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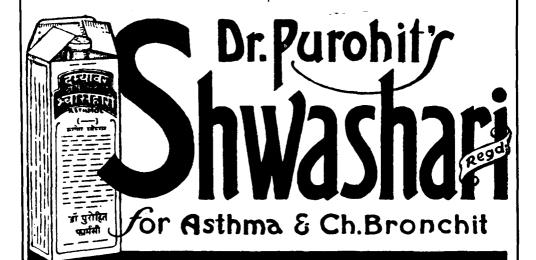
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#### PREFACE.

This is the sixth, year of the publication of this Directory under the name "Poona and Kirkee Directory", and to-day in view of the additions we have made we feel we have grown up and have reached the age of adolescence. He have therefore taken the liberty to change our name into "Western India Guide and Directory" and have also given up the swaddling clothes of our infancy and have put on a respectable garb befitting our age and position. We are sure this will be pleasing to our numerous friends and well-wishers, and we believe we need not offer them any words of apology.

We are quite aware that we have been able to reach this stage in life only through the generous and continued support we have had during these years from the public, and more especially from the trades world. To them we are very much indebted; and we do hereby express our grateful thanks, not only to them, but also to all others concerned for giving us the necessary help and patronage that have kept us going strong right through.

We need not say much here about the new features we have introduced and the improvements we have effected in this volume. We have given an account of Poona—its evolution and growth from a humble village into a city of prosperity—almost in a nutshell; have added a number of new Districts and States with full particulars about their encient and modern history; have given the Maharatta State of Kolhapur and its Feudatories the prominence they deserve; and have also given a Directory of the Deccan States. An important feature of the present publication is that the old "Poona and Kirkee Directory" has been completely revised, rewritten and brought up-to-date, and that in respect of the new Districts and States added we have given all the important and latest facts from the remote past till the present day. In course of time, as years roll on, we hope to add the remaining Districts and make the publication an authoritative and reliable Guide and Directory for Western India. Our present attempt we need hardly add, has cost us considerable money and labour, and we trust our labours will not go unrewarded. Speaking from our own business standpoint we are giving the public in this Handbook the maximum information at the barest minimum cost.

We will not say that this publication is absolutely perfect. No publication of this kind could be made perfect. We have tried our best to make this publication an easily comprehensible book of Reference with less number of defects than in similar publications, and we will only ask our readers to be a little blind to the defects and to be a bit more than kind to its redeeming features.

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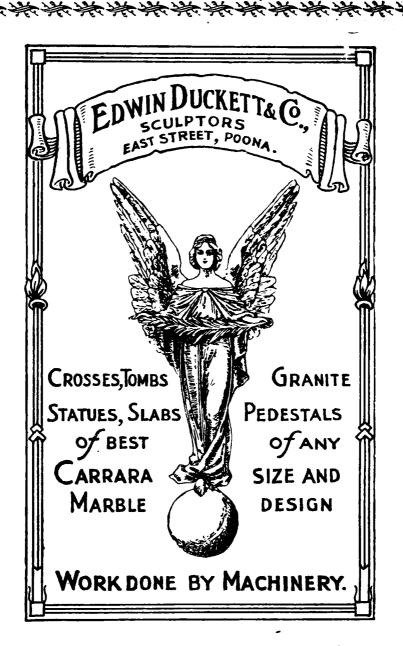
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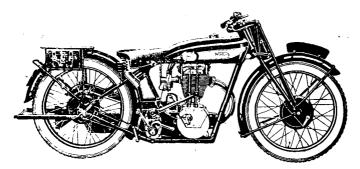
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#### **PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FOR 1933**

Ramzan-Id 28th January Saturday	•••	1
Maha Shivarathri 22nd February Wednesday	•••	1
Jamshed Navroz 21st March Tuesday	. •••	1
Ramnavami 4th April Tuesday	•••	1
Bakri-Id 6th April Tursday	• • • •	1
Easter 15th and 17th April Saturday and Monday	•••	2
Muharam 6th May Saturday	•••	1
Zarthost-ne-Diso 14th June Wednesday	•••	1
Id-e-Milad 6th July Thursday	•••	1'
Cocoanut Day 5th August Saturday	. •••	1
Ganesh Chaturthi 24th August Thursday	•••	1
Samvatsari 25th August Friday	•••	1
Parsi New Year 6th and 7th September Wednesday	and	
Thursday	•••	2
Khordad Sal 12th September Tuesday	•••	1
Dassera 28th September Thursday	•••	1
Divali 18th, 19th and 20th October	•••	3
Day following X'mas Day 26th December Tuesday	•••	1

- Notes:—(1) A day will be notified hereafter for the celebration of the Birthday of His Majesty the King Emperor.
  - (2) No days are notified as holidays on account of Holi (2nd day 12th March), Gokal Ashtami (13th August), ady before X'mas day (24th December), and New Years Eve (31st December), as these festivals fall on days which are declared to be holidays.
  - (3) If any of the Muhammadan holidays notified above does not fall on the day notified, the Muhammadan servants of Government may be granted a sectional holiday on the day on which the holiday is actually observed in addition to a holiday on the day notified.

### MONEY TABLE

,	7	Value in British Currency.
1 Pie	•••	1/11d. (approx.)
3 Pies	1 Pice	1d. (approx.)
12 Pies or 4 Pice	1 Anna	$1\frac{1}{8}d$ .
16 Annas	1 Rupee	1s. 6d.
10 Rupees		15s.
1,00,000 Rupees 100 Lacs	1 Lac or a	
100 Lacs		crore) or £750,000.
Weight of Gold	Mohur and Rupe	ee 180 grs. Troy.
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#### TABLE WEIGHT FOR GRAIN

4 Chipti	1 Seer
4 Seers	1 Paeli
30 Paelis	1 Palla
2/5 Palla	1 Maund
20 Maunds	1 Kandi

N. B:—One local Seer equals 76 Tolas.

### INLAND POST—POSTAGE RATES AND FEES.

POSTAGE RATES—(1) When the Postage is Prepaid.

