organisers and present conductors on this great national achievement and I hope that through their laudable efforts many more similar institutions will be started in various parts of the country. I wish this Institution long life and every success, and I hope that the generous citizens of this Presidency will never allow its utility and efficiency to suffer for want of funds.

(Sd.) K. F. NARIMAN,  
Bombay, } (Madan Mansion, Hughes Road,  
12th August, 1929. } Chowpati, Bombay.)

(7)

**Mr. R. P. Masani, M. A., J. P. and Mrs. Masani.**

I am very grateful to Mr. Devadhar for taking me and my family round the Poona Seva Sadan. Its splendid activities were not unknown to us but this visit has made us visualise the wide field of useful and beneficent work covered by the Institution. We wish it all success and we trust it will receive the continued support of the charitable public to enable Mr. Devadhar and his colleagues to carry on their noble work.

(Sd.) R. P. MASANI,  
Poona, } (Wadia Charities Trust, Parsi  
5th October, 1929. } Bazar Street, Bombay.)

(8)

**Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Wadia.**

My wife and I visited the Poona Seva Sadan this morning at the kind invitation of Mr. Devadhar and were very kindly taken round it and shown its various activities. We were much impressed by the splendid work which the institution is doing, and the admirable results which it has achieved during the comparatively short period of its existence. The

way in which the activities of the institution have increased, and the large number of branches which have been started in different districts are the best evidence of the noble enthusiasm and devotion of Mr. Devadhar and his associates. The institution deserves every possible encouragement from the public and we wish it all success.

Poona,

21st November, 1930. }

(Sd.) N. J. WADIA.

(9)

### **Mr. F. M. Kanga, and Mr. H. D. Cama.**

After a visit this morning to the nursing, midwifery and medical instruction classes of the local (Poona) Seva Sadan we gladly accepted Mr. Devadhar's invitation this afternoon to see the other branch of the organization which his bold initiative and enterprise called into being and which his unflagging enthusiasm and sturdy optimism so efficiently maintain.

We were able to give only two hours—all too short for any but a hurried walk round the different classes; but we saw enough to give us a general idea of the work which is being done towards the realization of the ideal which the promoters have set

before them, the economic independence of the Indian women and girls of poorer classes and their training as efficient self-reliant members of society; carrying light and hope and joy to homes which otherwise would have remained dark and dreary and cheerless.

An enumeration of the different classes round which we were taken is sufficient to give an idea of manifold and many-sided activities which the Society controls—Training Classes for training Mistresses for Vernacular Primary Schools, a great and urgent want of the day; Practising classes for little girls, Primary classes for grown up women, Special English classes for higher English study, First Aid, Home Nursing, Domestic Industries (including weaving), Kindergarten, vocal and instrumental Music classes. Including the classes visited this morning the Society guides and controls the destinies of no less than 965 poor women and girls. Not the least pleasing and humane of the Society's many useful enterprise is the Child Welfare Centre where free milk, medicines, and clothing are given to poor children.

Work of such practical benevolence of a high social and educational value deserves recognition.

and support and greatest honour and credit are due to the small band of devoted and selfless workers toiling in a real spirit of service and sacrifice.

323, Main Street, Poona. } (Sd.) F. M. KANGA.  
12th September, 1921. } (Sd.) H. D. CAMA.

(10)

### **Mr. Rustomji R. Bapasola.**

I am extremely pleased to find that this Institution is imparting very good education and am also very pleased with their Industrial side of education but I find it would help the matter considerably if they can impart some national spirits in our girls and also try to teach Hindi.

The organiser and management are to be congratulated for their careful way of handling the School affairs, music classes, etc.

Poona City, } (Sd.) RUSTOMJI R. BAPASOLA,  
3rd February, 1930. } ( 62, Forbes street, Bombay.)

(11)

### **Mrs. Hilla Rustomji Fardoonji.**

It has been a very great pleasure to me to visit the Poona Seva Sadan at last. I had always read

about it, and I find no account can give one any idea of all its many-sided activities of this unique institution. I have paid two visits and have been most interested and delighted with all I have seen. Both Mrs. Bhats deserve the greatest credit together with their organising Secretary, Mr. Devadhar. This institution only shows what Indians can do when they devote themselves to the service for their country, and I hope and pray their great example for the women of India will be followed in every province of this great country.

(Sd.) HILLA RUSTOMJI,  
Poona City. } FARDOONJI.  
[ at Hyderabad, (Deccan). ],

(12)

### **Mr. P. N. Daruwalla.**

Mr. V. B. Deshpande has been kind enough to take me round this noble institution and shown the various departments where Education, Industry and Medical Sections are working under very eager and enthusiastic Superintendents. The inmates are very cheerful and everything is clean and ideal.

I wish this noble Institution every success. I came here to attend National Liberal Federation and

had to spend some time in this noble and inspiring (Poona) Seva Sadan Society. Mr. Devadhar is the sole organising spirit of this Society. I have carefully gone through the Album of the Poona Seva Sadan Society and find a mine of information. It gives a very clear account of the noble work done in Poona and in its outside branches.

India is fortunate in having such an institution; for mothers are really the builders of Nation. There is no distinction of caste or creed here. We are all united in the bonds of service and sacrifice to see our Country glorious.

Poona City,	}	(Sd.) P. N. DARUWALLA,
28th December, 1934.		(14, Hamam Street, Fort, Bombay.)

(c) *Jew Community.*

(1)

**Sir Victor Sassoon, (Bart.)**

(Sir Victor Sassoon, (Bart.) visited the headquarters of the Poona Seva Sadan Society, Poona, on the 13th July, 1931, that is, just on the eve of his departure for China and the New Far East and after being introduced to all the pupils of the Society in

Poona as is wont with the Society in the case of such eminent leaders, addressed them in English on the need for building Leadership among women by means of education and made in our Visitors' Book the following remarks) :—

"I have been exceedingly impressed by the very valuable work which the (Poona) Seva Sadan is carrying out in creating a "Leader" among the womanhood of India which will spread throughout the Continent and supply a need which, my work on the Royal Commission on Labour has shown, is a crying one."

Poona City,	}	(Sd.) VICTOR SASSOON,
13th July, 1931.		(Member, Royal Commission on Labour in India, Bombay)

(d) *Gujrati and Bhatia Community.*

(1)

**Mr. Tricumdas Govardhandas Khatau.**

Visited this Institution for the first time with H. H. the Yuvaraja of Mysore and was much pleased and quite satisfied with the management and its object. I wish the institution all success.

Poona,	}	(Sd.) TRICUMDAS GOVAR-
9th September, 1921.		DHANDAS KHATAU.

(2)

**Mr. P. V. Thackersey.**

I had the pleasure of visiting the Poona Seva Sadan on Thursday the 19th of August and was kindly taken over the different branches of the institution by Mr. Devadhar and other members of the staff. It is a noble and useful work the Poona Seva Sadan is doing and I wish it all success in the future.

Poona City, }  
7th September, 1920. } (Sd.) P. V. THACKERSEY.

(3)

**Mr. Chandraprasad Trikam Lal Lakhia, B.A.  
LL. B.**

I paid a visit to the Poona Seva Sadan to-day. I find that the training given to the girls is very good. The place is well ventilated and the arrangement is just what a girl needs to be a good wife. Comfort, convenience, and cleanliness are also found. I find that this institution is one of the best and I would not hesitate in recommending this Institution to the guardians of the girls of any age. The success of the institution is due to Mr. Devadhar's personal care

and attention. He deserves a compliment for the same.

Poona City, } (Sd.) CHANDRAPRASAD TRIKAM-  
21st July, 1929. } LAL LAKHIA,  
(Solicitor, Laxmi Nivas,  
Girgaum Back Road,  
Bombay No. 4.)

*(e) Maharashtrian Community.*

(1)

**Mr. M. R. Jayakar, M. A., LL. B., Bar-at-Law, M.L.C.**

Through the courtesy of Mr. Devadhar, I able to spend a delightful couple of hours in seeing the working of the (Poona) Seva Sadan classes. Mr. Devadhar has impressed, on the entire place, his own spirit of cheerful optimism and self-sacrifice. The neatness and method which met my eye every-where, were admirable and the pupils seemed to realize the spirit in which the work was being done. It is a magnificent example of what one man, imbued with the genuine desire of being very helpful to his country, can do and in the soil in which the experiment is being tried, it is undoubtedly an admirable

instance of a conquest of ideas by slow and patient endeavour.

Poona City, } (Sd.) M. R. JAYAKAR,  
6th July, 1928 } (Winter Road, Malabar Hill,  
Bombay.)

(2)

**Sir N. G Chandavarkar, Kt., Mrs. Vatsalabai  
Chandavarkar, and Mrs. Rukmabai  
Chandavarkar**

Visited the Poona Seva Sadan, Poona, once in the morning (8 to 10) on the 27th of July, 1922, and the second time in the afternoon (4 to 7-15) on the 22nd inst. with my two daughters-in-Law. We were quite pleased with the different branches of the Sadan's work and activity. Everywhere I saw neatness, tidiness, good discipline and order. The students seemed to take advantage of the institution and appreciate its advantages. One and all appeared happy judging from their brightness. The Sadan has evidently established itself in the public mind as a valuable asset of the Presidency.

(Sd) N. G. CHANDAVARKAR,  
(Sd) VATSALABAI CHANDAVAR-  
KAR.  
Poona, }  
29th August, 1922 } (Sd) RUKMABAI CHANDAVARKAR.

(3)

**Rao Bahadur S. S. Talmaki, B. A., LL. B.,**

Visited the Poona Seva Sadan today. Its activities have considerably increased since I visited it last time. Its success is largely due to the indefatigable energy of Mr. Devadhar. I wish it all success it deserves.

(Sd.) S. S. TALMAKI,  
Poona. }  
4th January, 1929. } (Deputy Registrar, High  
Court of Judicature,  
Bombay.)

(4)

**Prof. D. G. Padhye, M. A.**

I had an extremely pleasant morning yesterday and a similar afternoon today in visiting the Poona Seva Sadan Society's Women's Training College, City Hostels, and Home classes as well as the Practising School and the medical students' Hostel. The very number of the different institutions maintained, the care bestowed on them and the good purpose served by almost each of them, make an abiding impression and reflect great credit on those whose single-minded devotion has reared up this great organization for the elevation of Indian Womanhood. It may be taken as

a sign of the times that the President—Mrs. Ramabai Ranade—and the organising Secretary—Mr. G. K. Devadhar—have able and willing co-workers of the calibre of Mrs. Janakibai Bhat and Mrs. Yamunabai Bhat and even amongst the paid staff a genuine love for work could be unmistakably discerned. If any institution deserves to progress and prosper it is this, and considering the wide field for development open before it, all India ought to help it.

Poona. (Sd.) D. G. PADHYE,  
2nd July, 1920. (Secretary, Schools Committee,  
Bombay.)

(5)

**Mr. J. G. Gadre.**

( True copy of a letter )

Dear Mr. Devadhar,

I am sending you herewith some remarks on the working of the Poona Seva Sadan as requested in your letter of the 14th instant.

Bombay, } I am,  
18th Sept. 1920. } Yours sincerely,  
(Sd) J. G. GADRE.

(6)

**Mr. J. G. Gadre.**

"I had the pleasure of seeing the Poona Seva Sadan, Poona, last April in company with Mr. G. B. Trivedi, Hon. Secretary, Bombay Prarthana Samaj, Mrs. Trivedi, Mr. Y. V. Bhandarkar, Hon. Jt. Secretary of the Bombay Prarthana Samaj, and Mr. B. R. Madgaonkar. Mr. Gopalrao Devadhar, the energetic Hon. General Secretary of the Poona Seva Sadan took us round and explained to us the working of the several departments of the institution. It is hardly necessary to express an opinion on each item of the working of the Sadan as nothing would be more convincing as to its efficient management than a personal visit by anyone who wishes to get an idea of the enormity and practical utility of an institution like the Poona Seva Sadan. However, I may briefly refer to two or three things that struck me most during my visit to the Sadan.

The first branch of the working of the Poona Seva Sadan, Mr. Devadhar took us to, was the Nursing Home in Raste's Peth. There a Hostel is maintained by the Sadan for women who wish to be trained as nurses and midwives, and all facilities



are provided to enable them to complete their medical course, and from the figures Mr. Devadhar gave us we could see that the results of the various medical examinations were not only satisfactory, but were very encouraging and that this branch of the Sadan was being more and more taken advantage of, by women wishing to be trained as nurses and midwives.

Then Mr. Devadhar took us to the principal part of the Poona Seva Sadan, Sadashiv Peth, where women are provided with facilities of all kinds of useful and practical education from the reading of an alphabet to the study of prose, poetry, as also sewing, knitting, embroidery, drawing and music, and every possible practical education which would make women feel that life was worth living. As I have said, I need not refer in detail to every item of the Sadan's many useful activities, but from what I saw of the working in this part of the institution I was particularly struck by the way in which sewing operations were carried on such an extensive scale. Ordinary things of daily practical use in every home were sewn in large quantities by women who before they join the institution perhaps never dreamt that they had in them such higher capacities of making

useful not only to themselves but to the Society. We hear people complaining of the great poverty of India and the very valuable economic and industrial possibilities of India and the very valuable contribution the women can make towards their realization if given proper opportunities. Then we were taken to different classes where primary and secondary education was imparted to women, and I was struck by the replies given to certain questions put by Mr. Devadhar as to why women attending those classes wish to be educated, and one could easily see the rising ambition to get more and more useful education with each advancing standard.

Mr. Devadhar took great pains to take us to every department of the Poona Seva Sadan and explain to us its working. The energy and organising capacity of Mr. Devadhar was visible almost in every activity of the Sadan thus proving with great emphasis the fact that he is a man of ideas and knows how to put them to practical shape. With Mrs. Ranade as the President of the Poona Seva Sadan and Mr. G. K. Devadhar as its Hon. General Secretary, and its efficient managing committee, the Sadan has undoubtedly a prosperous future before it. In conclusion, I must here record my sincere thanks to

Mr. Devadhar for the troubles he took and the opportunities he gave us of seeing for ourselves this very useful institution unique of its kind, the Poona Seva Sadan, for which I wish increasing success in the years to come.

Bombay.

18th September, 1920.

}

(Sd.) J. G. GADRE.

(7)

**Mr. S. R. Bhise, B. A.**

I visited this Centre on purpose to study the conditions and the methods. I observed all the activities minutely, and had long discussions with the workers. Being a humble worker in the same field, and being only a student of the problem, I do not think myself competent to pass any instructive remarks. I am glad to say my discussions with Mr. S. L. Apte and Miss Dwarakabai Bhat have been very instructive and they gave me many ideas to think about and to work out.

The first thing that struck me was the determination of the workers to battle with the very many difficult problems that face them. I am sure Mr.

Devadhar with the help of all the co-workers will be able to show us, in a very short time, a mass of solid work, and a centre of activities attracting the attention of all workers in the field.

I should like to suggest, however :—

1. That the community centre should be established as early as possible.
2. Handloom weaving should be encouraged; and
3. Rope-making machines should be introduced among the Manga.

I am glad I got an opportunity of visiting the place.

Khed-Shivapur,  
21st November, 1921.

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(Sd.) S. R. BHISE,  
(Member, Gokhale  
Education Society,  
Bombay.)

(8)

**Mr. Y. S. Kalewar.**

I paid a visit to the Poona Seva Sadan, Poona, in the last week and was much pleased with its quite useful activities carried on by Mr. G. K. Devadhar and his colleagues for many years past with great enthusiasm and self-sacrifice. What struck me most,

however, was the work of giving free training to poor widows for the medical profession so as to enable them to get means for independent and decent livelihood. I congratulate the workers upon their useful efforts in social service and wish them every success.

Poona City. } (Sd.) Y. S. KALEWAR.

(e) *Mohammedan Community.*

(1)

**H. H. the Aga Khan, G. C. S. I.,**

I was most pleasantly surprised at the work done by the (Poona) Seva Sadan. The immense concentration of the students and workers, their readiness to sacrifice personal interests has been an eye-opener for me.

Poona. } (Sd.) AGA KHAN.  
31st January, 1925. } (Aga Hall, Bombay.)

(2)

**Mr. Hooseinbhoj A. Laljee, M. L. C.**

I consider myself lucky enough to have had an opportunity of visiting the Poona Seva Sadan.

I had heard of the good and useful work this Institution was doing for female training and education, but I admit that without personally visiting this Institution it is difficult for any one to realise what good work is being done, how difficulties are being overcome and what great care and attention is being paid by the organisers and conductors of this great Institution. It is a happy home for the poor, lower, and middle class ladies, no doubt, but I am sure that even if the well-to-do ladies could make themselves go to the Institution they will find in this Institution a Happy Home, not only happy but a Home which would enable them to learn the duties towards making their own Home happy.

The care taken to give lessons in all the walks of life including the care of the children deserves every support and I will say that the original organisers and the present conductors deserve all support and gratitude of the Public. If we could have such Institutions in the various parts of India there is no doubt left in my mind that we would be able to boast of a thing which other Countries will like to imitate.

I am strongly of opinion that if any Institution deserves Government as well as public support

this Institution stands the first. The support to this Institution means support to a cause which means happiness and that happiness is real as it meets all the wants, and knows not any distinction of caste or creed in the imparting of that happiness.

(Sd.) HOOSEINBHOY

A. LALJEE,

[(Member of the Legislative  
Council, Bombay;

Bombay,  
19th August, 1929. }

"Bombay Municipal  
Corporation, Bombay;

Vice-President of the Indian  
Chamber of Commerce,  
Vice-President of the British India  
Colonial Merchants' Association.)  
"Flowermead", Warden Road,  
Bombay.]

(3)

**Mr. Mohammed Salauddin.**

Visited the place (Poona Seva Sadan) with Khan  
Bahadur M. I. Kadri.

Poona City.  
4th November, 1928. }

(Sd.) MOHAMMED  
SALAUDDIN.

(4)

**Mr. Mohammed Yusuf.**

I visited the (Poona) Seva Sadan and found  
everything nice.

Poona,  
14th August, 1924. }

(Sd.) MOHAMMED YUSUF.

(5)

**Mr. Mahomedali Dostmohammed and  
Lal Mohammed Chowdhari**

Mr. Wable very kindly took us round Society's  
different departments. We have no hesitation in  
saying that work done is of upliftment of the poor  
classes and that workers' sacrifice is noted in every  
nook and corner. We hope and trust that workers'  
ambitions be fulfilled and their dreams realised.

Poona,  
23rd July, 1929. }

(Sd.) MOHAMMEDALI DOSTMA-  
HOMMED.

(Sd.) LAL MOHAMMED  
CHOWDHARI.

(6)

**Fatma Begum.**

Visited the Poona Seva Sadan Society today. I am very glad to see all the educational departments of Poona Seva Sadan. I saw Motlibai Wadia Training College for Women and Practising School for the girls. There were 250 girls in 10 classes up to Standard VI. I saw the Primary Classes for grown up women, Special Classes of English, High School Classes, First Aid and Domestic Economy Classes, Industrial Classes. Society is doing a very good work. There are 150 girls living as boarders and about 700 girls are learning in all the departments at present.

(Sd) FATMA BEGUM

Poona City. } (Asstt. Lady Superintendent,  
Urdu Girls School, Bombay.)

**IV. Central Division.**(a) *Poona District.*

(1)

**Dr. R. P. Paranjape, LLd. and Mrs. Sitabal Paranjape.**

We saw the Institution and its working in considerable detail on the 6th morning and 7th after-

noon, July, 1922, and cannot adequately express our wonder at the remarkable work that is going on here. The organization is almost perfect and the activities are multitudinous. Sewing and knitting, weaving, music, training of teachers, nurses and midwives &c., all these are of the utmost use to the women in our Society. Girls and women of all ages, married, unmarried, or widows, all find some opportunity of learning to be useful in this institution. The Sadan is the first Institution of its kind and will serve as a model for similar activities elsewhere.

The Institution is of such enormous public benefit that it is hardly necessary to say that it deserves the support of every person who has the progress of his country at heart. Such work can hardly continue to be carried on without the generous help both of Government and the public.

(Sd.) R. P. PARANJAPE,

[Principal Fergusson College,  
Poona, and Minister of Education  
with the Government of Bombay,  
(and now Vice-Chancellor Lucknow  
University, Lucknow.)]

Poona.

10th July, 1922.

} (Sd.) Mrs. SITABAI PARANJAPE.

(2)

**Rao Bahadur Patwardhan.**

It has given us great pleasure to visit the Poona Seva Sadan this morning. We were shown over the buildings by Mrs. Ramabaisabeb Ranade and Mr. Natekar. It was very interesting to learn the various activities carried on by the Institution for the spread of female education. The hostel is well managed. The classes for grown up women are a special feature. The Institution has made a wonderful progress during the short period of its existence and reflects great credit on the energy and organising capacity of Mrs. Ranade. We take the liberty of suggesting that instructions may be given in domestic economy and keeping household accounts, if possible.