+ oso Cards	Post Cards	Let	ters	Book and Pattern Packets	Each N (P: Co	Regi ewspa repayn mpuls	stered per nent ory)	(Pr Re	epaym gistrat	Parcels ent Co ion Co 440 T	ompuls ompuls	ory)
Single	Reply 11	Not exceeding 21 tolas 11	Every additional 2½ tolas or part of that weight 1½	Every 5 tolas or part of that weight	Not exceeding 8 tolas	Exceeding 8, but not exceeding 20 tolas	Every additional 20 tolas or part of that weight	Not exceeding 20 tolas	Exceeding 20 tolas, but not exceeding 40 tolas	Every additional 40 tolas or part of that weight up to 440 tolas	Exceeding 440 tolas but not exceeding 480 tolas	Every additional 40 tolas to 800 tolas
anna	anna	anna	anna	anna.	anna	anna	anna	2 as.	4 as.	4 as.	3 Rs.	4 as.

(2) When the Postage is not Prepaid, or is insufficiently Prepaid Chargeable on delivery:—

On an unpaid letter, or packet, double the prepaid rate. On an insufficiently paid letter or packet, double the deficiency. Insufficiently paid post cards will be destroyed.

N.B:—Post cards of private manufacture must be prepaid.

#### REGISTRATION FEE.

For each letter, post card, book or pattern packet, or parcel to be registered, 3 annas.

#### ORDINARY MONEY ORDER FEES.

On any sum not exceeding Rs. 10, 2 annas. On any sum exceeding Rs. 10 but not exceeding Rs. 25, 4 annas. On any sum exceeding Rs. 25, up to Rs. 600, 4 annas for each complete sum of Rs. 25 and 4 annas for the remainder provided that if the remainder does not exceed Rs. 10, the charge for it shall be only 2 annas.

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#### VALUE-PAYABLE FEES.

These fees are calculated on the amount specified for remittance to the sender, and are the same as the fees for ordinary Money Orders.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT FEE.

For each article registered, 1 anna.

## INLAND (PRIVATE, STATE OR RAJ, AND PRESS) TELEGRAMS.

(Summary of Charges)

Class		Unit No. of Words	Unit Rate	Each Additional Word (Press 6 words)	Address
Press	•••	12 48 12 48	Rs. as. 1 8 1 0 0 12 0 8	annas 2 2 1 1	Charged for

In addition to the above charges a surcharge of 2 annas and 1 anna is levied on every express and ordinary Inland Telegram.

#### Additional charges:-

Reply-paid telegram (Clause 405)—} Minimum	Unit rate for an ordinary telegram
Acknowledgment of receipt (Clause 407)	
Multiple telegrams (Clause 408) each 100 words or less	as. 4
Collation (Clause 406)	One half of Charge for telegram
For acceptance of Express telegrams during the hours when an office is closed (see Clause 370)	Late Fees.
Radio Telegrams to ships, per word	as. 10
Boat hire (see Clause 370)	•••
Copies of telegrams, each 100 words or less (Clause 408) (For Clauses see)	as. 4

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The object in granting certificates of posting is to afford the public an assurance that letters and other articles entrusted to servants and messengers for posting have actually been posted.

- (1) A certificate of posting may be obtained in respect of any Postal article for which a receipt is not given by the post office subject to the following conditions, namely:—
  - (a) the certificate of posting written in ink must be presented to an officer on duty at the post office along with the articles to be posted, during the hours fixed for the grant of such certificates.
  - (b) the certificate must contain an exact copy of the address on the articles to which it relates, and must have a postage stamp, or stamps, affixed thereto in payment of a fee to be charged as follows:—
    - (i) In the case of unregistered letters, postcards, book packets (including registered ed newspapers) and pattern packets posted by the same person at one time.

      1 anna for every three articles of any of these classes, or for any less number.
    - (ii) In the case of unregistered annual for every three parcels posted by the same articles or for any less person at one time.

#### BUSINESS HOURS OF THE POST OFFICE.

(1) At every post office the hours during which postal business is transacted with the public, and the times at which mails are delivered and closed, are conspicuously notified. The public business hours are fixed with regard to local convenience and all work at the post office window or counter is stopped precisely at the latest hour fixed. The business hours are generally as follows on days which are not Post Office holidays.

For reference and inquiries

From 7 to 8 a.m. and from noon to 5 p.m. to 5 p.m.

postal stationery.

For sale of postage stamps and At any time at which the post office is open to the public.

For registration For insurance For posting parcels For posting value payable arti-

From 7 to 8 a.m. and from noon to 5 p.m. unless otherwise noti-

For granting certificate of post-) On Saturdays the closing time will be 3 p.m.

For issue of money orders For saving bank business For sale and payment of British postal orders

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. unless otherwise notified. On Saturdays the closing time will be 1 p.m.

dinary and express telegraph money order

For issue and payment of or-) At any time at which work is going on in the post office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

telegrams for ( despatch

At any time when telegraphic money orders may be issued, or during telegraph business hours in standard time (see Section XIII:—List of Indian Post and Telegraph Offices).

Exception.—Registered and insured articles will be accepted up to 5 p.m. on Saturday at such post offices as may be selected by the Postmaster General if the prescribed late fee is paid.