(Sd.) PATWARDHAN  
(Retired Small Causes Judge,  
Poona)

Poona,  
14th January, 1920. }

(3)

**Mr. P. R. Naik.**

I visited this Institution on the 30th March 1927 and looked to the work of its several branches for

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one hour. It was certainly a great pleasure to me to see all the classes working in good order and all the arrangements were found to be quite satisfactory. The Primary classes for grown up women were also progressing well, and now all the High School classes are being started to meet their want. It was very kind of the Lady Superintendent—Mrs. Janakibai Bhat—and of Mr. Wable, that they took me round and showed me the work of their institution. I wish the institution further success. Mr. V. L. Gatne, Secretary of the School Board, was with me on the occasion.

(Sd.) P. R. NAIK,  
(Chairman, Schools Committee,  
Poona City Municipality,  
Poona City.)

Poona, }  
30th March, 1927. }

(4)

**Lt. D. L. Patwardhan., R. A. F.**

A few days ago I paid a visit to the Poona Seva Sadan in company with its Hon. General Secretary, Mr. G. K. Devadhar, whose acquaintance I made in England and from whom I had heard much about this institution. Mr. Devadhar showed me the work-

ing of the various departments with which I was immensely pleased. What struck me most was the very large number of grown up women pursuing several courses of very practical and useful instruction such as training of teachers, nurses, midwives, sub-assistant surgeons, needle-women, etc. etc., I endorse every word of Prof. D. G. Padhye (vide page 162) and recommend it as the best institution for the help and support of the charitably disposed public.

Poona, } (Sd.) D. L. PATWARDHAN.  
7th July, 1920. } (C/o. Sir M. B. Chaubal, Poona.)

(5)

**Mr. V. G. Patwardhan**, and four others.

We have come in a body to see the institution and we are highly pleased with the education and its practical use.

Poona, } (Sd.) V. G. PATWARDHAN.  
23rd December, 1921. }

(6)

**Mr. and Mrs. Y. T. Desai.**

Was very glad to visit the (Poona) Seva Sadan with my wife. It is being ably managed by Mr. G. K. Devadhar and I wish the Institution every success.

It shows a great organising capacity for giving vocational education to women. This is probably the only institution of its kind in India, and it is hoped there may be many more such institutions organised in India.

Poona, } (Sd) Y. T. DESAI,  
3rd January, 1932. } (Office Superintendent,  
Office of the Registrar, Coop.  
Societies, B. P., Poona.)

(7)

**Mr. G. B. Datar.**

I had a great pleasure in visiting this Institution in the company of Mrs. Savitribai Kirkire, Mrs. Shevade and Miss Kirkire. We were shown round by Mr. Wable. We were pleased to see the excellent way in which education was imparted to students. Musical classes and Sewing classes especially attracted the attention of the ladies. The special feature of this institution is free education given to lady students. The crying need of this institution is accommodation. This school deserves to be patronised by rich people of the Deccan.

Poona, } (Sd.) G. B. DATAR,  
1st July, 1921. } (Poona)

(8)

**Mr. E. J. Patel, Desai.**

We visited this Institution and found its work quite satisfactory. It is a standing monument of the work done by the workers here. We wish it a success.

Poona, } (Sd.) E. J. PATEL,  
31st December, 1927. } (Poona.)

(9)

**Miss Alice B. Van Doren.**

I am filled with admiration of the work of this splendid institution and wish it all success.

Poona. } (Sd.) ALICE B. VAN DOREN,  
(National Christian, 1, Staveley  
Road, Poona.)

(b) *Sholapur District.*

(1)

**Miss. A. C. Mc. A. Munro, and Miss. H. B'Journstad.**

It has been an inspiration to visit the (Poona) Seva Sadan and see the fine work that is being done. To me it is as nearly ideal as can be hoped for—all commu-

nities working together in harmony and love. Obstacles that might have been regarded as insurmountable, have been faced and overcome. I am especially impressed with the development with regard to the training of nurses. It is a great achievement that now a full general training is being given. To understand just how great is this achievement one should look back to the days of beginning when students would undertake nursing only among women and children and impose certain conditions upon the management before consenting to take training.

I shall go away from here with a new vision and a great deep admiration for what has already been accomplished by my Indian brothers and sisters, and greater things to be.

Very Sincerely,

Poona No. 2, } (Sd.) A. C. Mc. A. MUNRO.  
28th November, 1934. } (Sd.) H. B'JOURNSTAD.

(2)

**Miss K. Greenfields, and E. B. Fowler.**

We visited the Poona Seva Sadan on February 2nd, 1920, and we were most interested in all we saw.



**A splendid work for Indian girls and women is being done here.**

Poona,  
2nd February,  
1920.

(Sd.) K. GREENFIELDS.  
(Church of Scotland Mission, Poona.)  
(Sd.) E. B. FOWLER,  
(American Mission, Sholapur)

(3)

**Mr. M. A. Kulkarni.**

During my casual visit to Poona, I came to see Mr. G. K. Devadhar, whom I knew while in Sholapur. He asked me to see the Poona Seva Sadan if I could, and I am so grateful to him for giving me an opportunity to go round the different branches of the Institution. The Industrial side of it struck me most. The weaving is done systematically and the work produced is excellent. It was a novelty to see orthodox Brahmin widows working on the fly shuttle looms, as if they were born-weavers. I hold Mr. Devadhar in great reverence and I don't know how to praise him for the constructive and useful work that he has done and has been doing for the Society.

Poona, 30th July, 1929. } (Sd.) M. A. KULKARNI,  
(Supervisor, Industrial Settlement, Sholapur.)

(4)

**Mr. H. G. Gandhi.**

Visited the Institution. Very delightful and charming. Especially it is very useful to the widows and poor ladies who have to support themselves. Looking to the practical work it deserves commendation.

(Sd.) H. G. GANDHI,  
(Chairman, School Board,  
Poona, } Pandharpur Municipality,  
23rd December, 1921. } Pandharpur.)

## V. Southern Division.

(a) *Dharwar District.*

(1)

**Mr. C. G. Halkotti.**

Visited this morning. I was taken round by Mr. Devadhar. I was very much pleased with the account given by Mr. Devadhar of its activities. This is a unique institution and first of its kind in the whole of India. I feel no doubt that Indian women receive a very useful training in the institution. Am

a mark of my appreciation of the work done I make  
a small donation of Rs. 50 (fifty) only.

Poona, } (Sd.) C. G. HULKOTTI,  
28th October, 1926. } (President, D. L. B., Dharwar.)

#### VI. Other Places.

(1)

##### Miss Jaine M. Small

It gave me very great pleasure to visit the Poona  
Seva Sadan this morning. I was much impressed  
with all I saw, and full of admiration for the work  
which is being carried on in all its branches, and the  
way it is organised.

Poona, }  
9th June, 1927. } (Sd.) JAINE M. SMALL.

(2)

##### Mr. Ramkrishna Mehta.

It was a fortunate occasion for me to visit the  
Poona Seva Sadan to-day. As most of the students  
were absent owing to Diwali holidays I could not  
go on seeing the whole Institution thoroughly well.  
Still it was very impressive what I could see. I wish  
it every kind of success.

Poona, } (Sd.) RAMKRISHNA MEHTA.  
20th October, 1927. }

SUBSECTION II—**MADRAS PRESIDENCY.****I. Madras**

(1)

**Dewan Bahadur G. Narayanswamy Chetty.**

This Institution (The Poona Seva Sadan Society) is doing excellent work and I am very much interested to see the social work done here.

(Sd.) G. NARAYANSWAMY  
CHETTY

Poona, } ( Ex-President of the Madras  
15th December, 1928. } Corporation, Madras. )

(2)

**Dewan Bahadur A. Ramaswamy Mudaliar.**

It was very kind of Mr. Devadhar and Mrs. Janakibai Bhat to take me round the Poona Seva Sadan Institutions including the various Hostels. Though I had heard much of the Poona Seva Sadan I had not realised the immensity of the organization or the vast volume of service that it is rendering. I have found here the spirit of service predominant and the atmosphere speaks of healthy progress and enormous vitality. There is no danger of so excellent

a Society languishing at any time. Rather I look forward eagerly to the time when its activities will overspread the different Provinces and a network of branches will be formed all over India. It would be not in the fitness of things to congratulate the band of eager and enthusiastic workers who are serving the Institution, but I can give myself the liberty of conveying to them the grateful thanks of all who are genuinely interested in the future of this country.

(Sd.) A. RAMASWAMY  
MUDALIAR.

Poona, } (Member, Age of Consent  
4th November, 1928. } Committee, and  
Editor, "Justice", Madras.)

(3)

**Miss Mary Beadon, W. M. S.**

I had the very great pleasure of visiting this Institution this evening. I had heard much of the Poona Seva Sadan and was very anxious to learn more of it. I think that it is doing splendid work, and am very glad to hear that a branch has been opened in my town-Madras, as I feel that there too, it will help the women as it has in so many other towns.

The Institute itself is very interesting and beautifully kept, and the ladies are engaged in a struggle for the uplift of women which is one of the hardest and yet the most necessary in this great land. I am very glad that so much of their nursing work is largely vernacular for there is a large number of women who are unable to study in English, who make excellent nurses which they have been trained in their own language. The example of what has been done in Bombay Presidency should be an inspiration to women in other Presidencies to do likewise, but Poona will always have the credit of showing Indian women what they can do. I would venture to say "Go on and prosper mightily".

(Sd.) MARY BEADON.  
Poona, } (Superintendent, Women's  
4th November, 1928. } Medical School, Madras.)

(4)

### Miss Eleanor M. Dougall.

I had the great pleasure of visiting this beautiful place on Christmas Day, 1927.

(Sd.) ELEANOR M'DOUGALL,  
Poona, } (Principal, Women's  
24th December, 1927. } Christian College, Madras.)

(5)

### Miss C. K. Kausalya.

I spent a very pleasant afternoon today going round the various departments of the Poona Seva Sadan Institution. I was very much impressed with the splendid work that is being done here. I wish the institution every success.

Poona, } (Sd.) C. K. KAUSALYA  
10th January, 1931. } (Queen Mary's College,  
Madras.)

(6)

### Miss Oza Kaae.

To see the Poona Seva Sadan has been a real inspiration and encouragement. I am thankful for the days I have spent here in this place so filled with useful service and zeal for a good cause.

(Sd.) OZA KAAE,  
Poona City. } (20, Millar Road,  
Kilpauk, Madras.)

(7)

**Mrs. B. Ananda Bai.**

I visited the Poona Seva Sadan and Mrs. Bhat was good enough to take me round the institution and show me all the classes when they were working. I can hardly find words to speak to the work that the institution is doing for helpless Indian women. It is probably one of the biggest such institutions in India. The great feature about it, that struck me was the living together of the different castes and communities a mixing which is most essential for the future of India. I wish the institution very future prosperity and success.