# KARACHI—MADRAS AIR MAIL SERVICE Halts at Ahmedabad, Bombay, Poona and Bellary

An Air Mail Service between Karachi and Madras with halts at Ahmedabad, Bombay and Bellary was introduced with effect from the 15th October, 1932. This Air Mail Service will work in conjunction with the Imperial Airways Karachi-Croydon Air Mail Service. Uninsured ordinary and registered letters, postcards and packets, but not parcels, will be accepted at all post offices for despatch by this service to destinations both in India, and abroad on the conditions now in force for the acceptance of such articles for the Delhi-Karachi Air Mail Service.

Air mail correspondence posted in India for transmission by air from Madras, Bellary, Bombay or Ahmedabad for places abroad served by the Imperial Airways Service must be superscribed "India-Iraq," "India-Egypt," "India-England," etc., according to destination, while those intended for despatch by air from Karachi only to westbound destinations, without the intermediary of the Madras-Karachi air service, should be superscribed "Karachi-Iraq," "Karachi-Egypt," Karachi-England," etc.

#### CARE IN POSTING.

Any air mail correspondence received at Madras or any intermediate stages of call for transmission by the Madras-Karachi Air Mail Service which does not bear the prescribed superscription will be liable to be forwarded by the railway route to Karachi although the additional air fee for conveyance by the internal service may have been paid. Unless the route to be followed is clearly indicated the Indian Posts and Telegraphs Department can accept no responsibility for errors committed in this respect as the sorters are left without proper guidance as to the senders' intentions in the absence of such indications.

A superscription is also necessary in respect of articles posted in India to inland destinations whether the whole or any portion of the route is to be used. This should be limited to the words "by Madras-Karachi Air Service only." The affixing of the blue air mail label is compulsory in all cases to show that articles are intended for transmission by air.

The air fee on inland articles for transmission by the Madras-Karachi Air Service will be 2 annas per tola or fraction thereof in addition to the ordinary inland postage and registration fee in

the case of registered articles. For articles for foreign countries the air fees will be as shown below on and after 7th July 1933:—

Rates per half ounce or part thereof.

	Part dicie.	
	Annas.	`
India-Persia	•••	3
India-Iraq	•••	4
India-Palestine	•••	4
India-Egypt	•••	4
India-Greece	• • •	6
India-Italy	•••	6
India-France	•••	6
India-England		6
India-Kenya and Uganda	•••	8
India-Tanganyika	•••	8
India-Rhodesia	•••	10
India-South Africa	•••	10
India-Siam	•••	4
India-Kedah	•••	5
India-French Indo-China	***	4 5 5
India-Netherlands East Indies		7
Perth Adelaide	•••	3
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(N.B.—Ordinary postage is chargeable in addition to these air fees).

The following is the provisional time-table of the Madras-Karachi Air Service:—

SOUTHBOUND.								
Saturday	•••	•••	6-30	hrs.	•••	•••	Dep.	Karachi.
Saturday	•••	•••	10-20	,,	•••		Arr.	Ahmedabad.
Saturday	•••		10-50	,,	•••	•••	Dep.	Ahmedabad.
,,	•••		13-40	,,	•••	•••	Arr.	Bombay.
,,	•••		14-10	,,	•••	• • •	Dep.	Bombay.
,,,	•••	•••	18-10	,,	•••	•••	Arr.	Bellary.
Sunday	•••	• • •	6-30	,,	•••	•••	Dep.	Bellary.
,,	•••	• • •	9-15	,,	•••	•••	Arr.	Madras.
			NOR	THE	OUN	VD.		
Monday	•••	•••	14-00	hrs.	• • •	•••	Dep.	Madras.
,,	•••	•••	16-45	,,	•••	•••	Arr.	Bellary.
Tuesday	•••	•••	6-30	,,	•••	• • •	Dep.	Bellary,
,,	•••		10-30	,,	•••	•••	Arr.	Bombay.
,,	•••		11-00	,,	•••	• • •	Dep.	Bombay.
**	•••		13-00	,,	• • •	•••	Arr.	Ahmedabad.
,,	•••		13-30	,,	•••	•••	Dep.	Ahmedabad.
,,	•••	• • •	1 <b>7</b> -20	,,	•••	•••	Arr.	Karachi,

Poona

Poona

Karachi

Ahmedabad

Ahmedabad

The saving of time over the existing surface route of transport will be approximately as shown below:—

		SOUTHBOU	JND.		
To Ahmedabad		• • •	•••	•••	2½ days.
To Bombay	•••	•••	•••		$1\frac{1}{2}$ ,,
To Madras	•••	•••	•••	•••	21,
· _		NORTHBOU	JND.	•·	
From Madras	•••	•••	•••	•••	24 days.
From Bombay	•••	•••	•••	•••	$1\frac{1}{2}$ ,,
From Ahmedaba	ıd	•••	•••	•••	14 "

#### DIVERSION OF ROUTE via POONA

With effect from May 20, 1933, the air mail service between Karachi and Madras began, as a temporary measure, operating via Poona instead of via Bombay according to the following timetable.

#### SOUTHBOUND.

Karachi		Dep.	6-00	hours	•••	•••	Saturday.
Ahmedabad		Arr.	10-00	,,	•••	•••	"
Ahmedabad		Dep.	10-30	"	•••	•••	,,
Poona	•••	Arr.	14-45	,, .	•••	•••	"
Poona	•••	Dep.	15-15	,,	•••		,,
Bellary	•••	Arr.	18-30	,,	•••		"
'Bellary	•••	Dep.	6-30	,,	•••		Sunday.
Madras	•••	Arr.	9-15	,,	•••	•••	"
•		NO	RTH	BOUNI	D.		
Madras	•••	Dep.	14-00	hours	•••	•••	Monday.
Bellary	•••		16-45	,,	•••	•••	Tuesday.
Bellary;	•••	Dep.	6-40	,,	•••	•••	,,

In consequence of this change the latest hours of posting air mail correspondence at the Bombay G.P.O. in connection with the above mentioned services will be as follows:—

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#### SOUTHBOUND.

Ordinary correspondence 7-15 a.m. Saturday. Registered correspondence 5-00 p.m. Friday.

Arr. 9-45

... Dep. 10-15

... Arr. 1430

Dep. 15-00

Arr. 19-00

#### NORTHBOUND.

Ordinary corrspondence 6-30 p.m. (with late fee up to 8-45 p.m.) Monday.

Registered correspondence 5-00 p.m. (with late fee up to 5-15 p.m.) Monday.

The latest hours of posting air mail correspondence at the town sub-offices should be regulated accordingly.

Air mails for the Bombay City received in connection with the South-bound service which will arrive in Bombay by rail from Poona on Saturday evening will be delivered in Bombay on the following day, *i.e.*, on Sunday whereas those received in connection with North-bound service will be delivered as stated below:—

6 p.m. Tuesday. Morning delivery Wednesday.

#### ARMY WIRELESS STATION ESTABLISHED IN INDIA.

The Army now is more or less independent of land for communication, particularly between the more important stations, as short wave wireless stations have been established right through India. These stations are now in daily and regular use for all Army communications and it is seldom that the telegraphic service over land lines is called into use.

The scheme has been under intensive trial for 12 months, but it has proved so successful that plans are being made for its extension. Jubbulpore is the headquarters of the net work, most of which is in the hands of the Royal Signals. Through Jubbulpore messages may be taken for military stations outside of India, such as in U. K., Egypt and Hong Kong. Stations at which wireless has now been established are Poona, Bombay, Bolarum, Bangalore, Mhow, Delhi in winter, Simla in summer, Peshawar, Rawalpindi, Kohtam Lahore, Murree in summer, Landi-Kotal, Thal, Risalpur, Sialkot, Razmak, Wana, Bannu, D. I. Khan, Drosh, Nowshera, Dalhousie in summer, Karachi, Quetta, Loralai, Fort Sandeman, Hindubagh, Naini Tal, Meerut, Lucknow, Calcutta, Allahabad, Jalapahar in summer, Trimulgherry, Madras and Jubbulpore.

The hours on which these stations are open vary slightly, but all could be opened for a 24 hours service immediately they were required and part of the present programme allows for the training of men in wireless in excess of the number required to work the established service. All units and formations have instructions to make the fullest use of the wireless installation for the transmission of messages.

# RATES FOR CONNECTION TO THE POONA TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

	Rs. as						
For an annual connection not exceeding three miles in length  For a three monthly connection not exceeding three miles	225 0						
in length	56 4						
For every half a mile of line or fraction thereof in excess of							
the above up to a total of 7 miles from the exchange	<b>25 0</b>						
EXTENSIONS.							
For an extension in the same building without switch	50 <b>0</b>						
For an extension in the same building with switch							
For an extension bell without switch							
RATES FOR TRUNK CALLS.							
Telephone Trunk lines are open to the following places and the rates are quoted against each:—							
For each period of 3 minutes or part thereof.							
Poona to Ambernath	1 2						
Poona to Ahmedabad	3 12						
Poona to Baroda	3 4						
Poona to Bombay	1 2						
Poona to Broach	2 14						
Poona to Mahableshwar	0 12						
Poona to Panchgani	0 12						
Poona to Sholapur	2 0						
Poona to Surat	2 8						

#### BUS SERVICE BETWEEN POONA AND OUT STATIONS

	Distance	RATE PER HEAD
	miles	Rs. as.
Poona to Mahableshwar	<b>7</b> 8	2 8
Poona to Panchgani	68	2 8
Poona to Satara	67	1 8
Poona to Nasik	134	3 8
Poona to Deolali	136	3 8
Poona to Kolhapur	227	4 8
Poona to Alandi	12	0 4
Poona to Pen (Dharamtar)	140	6 0
Poona to Purandhar	26	0 10
Poona to Kadakwasla	12	0 6
Poona to Shivagad	18	0 6
Poona to Lonavla	42	0 12
Poona to Ahmednagar	<b>7</b> 9	1 8

TAXIS are always available at the rate of 8 annas a mile and Rs. 1-8-0 per hour for waiting charges.

N.B.—These rates are always subject to alteration.

#### RATES OF INCOME-TAX.

A. In the case of every individual, Hindu Undivided Family Unregistered firm and other Association of individuals not being a registered firm or a company.

(1) When the total income is less than Rs. 1,000 Nil

When the total income is 1,000 to 1,500 2 pies in the Rupee. When the total income is 1,500 to 2,000.

4 pies in the rupee

- (2) When the total income is Rs. 2,000/- or upwards, but is less than Rs. 5,000/-
- (3) When the total income is Rs. 5,000/- or upwards, but is less than Rs. 10,000/-
- (4) When the total income is Rs. 10,000/- or upwards, but is less than Rs. 15,000/-
- (5) When the total income is Rs. 15,000/- or upwards, but is less than Rs. 20,000/-
- (6) When the total income is Rs. 20,000/- or upwards, but is less than Rs. 30,000/-
- (7) When the total income is Rs. 30,000/- or upwards, but is less than Rs. 40,000/-

6 pies in the rupee

o pies in the rupee

9 pies in the rupee

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(8) When the total income is Rs. 40,000/- or upwards, but is less than Rs. 1,00,000/-

2 annas & 1 pie in the rupee

(9) When the total income is

upwards.

Rs. 1,00,000/- or

2 annas & 2 pies in the rupee

B. In the case of every company and registered 2 annas & 2 pies firm, whatever its total income. in the rupee.

Surcharge of 25% of tax is also to be levied in addition to incometax.

#### RATES OF SUPER TAX.

In respect of the excess over 30,000/- rupees of total income.