Poona, 20th July, 1932. } (Sd.) B. ANANDA BAI,  
[Advocate, High Court, Madras,  
(now at Mysore)]

**III. Malabar.**

(1)

**Mr. K. Kelappan.**

I am sorry I could not see this Institution in the working hours and I was rushed through the different departments in the few minutes at my disposal. I am very much pleased with the noble work that is being done here. I am glad to find that the institution is open to all those who want help without distinction of caste, creed or religion. I am one who believes in a future India which will transcend all bounds of community and religion and set an example for the whole world to follow. Such an institution is really the seed from which that future community will grow. I wish the Institution all success.

Poona, } (Sd.) K. KELAPPAN.  
29th December, 1932. }

(1 a)

**Mr. K. Madhavan Nair**

I endorse Mr. Kelappan's remarks fully and wish the institution every success.

Poona, }  
29th December, 1932. } (Sd.) K. MADHAVAN NAIR.

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**IV. South Canara.**

(1)

**Dewan Bahadur N. Subbarao, and****Mrs. Lalitabai Subbarao.**

We visited the Poona Seva Sadan today and we were much impressed with the useful, efficient and charitable work that is carried on a large scale. It is gratifying to observe that the Institution is helping helpless women to get education and to earn an honest living. The Poona Seva Sadan is an Institution which should be supported by both the rich and the poor according to their means. I wish all success to the Institution. Mr. G. K. Devadhar and the band of workers are to be congratulated on the successful working of this splendid Institution.

(Sd.) N. SUBBARAO.

Poona, } (Sd.) LALITABAI SUBBARAO.  
2nd, January, 1929. } [Mangalore, (S. Kanara.)]

## SUBSECTION III—BENGAL PRESIDENCY.

## I.—Calcutta.

(1)

**Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose.**

I am delighted to visit this Institution and thereby fulfil a long-cherished desire. It is not possible to praise adequately the work that is being done here and the spirit that is behind it. May this example be followed all over India and may our women come forward to help themselves and to educate themselves as they are doing here. Without women's organisations of this type all over India I do not see how it is possible to raise the status of women and remove their wants. I leave this institution not only with profound admiration but with a deep inspiration.

Poona,  
5th May, 1928. }

(Sd.) SUBHAS C. BOSE.  
(Calcutta)

(2)

**Sjt. J. N. Basu, Mr. S. M. Bose, and  
Mr. N. C. Ray and Mr. F. L. De.**

It was a great pleasure to us to inspect the (Poona) Seva Sadan. We were taken round the several

departments by the Lady Superintendent, who has thoroughly identified herself with the important work that this Institution has undertaken, and has inspired the work with her enthusiasm. The work in the several departments is conducted in an efficient manner suited to the requirements of those whom the Institution is intended to benefit. The lines on which the Institution is conducted are best suited to the requirements of those classes whom the Institution works amongst. We wish the Institution every success.

Calcutta.

31st December, 1934. }

(Sd.) J. N. BASU

(Sd.) S. M. BOSE

(Sd.) N. C. RAY

(Sd.) F. L. DE.

(3)

**Sir K. G. Gupta, Kt.**

I spent a delightful hour at the Poona Seva Sadan this afternoon. Mr. Devadhar took me round the extensive buildings and showed me the young women at work in the various departments. The institution has grown to its present size from humble beginnings through the self-sacrificing efforts of Mrs. Ranade and other ladies and gentlemen. It

gives shelter to women of all classes, and train them, according to their capabilities to be teachers, nurses, or to take some handiwork such as weaving, sewing, etc. Music and singing also are taught and many young girls from outside come to the class on payment showing a growing desire among the people for these charming accomplishments. It is gratifying to contemplate that the Poona Seva Sadan has been able to rescue many young widows from a life of misery and unhappiness and turn them out to be respectable and useful members of Society. I wish it every success.

Poona,  
16th March, 1920.

(Sd.) K. G. GUPTA,  
(Calcutta.)

(4)

**Sir Jadunath Sarkar, Kt.**

I visited the Poona Seva Sadan this evening and went through a part of it with my old friend, Mr. G. K. Devadhar. The beneficent activity of this institution in manifold directions and at various places, is enough to excite our gratitude and wonder. I have not had occasion to visit any institution that comes up to this (Poona) Seva Sadan in point of the

volume and value of its work, and I feel the deepest admiration for the self-sacrificing spirit and devotion of its workers, male and female. It stands as an exemplar and an inspiration for social workers in other parts of India, and I wish that they should realise the necessity of visiting and studying it.

(Sd.) JADUNATH SARKAR,  
Poona, } (Ex. Vice-Chancellor, Calcutta  
18th November, 1934. } University, Calcutta.)

(4 a)

**Rao Saheb G. S. Sardesai.**

I visited the Poona Seva Sadan this evening along with Sir Jadunath Sarkar.

Poona, (Sd.) G. S. SARDESAI,  
18th November, 1934. [Kamshet, (Dist. Poona)]

(5)

**Mr. Satish Chandra Das Gupta.**

I came to admire the (Poona) Seva Sadan. I visited once in the morning and again in the afternoon. Mr. Devadhar has kindly shown me over the whole place and I have seen the reports and the annual



accounts. My admiration for the excellent work done here has increased many-fold as I leave the institution. I wish the institution a continued career of unbroken success.

Poona, } (Sd) SATISH CHANDRA  
21st November, 1932. } DAS GUPTA.  
(Khadi Pratisthan, Calcutta.)

(6)

**Rai Bahadur R. G. Banerjee, M. A.**

( True copy of a letter )

Dear Sir,

I am glad to receive your letter of the 5th October, 1929. Mr. G. S. Dutt was deeply impressed by his visit to the Poona Seva Sadan and told all about the wonderful work you have been doing for the cause of women. I have been advised to send you a copy of our monthly organ, Banga Lakshmi and also six copies of our short Reports. I regret, I do not know if there is any English-rendering of the Bengali plays called "Karma Devi and Dhruva".

I shall be much obliged if you kindly send us the last annual report of the Poona Seva Sadan with

photos for publication in our monthly organ, Banga-Lakshmi.

Yours faithfully,  
(Sd.) R. G. BANERJEE.  
Calcutta, } (General Secretary, Saroj Nalini  
9th October, 1929. } Dutta Memorial Association for  
Women's Work, 45, Benitola  
Lane, Calcutta.)

(7)

**Dr. (Prof.) Pramathanath Banerjee, M.A., Ph.D.**

I spent a few hours at the (Poona) Seva Sadan of Poona, and the visit was highly interesting and instructive. The work done at the Sadan is really splendid, and the arrangements are excellent in all the departments. I am sure the institution will grow from more to more, and I hope institutions of a similar character will be established all over the country.

Poona, } (Sd.) PRAMATHANATH  
8th March, 1930. } BANERJEE.

(8)

**Mr. H. H. Peterson.**

It was a great pleasure to visit this institution. You are undertaking a revolutionary change in Indian life, the giving of the priceless boon of education and self-respect to women. I know of nothing more likely to change conditions of life in India than this.

Poona,	}	(Sd.) H. H. PETERSON,
5th January, 1929.		(Secretary, Y. M. C. A., 5, Russell Street, Calcutta.)

(9)

**Mrs. Edna W. Peterson.**

I have been much interested in seeing the work of this Institution a most worthwhile undertaking and only wish I might see it more thoroughly. No time to do so now. Best wishes to all in charge.

Poona,	}	(Sd.) EDNA W. PETERSON,
7th January, 1929.		(Wife of Mr. H. H. Peterson, the Secretary, Y. M. C. A., 5, Russell Street, Calcutta.)

(10)

**Mr. J. N. Bienna.**

I have been delighted to visit the Poona Seva Sadan with my daughter Rachel, age 12 years and to see the splendid work being done for women and girls and boys. The Maternity rooms were especially interesting and also the weaving of saris by the widows. Only great good can be the outcome of such helpful institutions.

Poona City,	}	(Sd.) J. N. BIENNA.
11th February, 1930.		

(11)

**Elizabeth Wilson.**

I was greatly pleased when visiting the Poona Seva Sadan, Poona, this summer with the progressive ideas, and fine execution of them. Nowhere had I seen such confidence in the powers of trained women. What particularly impressed me interested for many years in the training of Young Women's Christian Association leaders, is the Adult Schools from which

you recruit your candidates for the advanced professional courses.

Calcutta, } (Sd.) ELIZABETH WILSON,  
6th October, 1921. } (5, Russell Street, Calcutta.)

(12)

**Mrs. Patty D. Mukerji.**

A truly wonderful institution, with very advanced ideas of education. The earnestness and consecration of the workers and of the students much impressed me.

Poona City. } (Sd.) PATTY D. MUKERJI.

(13)

**Mr. Dhan Gopal Mukerji.**

When the heart is full the lips grow silent. My tribute to this work must be given in silence.

Poona City. } (Sd.) DHAN GOPAL MUKERJI.

(14)

**Mr. H. A. Popley.**

I have visited the (Poona) Seva Sadan in Poona many times and have watched its growth from year to year. It is one of the finest institutions for the training of women for useful service that I know and I trust its activities will increasingly influence the lives of women all over India. It is a central power house for service to womanhood for all India.

Poona, } (Sd.) H. A. POPLEY,  
31st July, 1930. } (.....Nat. Council, Calcutta.)

## SUBSECTION IV—DELHI and SIMLA.

(1)

**Lady Margaret W. Bhore.**

(True copy of a letter)

Dear Mr. Devadhar,

I write to let you know how very much I enjoyed my recent visit to the Poona Seva Sadan and how impressed I was with the excellence of the work carried on under its auspices. Its training of educated women to take part in the various activities of social service is in itself a splendid work and is calculated to meet a very urgent and increasing demand. I do wish it an ever increasing measure of success and usefulness.

(Sd.) MARGARET W. BHORE.  
 New Delhi, } (1 Queen Victoria Road,  
 14th November, 1930. } New Delhi.)

(2)

**Lilian Wemyss Grant, M. D.**

I had the pleasure of seeing the welfare activities organised by the Poona Seva Sadan Society in Bombay on August 11th and in Poona on August

15th. In the Presidency town the work is conducted for the benefit of the Bhatia community, who, I understand, entirely finance the same. I visited a dispensary which also combines a Child Welfare Centre. Miss-Poovaiah and the lady doctor kindly explained the methods of work and showed a couple of fine babies whose mothers had been attended at their confinement by the Society's doctor. I also went over the building which has been donated by a member of the Bhatia community as a Maternity Home. The situation, as well as the building itself, is excellent, and if only members of other communities would come forward and make the same handsome provision for the womenkind of their castes, India would soon lead in this humanitarian work. I only hope I shall have the pleasure of seeing the Home functioning some day.