1. In the case of every company.

(a) In respect of the first twenty thousand rupees of such excess

(b) For every rupee of the remainder of such excess. ...

2. (a) In the case of every Hindu Undivided Family. ...

(i) In respect of the first seventy five thousand rupees of such excess.

(ii) For every rupee of the next twenty five thousand rupees of such excess. registered firm and other association of

(b) In the case of every individual, unindividuals not being a registered firm or company.

(i) For every rupee of the first twenty thousand rupees of such excess.

(ii) For every rupee of the next fifty thousand rupees of such excess.

(c) In the case of every individual, Hindu Undivided family, unregistered firm and other association of individuals not being a registered firm or company.

(i) For every rupee of the next fifty thousand rupees of such excess.

(ii) For every rupee of the next fifty thousand rupees of such excess.

Rate

Nil

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Nil

Anna one and 3 pies in the rupee.

9 pies in the rupee.

Anna one and 3 pies in the rupee.

Anna one and 9 pies in the rupee.

2 annas and 3 pies in the rupee.

- (iii) For every rupee of the next fifty thousand rupees of such excess.
- (iv) For every rupee of the next fifty thousand rupees of such excess.
- (v) For every rupee of the next fifty thousand rupees of such excess.
- (vi) For every rupee of the next fifty thousand rupees of such excess.
- (vii) For every rupee of the next fifty thousand rupees of such excess.
- (viii) For every rupee of the next fifty thousand rupees of such excess.
  - (ix) For every rupee of the next fifty thousand rupees of such excess.
  - (x) For every rupee of the remainder of such excess.

- 2 annas and 9 pies in the rupee.
- 3 annas and 3 pies in the rupee.
- 3 annas and 9 pies in the rupee.
- 4 annas and 3 pies in the rupee.
- 4 annas and 9 pies in the rupee.
- 5 annas and 3 pies in the rupee.
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#### REGIMENTAL RELIEF PROGRAMME FOR 1933-34.

The Following Regimental Relief Programme is extracted from the Latest Indian Army Orders:—

#### ROYAL ARTILLERY.

21st Indian Mountain Brigade, R.A. (less 4th Light Battery, R.A.) will move from Abbottabad to Mari Indus for Razmak; 25th Indian Mountain Brigade, R.A. (less 17th Light Battery, R.A.) from Mari Indus (ex-Razmak) to Abbottabad; 11th Light Battery, R.A., from Rawalpindi to Mari Indus (for Razmak); 17th Light Battery, R.A. from Mari Indus (ex-Razmak), to Rawalpindi; Dates of their departure and arrival will be arranged by Headquarter, Northern Command. 7th (Bengal) Mountain Battery will move from Burma to Peshawar in March, 1934 and the 10th Abbottabad Mountain Battery from Peshawar to Burma. Actual dates of their departure and arrival will be fixed when shipping arrangements have been made. 10 B. O. Rs. Heavy Artillery will move from Bombay to Karachi and 10 B. O. Rs. Heavy Artillery from Karachi to Bombay. Dates of their departure and arrival will be arranged mutually between H. Q., Western and Southern Commands.

#### INTER-BATTERY RELIEFS.

1st Field Battery, R.A., will move from Lahore to Jullundur; 5th Field Battery, R.A., from Jullundur to Lahore; 3rd Field Battery, R.A., from Lahore to Ferozepore; 57th Field Battery, R.A., from Ferozepore to Lahore. Dates of their departure and arrival will be arranged by H. Q. Northern Command. The 23rd Field Battery, R.A., and 49th Field Battery, R.A., will move from Meerut to Bareilly and from Bareilly to Meerut respectively in early November, 1933. The 64th Field Battery, R.A., and 73rd Field Battery, R.A., will move from Allahabad to Jhansi and from Jhansi to Allahabad respectively in late January, 1934.

#### BRITISH INFANTRY.

1st Bn. The King's Shropshire Light Infantry will leave Rawalpindi on 15th March, 1934 and will reach Delhi on 17th March, 1934; 2nd Bn. The York and Lancaster Regiment will leave Delhi on 18th March 1934, and will reach Kamptee on 20th March, 1934; 2nd Bn., The Duke of Wellington's Regiment will leave Kamptee on 21st March, 1934, and will reach Nowshera on 25th March, 1934; 1st Bn. The Hampshire Regiment will leave Nowshera on 26th March, 1934, and will arrive in Rawalpindi the same day; 2nd Bn. The Suffolk Regiment will leave Secunderabad on 1st November, 1933 and will arrive in Madras on 3rd November, 1933; 1st Bn. The North Staffordshire Regiment will leave Madras on 3rd November, 1933 and will reach Secunderabad on 5th Noverber 1933; 1st Bn. The Norfolk Regiment will leave Sialkot on 21st October, 1933 and will reach Chakrata (Dacca), on 26th October, 1933; 1st Bn. The Dorsetshire Regiment will leave Chakrata (Dacca), on 26th October 1933 and will reach Sialkot on 31st October, 1933.

#### INDIAN CAVALRY.

6th Lancers will leave Sialkot on 16th October, 1933 and will reach Lahore on 19th October, 1933; 5th Probyn's Horse will leave Lahore on 16th October, 1933, and will reach Kohat on 30th October, 1933; 4th Hodson's Horse will leave Kohat on 30th October, 1933 and will reach Sialkot on 11th November, 1933; 7th Light Cavalry will leave Jullundur on 16th October, 1933 and will reach Loralai on 6th December 1933; 13th Lancers will leave Loralai on 7th December, 1933 and will reach Jullundur on 28th January, 1934. All these moves will be by road.

#### SAPPERS AND MINERS.

Q. V. O. Madras Sappers and Miners.

No. 10 Field Company will move from Bangalore to Mandalay in January, 1934 and No. 14 Field Company from Mandalay and Bangalore; No. 9 Field Company will leave Bangalore on 2nd March 1934 and will reach Mari Indus (for Wana), on 8th March, 1934; No. 13 Field Company will leave Mari Indus (ex-Wana) on 12th March, 1934 and will reach Bangalore on 18th March, 1934.

#### K. G. O. Bengal Sappers and Miners.

No. 3 Field Company will leave Roorkee on 15th March, 1934 and will reach Peshawar on 17th March, 1934; No. 2 Field Company will leave Peshawar on 18th March, 1934 and will reach Roorkee on 20th March, 1934; No. 8 Army Troops Coy. will leave Roorkee on 15th March, 1934, and will reach Nowshera on 17th March, 1934; No. 6 Army Troops Coy. will leave Nowshera on 18th March, 1934 and will reach Roorkee on 20th March, 1934.

#### Royal Bombay Sappers and Miners.

No 21 Field Company and No. 19 Field Company will move from Kirkee and Quetta and from Quetta to Kirkee respectively in March, 1934.

#### INDIAN INFANTRY.

1st Bn. 11th Sikh Regiment will leave Nowshera on 13th October, 1933 and will reach Khyber on 16th October, 1933; 2nd Bn. 15th Punjab Regiment will leave Khyber on 17th October, 1933 and will reach Nowshera on 20th October, 1933; 5th Bn. 7th Rajput Regiment will leave Quetta on 5th November, 1933 and will reach Fort Sandeman on 20th 4th Bn. 19th Hyderabad Regiment will leave Fort November, 1933; Sandeman, on 1st November, 1933 and will reach Quetta on 16th Navember, 1933. All these moves will be by road. 2nd Bn. 9th Jat Regiment will leave Jhansi on 6th March, 1934 and will reach Khyber on 9th March, 1934; 3rd Bn. 17th Dogra Regiment will leave Khyber on 10th March, 1934 and will reach Jhansi on 13th March, 1934; 2nd Bn, 14th Punjab Regiment will move from Jhelum to Mari Indus (Mir Ali), in December, 1933; 5th Bn. 13th Frontier Force Rifles will move from Mari Indus (ex-Mir Ali) to Multan; 1st Bn. 8th Punjab Regiment from Multan to Hong Kong; 3rd Bn. 9th Jat Regiment from Hong Kong to Jhelum; 1st Bn. Maharatta Light Infantry will leave Alipore on 3rd October, 1933 and will reach Khyber on 8th October, 1933; 2nd Bn. 7th Rajput Regiment will leave Khyber on 9th October, 1933 and will reach Alipore (dett. Gyantse), on 14th October, 1933. Tibet detachment should arrive at Calcutta on 25th August, 1933; 1st Bn. 14th Punjab Regiment will leave Aurangabad on 20th March, 1934, and will reach Khyber on 25th March 1934; 1st Bn. 6th Rajputana Rifles will leave Khyber on 26th March, 1934 and will reach Aurangabad on 31st March, 1934; 5th Bn. 5th Rajputana Rifles will leave Aurangabad, on 1st November, 1933 and will reach Mari Indus (for Razmak) on 6th November, 1933; 3rd Bn. 7th Rajput Regiment will leave Mari Indus (ex-Razmak), on 25th November, 1933 and will reach Ahmednagar on 30th November, 1933; 2nd Bn. 4th Bombay Grenadiers will leave Ahmednagar on 8th November, 1933 and will reach Mari Indus (for Manzai) on 13th November, 1933; 4th Bn. 11th Sikh Regiment will leave Mari Indus (ex-Manzai) will leave on 28th November, 1933 and will reach Aurangabad on 3rd December, 1933; 2/18th Royal Garhwal Rifles will move from Lansdowne to Bankura in time to relieve 1/1st Gurkha Rifles.

#### GURKHA RIFLES.

1st Bn. 1st K. G. O. Gurkha Rifles will move from Bankura to Khyber where they will arrive on 28th October 1933; 1st Bn. 2nd K. E. O. Gurkha Rifles will leave Khyber on 30th October 1933 and will reach Dhera Dun, on 1st November 1933; 2nd Bn. 6th Gurkha Rifles will leave Abbottabad on 6th March, 1934 and will reach Mari Indus (for Razmak) the next day; 2nd Bn. 5th Royal Gurkha Rifles will leave Mari Indus (ex-Razmak) on 26th March 1934, and will reach Abbottabad the next day; 1st Bn. 7th Gurkha Rifles will leave Quetta on 12th March, 1934, and will reach Fort Sandeman on 15th March, 1934; 1st Bn. 8th Gurkha Rifles will leave for Sandeman on 12th March, 1934 and will reach Quetta on 15th March, 1934.

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#### ELECTED MEMBERS.

Abdul Latif Haji Hajrat Khan, Khan Bahadur.

Achrekar, Mr. Atmaram Bhimaji

Allabbaksh, walad Khan Saheb Haji Mahomed Umar, Khan Bahadur.

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Asavale, Rao Bahadur Ramchandra Santuram.

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Bhutto, Mr. Wadero Wahidbaksh Illahibaksh.

Bijarani. Khan Bahadur Sher Muhammad Khan Karam Khan.

Biradar, Sardar Mahaboobali Khan Maham.d Akbarkhan.

Bullocke, Mr. Alfred Guy Greville

Chikodi, Mr. P. R.

Chitale, Rao Bahadur Ganesh Krishna

Colaco, Dr. J. A.

Cooper, Khan Bahadur Dhanjishah Bomaniee.

Dalumal Lilaram, Mr.

Dehlavi, Sir Ali Mahomed Khan, Kt.

Desai, Rao Saheb Bhagwandas Girdhardas.