Unfortunately the lamented death of Sir Vithaldas Thackersey on the 12th instant necessitated the cancelling of the lecture I was to have given at the Society's residence on August 12th ; the same reason also applied to the cancelling of my lecture in Poona on August 14th at the Sir Vithaldas Thackersey Hall. However, I visited the Society's headquarters in Poona on August 15th. Though I had heard of the

good work that is actively carried on, I was greatly surprised to find how thoroughly the same is organised. Mrs. Ranade and two Secretaries as well as Rao Bahadur Dr. Shikhare explained the many activities fully to me, after which I visited a Child Welfare Centre on the premises, which was functioning. There was a large attendance of mothers and their babies, the health appearance of most of the infants did credit to the doctor in charge. Dr. Shikhare then took me round the Hostels for women medical students and nurses. They are models of neatness, and most suitably adopted to the requirements of caste. What struck me was the ingenuity shown in utilising all available space.

The perplexing question of training good caste women as nurses, seems to have been successfully solved by this Society. When going round the Sassoon Hospitals, a Sister-in-Charge of a Ward pointed to a Brahmin widow undergoing training and remarked "that she was one of the best nurses that she ever had under her." Later when conversing with the Civil Surgeon, Col. Maddock, he remarked "that he would do anything to help the Poona Seva Sadan, as the workers of this Society are so whole-hearted"—a remark which after my

visit, I felt I would fully endorse. The little band of enthusiasts who have been responsible for carrying through this pioneer work deserve the full support of their fellow countrymen and country-women. I shall follow the future of the Society with much interest and be always ready to help in forwarding the work if I am called upon to do so at any time.

(Sd.) LILIAN WEMYSS GRANT.

(Organising Secretary, All-India

Simla.

5th October, 1922. } League for Maternity and Child  
Welfare, Simla.)

(3)

**Col. Bhola Nath, I. M. S. (Retd.)**

The founders of the Poona Seva Sadan seem to have realised that Indian girl of today is the mother of the India of tomorrow and on that belief they have laid well the true foundation of this work. They take the Indian girl in hand, give her education, train her as a teacher, a nurse or a health visitor. The Arts and Crafts and Music are not neglected, side by side, with the school training...the home influence of a mother is imparted by Mrs. Bhat under whose guidance the girl's character is formed. She learns the most essential lessons of discipline, respects for

authority, cleanliness and tidiness and home management.

2. The great need of the Indian body politic is the capacity of administration. The art of administration consists of three things :—

- (i) The choice of right material to work upon;
- (ii) The choice of right tools to work with ;
- (iii) Having selected (i) and (ii), to watch the machinery and keep an eye on every part without interfering with its autonomous working.

The lack of these essentials is the cause of failure of so many indigenous enterprises. On a careful survey I find that the Society is fortunate in possessing in its organization all the requisites of successful administration.

In Mr. Devadhar they have a consummate organizer. He has carefully collected under his wing a choice selection of able and devoted workers. He makes a careful selection of his raw material and watches the working of the machine with interest and pride. If Mr. Devadhar is the brain of the Poona Seva Sadan, Mrs. Bhat and his band of workers are its spinal chord.

3. I am not a politician and I have been watching the course of events in India with the interest and anxiety, and looking at the articles of some of our politicians I came to Poona in a mood of despondency. After a visit to the Poona Seva Sadan I go from here with hope. The organisers of the Poona Seva Sadan have correctly diagnosed the ills of our body politic and in an unostentatious manner without the blast of trumpets they have laid the foundation of Indian Swaraj true and solid.

I wish the Institution every success and take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Devadhar for his kind hospitality and the opportunity he has given me of seeing the working of every department of the Society.

(Sd.) BHOLA NAUTH.  
( Organising Secretary,  
Indian Red Cross Society,  
Delhi/Simla.)

Poona. }  
25th August, 1925. }

(4)

**Sardar Bahadur Balvantsing Puri, C. B. E.**

At the kind invitation of my friend Mr. G. K. Devadhar, I stayed a day at Poona on my way from the South and I am indeed, very glad to have been

able to do so, as it has enabled me to see for myself of what I had such an imperfect knowledge previously.

Under Mr. Devadhar's directions Miss Dwarkabai Bhat kindly took me round all the departments of the (Poona) Seva Sadan housed in the various buildings. The Poona Seva Sadan Society is indeed so silently doing work of great national importance in providing vocational training to the women and thus fitting them up for a useful career in life. It was a great inspiration to me to see the spirit of service, simple living, and high thinking pervading all over the institution.

I was also taken over to Khed-Shivapur where I studied the rural uplift work being tried under the direction of Miss Dwarkabai Bhat, which appears to have great potentialities of good to the people living in the three villages served by the centre.

I am glad that there are Junior Red Cross Groups both in the Poona Seva Sadan and in the Khed-Shivapur Centre.

Dr (Mrs.) Ruth Young, Director of the Maternity and Child Welfare Bureau of the Indian Red Cross Society will shortly pay a visit to Poona and she will be able to offer suggestions, if any, for the improve-

ment of this aspect of the work being done here. I am glad that the staff of the Health Visitors' class will shortly be strengthened by the appointment of Miss Jacob who has just completed a course of training in Public Health Nursing at the Bedford College for Women, London, on a scholarship provided by the League of Red Cross Societies, Paris, and whose salary will, for the present, be met by the Indian Red Cross Society.

The whole system of work in the Institution which works like a machine, reflects great credit on the organising capacity and spirit of social service of Mr. Devadhar.

I enclose a small contribution from me for the funds of the Poona Seva Sadan Society as a little token of my appreciation of the work it is doing.

Poona. } (Sd.) BALVANTSING PURI,  
4th August, 1932. } (Ag. Organising Secretary, Indian  
Red Cross Society, Delhi/Simla.)

(5)

**Dr. (Mrs.) Ruth Young, M. B., C. M. B.,**

I have just spent two days under the hospital roof of the Poona Seva Sadan Society at Poona a long desired privilege.

The study of reports had prepared me for a novel and important institution, but it is almost impossible to understand the scope of the work without personal contact. It is a most wonderful organization and as other writers in this book have said, leaves one full of hope for the India of the future. It is impossible to note in detail all one has seen here, but one or two points have struck me especially.

(i) The insight of the founders in realising that Indian girls must have a period of preparation before entering on a profession. This has been provided for in a most generous way.

(ii) The character training which the institution gives and which enables those who go out from it to take up posts of responsibility often in lonely places.

(iii) The admission of girls from the depressed classes. This is most striking in an institution which is run by high caste Hindus and where the majority of the students belong to the same class. This beginning is full of revolutionary possibilities.

(iv) The perfect organization. This is due to the capacity of the organising Secretary who is ably backed up by the ladies who are his colleagues. This, combined with the devotion to work displayed by all, must carry the Institution far.

I came here specially to see the Public Health School and training and can cordially say that excellent work is being done under rather difficult conditions.

In leaving the wish cannot but be felt that the work here could be reduplicated in every province in India for the lasting advancement and benefit of the whole community.

(Sd.) RUTH YOUNG.

Poona, } (P. A. to the Secretary, Lady  
21st, July, 1926. } Chelmsford League, Delhi.)

(6)

**Dr. (Mrs.) Ruth Young, W. M. S.,**

(True copy of a letter.)

Dear Mr. Devadhar,

I arrived at Nagpur safely this morning and my constant wish is that the climate of Nagpur more resembled that of Poona! The ladies at the Bhatia Maternity (Bombay), were very kind, made a nice breakfast and rest there. Nagpur is much occupied with the Viceroy's visit at present. I have not seen Col. Walker, but when I do I shall prepare him for the visit to the (Nagpur) Seva Sadan. I am sure you



will find both Lord and Lady Irwin interested in all your work. They are really anxious to see things and know what is being done and they are especially interested in all work for social uplift. I enjoyed my time with you immensely and I shall never forget your hospitality. The institution made a deep impression on me, and I cannot praise it enough. It is certainly the most remarkable effort of its kind in India, all the more so that it is being carried on entirely by Indian men and women. I am sorry that in my note in the visitors' Book I forgot to mention the need for expansion in the matter of accommodation. I consider this a pressing need, both as regards space for boarding arrangements and for teaching purposes. I hope you will be able to secure this in the near future.

Please give my kindest regards to both Mrs. Bhats and my grateful thanks for all they did for me. I should also like you to give a special message to the girls from the Depressed Classes; tell them that I am specially interested in their progress and look forward to hearing great things about them in the future.

With warmest thanks for all your kindness and best wishes for future expansion.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) RUTH YOUNG,  
(P. A. to the Secretary to the  
Lady Chelmsford All-India  
League for Maternity and  
Child Welfare, Delhi.)

Nagpur,  
23rd July, 1926.

(7)

**Dr. (Mrs.) Ruth Young, W. M. S.**

I was very glad to visit the (Poona) Seva Sadan after a lapse of several years. The work seems to be going on as actively as ever and I wonder how Mr. Devadhar can cope with all his varied activities as he does. My special interest is in the public health training for nurses organised by the (Poona) Seva Sadan. In spite of a good many difficulties, it has been kept going, and now I hope it will receive a new lease of life with the advent of Miss Jacob. There is a great need for training of health-visitors in this Presidency and the (Poona) Seva Sadan is performing a public service in undertaking the work. I trust his courage will be rewarded in the success of his students and

the appreciation of the public. My best wishes continue to go with the work in all departments.

Poona. } (Sd) RUTH YOUNG,  
9th August, 1932. } ( Director, Maternity and Child  
Welfare-Bureau, Indian Red  
Cross Society, Delhi/Simla.)

give her more leave if they know she is taking the course.

Simla. } With kindest regards,  
9th August, 1932. } Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) RUTH YOUNG,  
(Director, Maternity and Child  
Welfare Bureau, Indian Red  
Cross Society, Delhi / Simla.)

P. S. —I won't forget Mrs. Parachure.

(8)

**Dr. ( Mrs.) Ruth Young, M. B. E., W. M. S.**

( True copy of a letter. )

Dear Mr. Devadhar,

The book I return herewith. Many thanks for my pleasant visit and your continued kindness and hospitality.

Re. the student's application, my advice would be not to promise anything beforehand. If you find on experiencing her work that she can safely be exempted then you can do so later. If the Bangalore people really want her back they will

(9)

**Dr. (Mrs.) Ruth Young, W. M. S., M. B. E.**

I have heard much about the activities at Khed-Shivapur, so I was very glad to be able to pay a visit to the place itself, accompanied by Mr. G. K. Devadhar, Mrs. Bhat, and Miss Jacob. It happened that a Local Board election was being held, so there were many villagers present. What I appreciate most about this work is that every aspect of life is being attacked, economic, educational, and health, I feel sure that this is the right way to set about the solving of India's many problems. To attack one problem only is almost useless. Though progress cannot be rapid in a venture of this kind, it is evident that the people are beginning to appreciate the

efforts made on their behalf and are taking advantage of them. I hope that further success will result from the work of those who are giving themselves so unselfishly to the task.