Desai, Mr. Hanmantrao Ramrao

Desai, Mr. Shankarappa Basalingappa

Dixit, Dr. M. K., L. M. & S.

D'Souza, Dr. Joseph Alban

Poona and Sholapur Cities Muhammadan Urban Constituency.

Satara District Non-Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Sukkur District Muhammadan Constituency.

Belgaum District Non-Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Bombay City (North) Non-Muhammadan Urban Constituency.

Karachi Muhammadan City Urban Constituency.

Southern Division Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Larkana District Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Larkana District Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Upper Sind Frontier District Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Southern Division Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Bombay Trades Association, Commerce and Industry Constituency.

Non-Muhammadan District Belgaum Rural Constituency.

Ahmednagar District Non-Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Bombay City (South) Non-Muhammadan Urban Constituency. Satara District Non-Muhammadan Rural

Constituency. Eastern Sind Non-Muhammadan Rural

Constituency. Northern Division Muhammadan Rural

Constituency. Kaira District Non-Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Deccan Sardars, Inamdars and Landholders Constituency.

Bijapur District Non-Muhammadan Rural

Constituency. Surat District Non-Muhammadan Rural

Constituency.
Bombay City (South) Non-Muhammadan Urban Constituency.

#### ELECTED MEMBERS—contd.

Gangoli. Mr. Ganapati Subrao. LL.B.

Ghulam Hyder Shah Sahibdino Shah,

Ghulam Nabishah Moujalishah (Saiyed), Khan Bahadur.

Gilder, Dr. Manchersha Dhanjibhai, M.D.

Gokhale, Mr. Laxman Ragunath

Gover Rora, Mr.

Greaves, Mr. J. B.

Humphrey, M. John, O. B. E.

Jam Jan Mahomed, walad Mahomed Sharif Junejo, Khan Bahadur.

Jan Mahomed Khan, walad Khan Bahadur Shah Passand Khan, Khan Bahadur.

Janmahomed Khan Walimahomed Khan Bhurgri Mr.

Jitekar, Mr. Haji Ibrahim

Jog, Mr. Vishwanthrao Narayan

Kadri, Mr. Jalaluddin Saiyedmian

Kalbhor, Mr. Gangajirao Mukundrao

Kale, Rao Bahadur Raoji Ramchandr**a** 

Kambli, The Hon'ble Dewan Bahadur Siddappa Totappa

Karbhari, Mr. Manchershaw Manekji

Kennedy, Mr. T. S.

Dnyaneshwar.

Lely, Mr. W. G.

Madhavsang Jorbhai, Mr.

Mr. Matcheswalla. Gulamhussen Ebrahim.

Meherbaksh, Khan Bahadur S.

Kanara District Non-Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Karachi District Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Thar and Parkar Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Bombay City (North) Non-Muhammadan Urban Constituency.

Poona City Non-Muhammadan Urban Constituency.

Karachi City Non-Muhammadan Urban Constituency.

Bombay Chamber of Commerce, Com-

merce and Industry Constituency Karachi Chamber of Commerce, Commerce and Industry Constituency.

Nawabshah District Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Sukkur District Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Thar and Parkar Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Southern Division Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Dharwar District Non-Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Northern Division Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Poona District Non-Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Bombay University Constituency.

District Non-Muhammadan Dharwar Rural Constituency.

Thana and Bombay Suburban Districts Non-Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Bombay City European Constituency.

Khuhro, Khan Bahadur Muhammad Larkana District Muhammadan Rural Ayub Shah Muhammad. Constituency.

Kulkarni, Rao Saheb Pandurang Poona District Non-Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

> Bombay Chamber of Commerce, Commerce and Industry Constituency.

Broach District Non-Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Bombay City Muhammadan Urban Constituency.

Central Division Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

#### ELECTED MEMBERS-contd.

Mehta, Mr. Manilal Harilal

Modi, Sardar Davar Temuras Kavasji.

More, Mr. Jayawant Ghanasham

Naik, Rao Bahadur Bhimbhai Ranchhodji.

Namdeorao Budhajirao, Mr.

Navle, Mr. Namdeo Eknath

Owen, Mr. Albert Clifford

Parulekar, Rao Bahadur Laxman Vishnu,

Patel, Khan Bahadur Alibhai Esabhai

Patel, Mr. Chaturbhai Narshibhai

Patil, Mr. Narayan Nagoo

Patil Diwan Bahadur Dongarsing Ramji.

Patil, Rao Saheb Vaman Sampat

Patil. Mr. Vithal Nathu

Petit. Mr. Jehangir Bomanji.

Pradhan, Rao Bahadur Gopalrao Vaman,

Rafiuddin Ahmad, The Hon'ble Moulvi, Sir, Kt.

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Risaldar, Mr. A. R. K.

Sahebsinhji Juvansinhji, Mr.

Shaikh Abdul Aziz Abdul Latif, Mr.

Shaikh Abdul Majid Lilaram, Mr.

Shankarrao, Mr. Jayaramrao Zunzarrao,

Shinde, Mr. Ramchandrarao Bapurao

Surve, Mr. A. N.

Surve, Mr. Vyankat Anandrao

Panch Mahals District Non-Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Surat City Non-Muhammadan Urban Constituency.

Sholapur District Non-Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Surat District Non-Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

West Khandesh District Non-Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Ahmednagar District Non-Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Presidency European Constituency.

Ratnagiri District N n-Muhammadan Rural Constituency

Northern Division Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Kaira District Non-Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Kolaba District Non-Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

East Khandesh District Non-Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

East Khandesh District Non-Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

East Khandesh District Non-Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Bombay Millowners' Association, Commerce and Industry Constituency.

Nasik District Non-Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Central Division Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Bombay City Muhammadan Urban Constituency.

Ahmedabad and Surat Cities Muhammadan Urban Constituency.