Khed-Shivapur. } (Sd.) RUTH YOUNG,  
4th February, 1935. } (Director, Maternity and  
Child Welfare Bureau,  
Indian Red Cross  
Society, New Delhi.)

(10)

**Dr. A. R. Mehta, M. B., D. P. H., etc.**

It has been both a privilege and a pleasure to visit (Poona) Seva Sadan and see its manifold activities. The need and utility for having such an organization goes without saying; but the way the work is accomplished and the self-sacrifice and devotion of the workers is a noble example worthy to be copied any where in the world.

Poona. } (Sd.) A. R. METHA,  
18th August, 1932. } [Org. Secretary, King George  
Thanks-giving Anti-  
tuberculosis Fund,  
Delhi / Simla.]

(11)

**Lala Shri Ram.**

I chanced to come to Poona (from Bombay) just for a few hours and I was looking forward with great interest to visit the Poona Seva Sadan, which I did see today. I really have no words to admire the very useful work that is being done here and more than the work the spirit with which every body is doing the work. The enthusiastic workers whom Mr. Devadhar has trained and gathered, are an asset of whom every body who has to do anything with some public work must feel jealous. Such pleasures are rare in a man's life.

Poona. } (Sd.) SHRI RAM,  
3rd August, 1932. } (20/22, Curzon Road,  
New Delhi.)

(12)

**Lala Raghubir Singh.**

I am full of admiration for the wonderful work done here.

Poona City, (Sd.) RAGHUBIR SINGH.  
3rd October, 1927. (Kashmere Gate, Delhi)

(13)

**Dr. P. P. Pillai, M.B.E., Ph.D.**

I was privileged to spend a day with Mr. G. K. Devadhar on the 28th June, 1932, at Poona when he kindly took me over the various departments of the Poona Seva Sadan Society's Headquarters and of its branch institutions in the city.

The three phases of the Society's activity which rivetted my attention most, were the training of an adequate staff of competent nurses, the classes for married women and the efforts to induce our women-folk to employ their leisure hours in profitable cottage industries. In addition to this, mention must also be made of the very efficient school which the Society is conducting for the imparting of regular instruction to the children who are looked after in the institution. I was particularly struck by the cheerfulness of the atmosphere in the Society's Home, to which both Mr. Devadhar's assistants as well as his wards contributed in equal measure.

These activities have made an abiding impression on me, as it is on these lines that the regeneration of Indian womanhood could most speedily be accomplished. It is, of course, well known that Mr.

Devadhar has devoted all his energies to this work and the salvation of India will largely depend upon the measure in which Mr. Devadhar's philanthropic work would evoke responsive echoes in the country and inspire others to follow his noble example.

Poona, 28th June, 1932.	}	(Sd.) P. P. PILLAI, (Director, Indian Branch of the International Labour Office, 19, Curzon Road, New Delhi.)

(14)

**Prof. A. A. Advani, Mr. Bharat Ram, and  
Mr. Charat Ram.**

I and my two friends went round and saw the multiform activities of the Poona Seva Sadan. Yesterday we saw the Rural Uplift Centre at Khed-Shivapur and today we saw the Poona Centre with its annexes. I am impressed by this band of workers led by the enthusiasm and energy of Mr. Devadhar; and I cannot help respecting this selflessness and social sense. The task before the Society demands courage, industry and optimism and in my talk with Mr. Devadhar today I was convinced that these were the traits guiding the (Poona) Seva-Sadan.

My party included Bharat Ram and Charat Ram, sons of Lala Shri Ram, Millowner of Delhi.

(Sd.) A. A. ADVANI,  
(Professor of English,  
Hindu College, Delhi).  
(Sd.) BHARAT RAM.  
(Sd.) CHARAT RAM.

Poona. }  
2nd August, 1932. }

(15)

**Mr. J. D. Salim.**

My five hours' stay at the Poona Seva Sadan, the activities of which were elaborately explained by Mr. Devadhar to me, was an inspiration. The Poona Seva Sadan is perhaps the first institution of its kind in India. It is not in its magnificent building that the secret of its success lies.

It is in the high ideals and places before its students of simple living and high thinking, of patriotism, love of manual labour, independence and

industry that the (Poona) Seva Sadan stands out as an unique institution. I wish it every success.

(Sd.) J. D. SALIM,  
Poona City, } (Editor, Hindustan Times,  
27th June, 1931 } Delhi).

(16)

**Mr. Christopher Robinson.**

( True copy of a letter. )

Dear Mr. Devadhar,

On returning to Delhi I feel that I must write to thank you very much for showing us the splendid work which is being done at the (Poona) Seva Sadan.

I do feel that it is one of the most encouraging things which I have seen in the country. I had been prepared to see something great but it passed on my expectation.

I do hope that for many years to come you will be spared to carry on this great work which you have begun.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) CHRISTOPHER ROBINSON,  
Delhi, } (St. Stephen's College,  
6th January, 1929. } Delhi.)

## SUBSECTION V—UNITED PROVINCES.

## II—Dayalbagh, (Agra.)

## I—Benares.

(1)

**Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, LL. B., M. L. C.**

I am grateful to my friend Mr. Devadhar for having shown me again all the various beneficent activities of the Poona Seva Sadan Society. I was delighted to see the growth and expansion of the Society's work. The Society has been doing most valuable service to our young women and girls through its various departments, under the fostering care and heartening guidance of Mr. Devadhar, and it is entitled to further support both from the Government and the Public, and I hope it will receive it. Mr. Devadhar and his colleagues have richly earned the gratitude of the public for their unselfish and self-sacrificing labour for the well-being of our women.

Poona, } (Sd.) MADAN MOHAN MALAVIYA,  
26th August, 1928. } (Vice-chancellor, Benares  
Hindu University, Benares.)

(1)

**His Holiness Sahebjee Maharaj of Dayalbagh.**

I had long wanted to see this renowned institution and I am very thankful to Mr. Devadhar for taking me round all its branches and explaining to me the details of the excellent work that is being done here. No praise is needed from me. I would only say that I go highly impressed and full of veneration for the band of devoted workers attached to the Institution. I wish Mr. Devadhar would extend his sympathy to us and open a (Poona) Seva Sadan Centre at Dayalbagh. May Mr. Devadhar live long and help the womanhood of India in the admirable way he is doing!

(Sd.) ANAND SARUP, alias  
His Holiness Sahebjee Maharaj  
of Dayalbagh, (Agra.)

Poona City, }  
24th May, 1932. }

(Sd.) CHARANSAKHI,  
(Sd.) PREMSAKHI,  
(Sd.) SOM PRAKASH,  
(Professor, R. E. Institute,  
Dayalbagh.)

## III. Lucknow.

(1)

**Prof. V. Siva Ram and Prof. S. V.  
Puntambekar.**

We are very much pleased with the splendid work of the Institution and the ideals for which it stands. Every town in India requires badly an institution like this, and we hope that Mr. Devadhar will help us in creating materials for social service work. We wish the Institution all success.

(Sd.) V. SIVA RAM,  
(Professor, Lucknow University )  
(Sd.) S. V. PUNTAMBEKAR,  
(Professor, Hindu University,  
Benares.)

Poona,  
2nd June, 1927.

(2)

**Mr. Krishna Ram, B. A., Mr. Vishwanath  
Prasad, Mr. Madhav Prasad, and Mr.  
Radhey Shyam Rastoji, M. L. C.**

The undersigned visited the Poona Seva Sadan today and were shown round the different sections of the institution and were very much impressed with

the great social service that is being done. Their example deserves to be emulated in other provinces.

(Sd.) K. RAM,  
(Editor, The "Leader")  
(Sd.) VISHWANATH PRASAD,  
(General Manager, The  
"Leader".)

Poona City, } (Sd.) MADHAV PRASAD,  
31st December, 1934. } (C/o The "Leader".)  
(Sd.) RADHEY SHYAM  
RASTOJI, (Lucknow.)

## IV Cawnpore.

(1)

**Mr. Ramsunder Seth.**

I visited the (Poona) Seva Sadan today and feel much satisfied with the arrangements. I wish the institution every success.

Poona, } (Sd) RAMSUNDER SETH,  
2nd January, 1928. } [Advocate, Cawnpore. [U.P.]

## SUBSECTION VI—THE PUNJAB.

(1)

**Lala Lajpat Rai.**

I am very much obliged to Mr. Devadhar for having asked me to see the Poona Seva Sadan Society's activities in Poona. I did so by two instalments spending altogether about five hours in doing so; and I was delighted to see that the institution is so admirably well organised, well conducted, and well managed. It is a unique institution, the only one of its kind in all India. It is a living example of what can be done with our womanhood, if only the problem is approached in the best spirit and by the best kind of men. It was a pleasure to see so many widows being trained for medical and nursing work without a thought of remarriage. That is the way to fit Hindu widows, those who have no desire to remarry, to follow the original ideals of Hindu widowhood in modern environments.

The one thing which pleased me very much, was the atmosphere of cheerfulness and glee that permeated the whole institution. All the girls, whether widows, married ones, or unmarried, looked physi-

cally fit and cheerful. There was no air of depression about them, besides they were all neat and tidy. Mr. Devadhar has by his robust optimism and cheerful exertions built up an institution which is an inspiration. But what is more, he has trained a number of capable, earnest-minded, and willing women co-workers who will do credit to any institution of this kind. I wish an institution of this kind could be started and worked up as successfully as it has been here in all the other provinces of India. I am hoping that the women of India including Hindu widows once roused to a sense of duty and fitted for public work by training and education will do their work with greater zeal, with greater purity of motives, and with greater spirit of sacrifice than even men.

I wish the institution all the success it deserves.  
Poona City, } (Sd.) LAJPAT RAI,  
8th July, 1928. } (Lahore.)

(2)

**Miss Muriot Simon.**

It has been my wish for a long while to see this work which I have always felt, must be the ideal for which all of us who are working for the uplift of Indian womanhood and who are privileged to serve



the rising generation, must be seeking and I have not been disappointed.

I am sure it will prove to have been a great stimulus and encouragement to us who are working on somewhat different lines in North India, and I cordially thank the members of the Society who have so generously spread their experience with me and shown me all their admirable institutions.

(Sd.) MURIOT SIMON,

Poona City, }  
3rd May, 1927. } [Principal, Punjab Health School,  
and Secretary, Lady Chelmsford  
League, Lahore (Punjab.)]

(3)

**Miss Elizabeth M. Edwards.**

I have very much enjoyed my visit to the Poona Seva Sadan and I shall tell my friends in the Punjab about it in the hope that there also something of this good work may be done by Indian Ladies for their sisters.

(Sd.) ELIZABETH M. EDWARDS.

Poona, }  
5th September, 1924. } (Kinnaid College for women,  
Lahore.)

(4)

**Mrs. Rameshuri Nehru.**

It was a great pleasure to me to visit the Poona Seva Sadan during my short stay at Poona. The

hours I spent on the premises with Mr. Devadhar and his co-workers were a few of those precious hours the memory of which would always linger in my mind as the pleasantest and the most instructive of my life. The kindness with which Mr. Devadhar and the Lady Members of his staff received me will always be gratefully remembered by me.

As for Institution itself it does not stand in need of recommendation from me. I simply join the previous visitor in paying homage to the unique results achieved by the life-long efforts of those who have sacrificed their whole beings for the success of the cause. May God give them still greater success and may their example be followed by the other provinces of India.

Poona City, } (Sd.) RAMESHURI NEHRU,  
4th November, 1928. } (Lahore).

(5)

**Mr. Sawan Singh & Mr. Hamarayan.**

We are grateful to Mr. Devadhar for showing us round the (Poona) Seva Sadan and all its activities here in Poona. We were much pleased with all what we saw here.

(Sd.) SAWAN SINGH,  
[ of Beas, (Amritsar District.) ]

Poona, }  
16th March, 1933. } (Sd.) HAMARAYAN,  
(F. A. C. Retired, Punjab.)

## SUBSECTION VII—CENTRAL PROVINCES.

### I. Nagpur.

(1)

**Mr. W. R. Puranik,** B. A., LL. B.

Accompanied by Mr. G. B. Garud of the Nagpur Branch of the Society, I visited the parent institution in Poona today. I wanted to see for myself all the different activities of the Society here and I am glad to note that Mr. Annasaheb Natekar, the General Supervisor, very kindly took me round all the premises in the morning and in the evening and explained briefly all its activities. Mrs. Janakibai Bhatalias Banutai, the Lady Superintendent, had kindly arranged tea for us in the evening and introduced me to the principal workers at present in Poona. I was very much pleased to meet Mrs. Saralabai Naik, Mrs. Balubai (Yamunabai) Bhat, Miss Jacob, and Doctors Ranade and Nulkar and had a pleasant evening with them at tea when Mr. Garud and myself could compare notes with these ladies and gentlemen. The magnitude of the work, the variety of the activities, and the excellence of the management have struck me very much. I wish I had the time at my

disposal to visit the institution while in full working after the vacation but from what I have seen of it even during the vacation, I can safely say that it is an unique institution of its kind that is doing its best for the women of the country and deserves sympathy and support.

Poona,  
21st May, 1934. }

(Sd.) W. R. PURANIK,  
[Advocate, Nagpur (C. P.)]

### II. Jubbulpore.

(1)

**Mrs. Phulavantibai**

I visited the training school and the headquarters of the (Poona) Seva Sadan and was much interested in the account of their activities. Their endeavour to provide women many earlier occupations seems to me of great social value.

We visited the (Poona) Seva Sadan on February, 2nd, 1920, and thoroughly enjoyed all that we saw and learnt a great deal thereby. We shall go back to Jubbulpore and will tell our friends what a grand institution it is.

Poona,  
2nd Feb. 1920. }

(Sd.) PHULAVANTIBAI  
(Training School for Women,  
Jubbulpore.)

## III. Harda.

(1)

**D. G. Megadjan.**

It has been a pleasure to visit the Poona Seva Sadan Society. They are doing a splendid work among the women and girls. It is most encouraging to find so much of initiative, forward movement, and vision. The map indicates that the work is spreading rapidly, and I trust that the time is not far distant when the ideals of service and self-sacrifice incarnated in the ladies in charge of this institution will be found in every town and village of the land.

(Sd.) D. G. MEGADJAN,  
[Principal, High School,  
Harda (C.P.)]

Poona,  
1st November, 1927.

## IV. Other Places.

(1)

**Rao Bahadur B. V. Samartha.**

Mrs. Naik kindly showed me the various departments of this splendid institution and the visit was to me very instructive. I can only add my word of praise to what every one who has visited it has said already.

(Sd.) B. V. SAMARTHA.  
(Prov. V. Panchayat Office,  
C. P. & Berar.)

Poona, }  
1st July, 1930. }

## SUBSECTION VIII :—Marathi, Hindi and Gujrati Remarks.

### I. MARATHI REMARKS.

#### The Devadhar Diamond Jubilee.

( 21st August, 1931. )

### MESSAGE

FROM

### MAHATMA GANDHI

( १ )

महात्मा मोहनदास करमचंद गांधी

प्रिय भगिनीनो,

आपण श्री. देवधर यांच्या आयुष्याचा मणिमहोत्सव ( हीरकोत्सव ) करतां त्यामध्ये मला हजर राहतां येत नाही त्याबद्दल मला फार वाईट वाटते। श्री. देवधरांना मी गेल्या १५ वर्षे ओळखतो। त्यांच्या व माझ्यामध्ये मतभेद असून सुद्धां मला त्यांच्याबद्दल पुष्कळ आदर वाटतो। आम्ही एकाच गुरूचे शिष्य असल्यामुळे सदा गुरुबंधुप्रेमाने राहतो। श्री. देवधर यांचा अफाट उत्साह आणि देश-भाक्ती मला सदा हेवा करण्यालायक वाटते। आपला उत्सव पूर्ण यशस्वी होवो अशा प्रार्थना करतो।

श्री. देवधरांना ईश्वर दीर्घायुषी करो आणि त्यांच्याकडून अधिकाधिक सेवा घडवो।

मणिभुवन, लॅबार्नम रोड,  
मुंबई, ता. १०/८/३१

आपला,  
( सही ) मोहनदास गांधी

( २ )

सरदार चंद्रोजीराव आंधे

पुणें सेवासदन या संस्थेस आज आम्हीं भेट दिली. संस्थेंतील नीटनेटकेपणा आणि स्वच्छता पाहून फार समाधान वाटलें. अशा रीतीच्या सुव्यवस्थित संस्था हिंदुस्थानांतील सर्व प्रमुख शहरां जेव्हां होतील तो सुदिन म्हणावा.

या संस्थेंतील मुलींना शारीरिक शिक्षण दिलें जातें ही समाधानाची गोष्ट आहे. त्याबरोबरच लाठी-काठी यांचा उपयोग करतां येणें हें आजकाल प्रत्येक आर्य स्त्रीला आवश्यक झालें आहे. तेव्हां त्याकडेहि संस्थेच्या व्यवस्थापक वर्गांनें लक्ष पुरविल्यास बरें होईल.

शाळेचा मुख्य हॉल आणि इतर सर्व रूमसमूहून श्रीकृष्णाचे व शिवरायाचे फोटो लाविल्यास त्यांचाहि चांगलाच परिणाम होईल.

( Sd ) C. S. ANGRIA.  
( of Gwalior )

पणें

ता. १६-८-१९२७.

( ३ )

श्री. व्यंकटराव आनंदराव सुर्वे, M. L. C.

आज संध्याकाळीं ३ वाजतां येथें येऊन सर्व वर्ग पाहिले. सर्व वर्गांची माहिती घेतां व प्रत्यक्ष पहातां समाधानकारक अशी सर्व व्यवस्था आहे. शिक्षणाच्या वर्गांना असलेली जागा अपुरी आहे व इतर ज्या सोयी केल्या आहेत त्या स्तुत्य आहेत. त्याकरितां जागा अपुरी आहे. संस्थेच्या चालकांनीं (पुणें) सेवासदनाच्या सर्व कामांत शिस्त चांगल्या तऱ्हेची ठेवली आहे. राहणें, बसणें, इत्यादि सबस्थितीला धरून आहे. संस्थेस असलेली जागेची उणीव भरून काढण्यास लोकांच्या पुढान्यांनीं व सरकारनें मदत करणें आवश्यक आहे.

( सही ) व्यंकटराव आनंदराव सुर्वे.

पुणें.

ता. ४।१०।२९.

( रत्नागिरी.)

## II. HINDI REMARKS

( १ )

सौ. कमला नेहरू

सेवासदन देख कर मुझको बड़ी खुशी हुई. मुझे अफसोस है कि मैं ज्यादा वक्त नहीं दे सकी.

पुणे.

ता. ३०।१।२०

( सही ) कमला नेहरू

( २ )

श्री. सहदेव

मुझे आज मैनेजर साहेब ने बड़ी कृपासे अच्छे प्रकार यह संस्था दिखलाई है। ऐसी संस्था अभी देखने में नहीं आई, एवं २० वर्ष के थोड़ेसे काल में इसने आश्चर्यजनक उन्नति की है जिससे इस संस्थाके कार्यकर्त्ताओंका अनवरत प्रयत्न और निःस्वार्थ सेवा प्रकट है। इससे देश का बड़ा उपकार है। परमात्मा सदा इसे समुन्नत और सुफलित करे।

( सही ) सहदेव.

7th January, 1929  
Poona City.

[C/o. L. MAHADEVA, RAIS,  
Hissar ( Punjab )]

( ३ )

शकांवेची

पूना सेवासदन को देखने की पहलेही स'अत्यन्त अभिलाषा थी। परन्तु कुछ समय पहले इस संस्था के प्राणस्वरूप मिस्टर देवधर जब हमारी संस्था में पधारे थे तो उनके द्वारा इसके महान कार्य को सुनकर बहुत जल्द देखने की अभिलाषा हुई. सो भगवत्कृपासे आज इस संस्थाको देखने को समर्थ हुई। इस संस्थाको देखकर मैंने बहुत कुछ सीखा. और अपनी एक दो कन्याओं को कुछ कातां के लिये खिलौने बनाना सीखने के लिये भेजूंगी। क्योंकि यह फर्ज स्त्रियोंके लिये है। और दूसरा खड्डियों द्वारा धोती, सारी तय्यार करना जो इस संस्थामें विशेष-तया सिखाया जाता है। इस जातिकी गिरी हुई आर्थिक अवस्था को भी किसी हद् तक उन्नति करैगा.

मैटरनिटी होम रखकरभी एक अत्यन्त आवश्यक विषयको पूरा किया गया ह।

यहां की पढ़ने तथा पढानेवाली देवियां अच्छी हुशियार मालूम होती हैं। परन्तु एक बातका अभाव जोकि मैंने देखा है, उसको मैं एक शुभ चिन्तक की दृष्टिसे दर्शाया चाहती हूं। कि कन्या-

ओंमें देश प्रेमकी भक्ति, जातियता का अभिमान जिताने की जरूरत है।

एक बड़ा नम्र निवेदन तो मुझे यह करना है की हिन्दी भाषाका यहां बिल्कुल ध्यान नहीं दिया गया। उसकी ओर अगर ध्यान दिया जाय तो इस संस्थाके आदर्श वर्कसे न केवल महाराष्ट्र स्त्रियांही लाभ उठाये, अबितु कुल हिंदुस्तानी बहनें इससे लाभ उठा सकेंगी।

शकोदेवी.  
( मुख्याध्यापिका  
कन्या महाविद्यालय. )

( ४ )

सुशीलवती

इस संस्थाको देख कर मुझे बहुत प्रसन्नता हुई। यहां का कार्य बहुत ही सराहनीय है। यहां के संचालक गण बहुत ही उद्योगसे कार्य करनेवाले हैं।

पूर्ण

( सही ) सुशीलवती.  
( सेंट्रल हिंदु गर्ल्स स्कूल, काशी. )

### III. GUJRATI REMARKS.

( १ )

श्री. भीरभल्लभ वभोरा, એમ. એલ. સી.

અમે પુના સેવાસદન સોસાયટી જતા ગયા હતા. તેઓના કામ સારા અને વખાણવા લાયક છે અને કારભારી સારા છે અને મોટા બાઈઓને નાણાં છે.

भीरभल्लभ वभोरा

એમ. એલ. સી.

( રજીસ્ટ્રાર ડેન કરાચી, સી. ધ. )

તા ૨૭-૧-૨૮

( ૨ )

શ્રી. નુરભાઈ મુક્તા હસનઅલી, અને અબ્બાસ સૈદુદીન.

આ સંસ્થાનાં મુલાકાતનું અમેને માન મળ્યું. અમારા ઉત્કંઠાથી અમે તેની માગણી કરી. તે કમુલ થતાં શ્રીયુત દેવધરે સંપૂર્ણ દીવસો જડ અને લાગણીથી સંસ્થાની આર્થિક આર્થિક વીનાતો સમજાવી અને લેડી સુપરિન્ટેન્ડન્ટ સાથે પ્રત્યેક શિક્ષણની સમજુતી આપવા કહ્યું. તે ઉપરથી તમામ ચાલતા ખાતાઓ અમેને ખતાવવામાં આવ્યા. જે સંયમ વિનય વગેરે જેવામાં આવ્યો.

તે ઉચ્ચ પ્રકારનો. જે શિક્ષણ તેમાં પણ પ્રોત્સાહન સ્ત્રીઓને નીરાધાર અને દુઃખદ સ્થિતિમાં તેને યોગ્ય રીતે કેળવી. કેવા કેવા ખાતાઓમાં તેમના કુટુંબીક ગુજરાન માટે વ્યવસ્થા કરવામાં આવે છે તે અમેને સમજાવવામાં આવ્યું, જે ઉપરથી અમેને ઘણીજ ખુશી થઈ. આવી સુંદર વ્યવસ્થાનું જે કોઈ ખાતું હોઈ તો તે આ એકજ છે. તેના સંચાલક શ્રીયુત દેવધર માટે તે ખાતું ખરેખરી માનભરી અને પ્રભુ માટે ગૌરવરૂપ છે. પ્રત્યેક કામો પોતામાટે આવા ખાતાઓ ઉઘાડે તો તે કામ ઘણીજ આદર્શરૂપ થઈ પડે. આવા ખાતાઓમાં સદૃશ્યની મદદની જરૂર છે અને તેની મદદ ખરેખર સુખાત્ર દાનજ ગણાય. તા. ૨૫-૮-૩૨.

સેવક,

નુરહાઈ મુલ્લા હસનઅલી

ડેડાલવાળા.

અખબાસ સૈફુદ્દીન

## SUPPLEMENT.

I Indore.

(1)

Mr. S. D. Gosavi.

( True copy of a letter. )

Their Highnesses Maharaja Tukojirao and Maharani Sharmishtabai Holkar had the pleasure of visiting the Poona Seva Sadan of Poona on the 3rd February, 1933. In their opinion it is the one Institution of its kind in India and is run on sound and practical lines. Mr. Devadhar is undoubtedly the guiding spirit of the Institution and Their Highnesses are glad to congratulate him and his staff on the success they have achieved.

(Sd.) S. D. GOSAVI,

The Savoy Hotel,  
Masoorie (India). }

( Secretary to  
His Highness Maharaja  
Tukojirao Holkar of Indore. )





## SECTION X

## SUPPLEMENTARY

## 1. Hyderabad (Deccan).

**Hon'ble Justice Mirza Sami Ullah Beg.**

I have been hearing of the Poona Seva Sadan Society but never got a complete idea of the nature of its work and activities. It helps indigenous industries, relieves humanity of pain and suffering, tends to make life happier and worth living, helps the poor, points to the rich the channels in which his wealth might well flow to his undying glory, rising above all caste and creed, brings Indians together on a common platform for a common cause, provides home for the homeless and comfort for the painful, solves the problem of unemployment and helps Society directly and indirectly in myriads of ways which are beyond description. Like the Scout Movement, Red Cross Society, or Salvation Army organizations, the Poona Seva Sadan Society has got germs of spreading all over India to the great credit of those who founded it and who are carrying on its work

in a selfless spirit. Mr. G. K. Devadhar is at present its life and moving spirit. I have no doubt the Society itself will create many Devadhars to carry on its work.

Sd/-Mirza Sami Ullah Beg,  
( Mirza Yar Jung )

Poona, 2nd, June, 1935.	}	[Chief Justice of the High Court of His Exalted Highness the Nizam's Dominions Hyderabad, ( Deccan. )]

## I. Bombay and Bombay Suburbs.

**Mr. S. A. Brelvi, M. A., LL. B.**

Mrs. Brelvi and myself had the privilege of visiting the (Poona) Seva Sadan Society. Mr. Devadhar who is the life and soul of the institution, and his co-workers showed us round. The visit was a liberal education in itself. It is impossible to exaggerate the value of the work done by the (Poona) Seva Sadan or to over-emphasize the need for continuous and increasing assistance, financial and otherwise, to this model organization of its kind. The rich and well-to-do can

devote part of their wealth to few more deserving causes than by subscribing liberally to the funds of the (Poona) Seva Sadan.

Poona.  
16th June, 1935.

} (Sd.) S. A. BRELVI,  
(M. A., LL. B.,)  
(Editor, "Bombay Chronicle"  
Fort, Bombay.)

**Sir David Petrie, KT. C. I. E., C. B. E., C. V. O.**  
(Copy of a letter.)

No. 12/R.L.F.

Dear Mr. Devadhar,

Thank you for your letter of the 9th June. The nurses of the (Poona) Seva Sadan have shown commendable public spirit in volunteering themselves for service with refugees, patients from Quetta, and I much appreciated the promptitude with which they all started off for their mission. The demand for nurses has now been fully met, and I do not anticipate I shall have to draw upon your institution any further.

I am very glad to find that the students of your Nursing School are imbued with such zeal and self-sacrifice—the true nursing spirit—and are so eager

to realize the ideal of service for the promotion of which the (Poona) Seva Sadan Society was founded.

I shall be glad to receive a statement of accounts in due course, for refund of expenditure incurred.

I shall be on a tour in the Bombay and Madras Presidencies from the 25th June to the 5th of July, in the course of which I shall be in Poona from the 27th to the 29th inst. I shall be glad to have an opportunity of meeting you then, and also, if possible, of seeing your institution about which I have already heard so much. I shall be staying with Mr. C. W. A. Turner, Chief Secretary.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- DAVID PETRIE,

Simla,  
13th June, 1935.

} (Chairman, Managing Body,  
The Indian Red Cross Society,  
Simla/Delhi.)

(N. B.—The above letter from Sir David Petrie was received by Mr. G. K. Devadhar, after the latter had despatched to Multan for Quetta-Relief twelve young ladies to work as nurses. This batch contained all the seven students of this year's Health School (all of whom were trained midwives), its Lady Superintendent, and four fully qualified nurses and midwives. The first telegram was received on the 6th of June, 1935, and the party started from Poona in the afternoon of the 8th of June and reached Multan—a distance of 1516 miles—on the evening of the 10th of June, 1935, via Delhi and Lahore.)

# I. The Indian Red Cross Society.

**Sir David Petrie**, Kt., C. I. E., C. V. O., C. B. E.

To-day, through the courtesy of Mr. Devadhar and his helpers, I have been enabled to realise a long-standing wish and to see something of the work done at the ( Poona ) Seva Sadan, Poona. So much has already been written in praise of this institution that there is nothing I can usefully add. My advice to all who are interested, is to go there and see things for themselves.

I have been much impressed by the extent and variety of the work done. From the point of view of the Indian Red Cross Society, the contribution of the (Poona) Seva Sadan to the encouragement of nursing among Indian women is of the utmost value. But in all its branches the (Poona) Seva Sadan aims at giving the best of all kinds of help, namely, the help that encourages people to help themselves. Mr. Devadhar and his willing band of helpers are doing work that deserves the gratitude of the country at large.

Poona, }  
29th June, 1935. }  
Sd/- D. PETRIE.  
(Chairman, Managing Body,  
The Indian Red Cross Society,  
Simla/Delhi.)

# II. Poona District.

(1)

**Mr. E. W. Trotman, I.C.S.**

Mr. Devadhar and his colleagues very kindly showed me round the various buildings occupied by the (Poona) Seva Sadan. I was more than surprised to see the great number of activities undertaken by this Body.

I was impressed by the excellent organisation. I congratulate Mr. Devadhar and his co-workers on the admirable results achieved.

I now look forward to seeing the new building complete which will provide quarters for Nurses as well as a Health School.

(Sd.) E. W. TROTMAN, I.C.S.,  
(Collector, Poona District,  
Poona.)  
Poona, }  
3rd, July, 1935. }

(2)

**Mr. E. W. Trotman, I.C.S.**

(Copy of a letter.)

DEAR MR. DEVADHAR,

I return herewith your visitor's Book and Album. The latter is most interesting and will, I am

sure, bring to the notice of the public all over the world the great work which has been done by the (Poona) Seva Sadan.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) E. W. TROTMAN, I.C.S.  
(Collector, Poona District,  
Poona.)

Poona, }  
4th, July, 1935. }

(3)

**Mr. D. B. Limaye, M. A., B. Sc.**

I was taken round the various departments of the Poona Seva Sadan and the industrial activities were specially shown to me. I was greatly impressed by the all-round progress made since my last visit some ten years back and was glad to see the new additions to the industrial side. The work in

this department shows what an amount of care and thought is given to the choice of new lines calculated to encourage the spirit of selfhelp along with wider out-look. The Poona Seva Sadan is a glaring instance of what the untiring and zealous efforts of a sympathetic organiser, when assisted by a devoted band of workers, can achieve within less than a generation.

(Sd.) D. B. LIMAYE,  
Director.

Poona,  
8th July, 1935.

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