Ahmedabad District Non-Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Central Division Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Karachi District Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Thana and Bombay Suburban Districts Non-Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Satara District Non-Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Bombay City (North) Non-Muhammadan Urban Constituency.

Ratnagiri District Non-Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

#### ELECTED MEMBERS-contd.

Syed. Miran Muhammad Shah Zanulabdin Shah.

Syed, Muhammad Kamil Shah Kabul Muhammad Shah.

Talpur, Mr. Bandehali Khan Mir Muhammad Hassan Khan.

Thakor of Kerwada, Sardar Bhasaheb alias Dulabawa Raisinghji.

Tolani, Mr. Satramdas Sakhawatrai

Vaishompayan, Dr. Vishnu Ganesh

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Vandekar, Rao B chandra Vithalrao. Bahadur Ram-

Wadke, Mr. B. P.

Hyderabad District Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Sind Landholders and Zamindars Constituency.

Hyderabad District Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Gujarat Sardars, Inamdars and Landholders Constituency.

Western Sind Non-Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Sholapur City Non-Muhammadan Urban Constituency.

Non-Mohammaden Ahmedabad City, Urban.

Ahmedabad District Non-Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Nasik District Non-Muhammadan Rural Constituency.

Bombay City (South) Non-Muhammadan Urban Constituency.

#### NOMINATED.

#### (Non-Officials.)

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Mr. R. B. Ewbank, c.i.e., i.c.s.

Mr. A. W. W. Mackie, C.I.E., I.C.S.

Mr. A. Master, c.i.e., i.c.s.

Mr. R. M. Maxwell, c.i.e., 1-c-s-

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Bhawanrao Shrinivasrao alias Bala Saheb Pant Pratinidhi, Chief of Aundh, Satara.

Bhimrao Nagojirao alias Bhau Saheb Patankar, Kholapur.

Byramji Padamji, Poona.

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Ganpatrao Sultanrao Mahurkar, Gwalior.

Ganpatrao Mahhavrao alias Bapusaheb Patwardhan, Chief of Kurundvad (Junior).

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Ghulam Jilani Bijlikhan, Poona.

Kedarrao Bhawanrao alias Appasaheb Sindhe, Mahisal, Sangli State.

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Narayanrao Chintamanrao Natu, Poona.

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Ramchandra Hari Dhamdhere, Poona.

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# POPULATION OF BOMBAY PRESIDENCY

According to the census of 1931.

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Ahmedabad		<b>4,60,352</b> .
Kaira	999,768 741,650	
	741,650	
Panchmahal	454,526	
Broach	334,170	
Surat	693,613	•
Thana	836,625	
CENTRAL	DIVISION———	<i>7,372,637</i> .
Ahmednagar	988,206	•
Khandesh East	1,206,035	
Khandesh West	771,794	
Nasik	1,000,048	
Poona ·	1,169,798	
Satara	1,179,712	
Sholapur	877,520	
Bombay Suburban	179,524	
SOUTHERN	DIVISION-	<b></b> 5,39 <b>7</b> ,68 <b>1</b> .
Belgaum	1,076,701	
Bijapur	869,220	
Dharwar	1,102,677	
Kanara	417,835	•
Kolaba	628,721	
Ratnagiri	1,302,527	
SIND		3,884,277.
Karachi	5,708,82	

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# THE KING

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Expenses of Household	"	193,000
Works	,,	20,000
Royal Bounty, Alms, &c.	,,	13,200
Unappropriated	,,	8,000
DUKE OF YORK	,,	25,000
His Majesty's Younger Children	,,	26,000
Princess Louise (Duchess of Argyll)	,,	6,000
Duke of Connaught	,,	25,000
Princess Beatrice (Henry of Battenburg)	,,	6,000
King Edward VII's daughters	"	18,000

During the critical period in 1931, the King voluntarily reduced his allowance by £ 50,000 and the Duke of York by £ 5,000.

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Canada, Governor-General of,	Salary	£	10,000
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of,	,,	,,	10,000
Union of South Africa, Governor-General of,	,,	,,	10,000
Irish Free State, Governor-General of,	,,	,,	10,060
India, Viceroy and Governor-General of,	,,	Rs	2,50,800
Provinces of India.			
Madras, Governor of,	,,		1,20,300
Bombay, Governor of,	,,	"	1,20,000
Bengal, Governor of,	,,	"	1,20,000
United Province, Governor of,	,,	,,	1,20,000
Punjab, Governor of,	,,	,,	100,000
Burma, Governor of,	,,	,,	100,000
Assam, Governor of,	,,	,,	66,000
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Lord Hardinge of Penhurst	•••	1910
Lord Chelmsford	•••	1916
Earl of Reading	•••	1921
Baron Irwin	•••	1926
Lord Goschen	•••	1929
Baron Irwin	•••	1929
Earl of Willingdon	•••	1931
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Sir Frederic Sykes, G.C.I.E., G.B.E., K.C.B., C.M.G.	•••	1929
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# THE BIRTH AND GROWTH OF POONA. EVOLUTION OF A HUMBLE VILLAGE.

Into a Modern City of Prosperity. Poona is not recognised as a tourist centre. Visitors from afar do not seem inclined to include it in their breathless itinerary of the East. generally leave it out of account and search for marble palaces inlaid with precious stones and stupendous tombs of Emperors and Empresses elsewhere. This is a pity. Poona, it is true, does not possesses any buildings of architectural beauty just to dazzle the eye or startle the imagination of the visitor. is, however, one very important thing about it and people seem to overlook it. It has a great historic past which very few towns in India can boast of, and it has played a momentuous role in the history of this country; and for this reason, if not for anything else, this ancient city of the Peshwas needs knowing. nately for it, it has had a chequered career and its real greatness is being forgotten on this account. It is, therefore, proposed in the following pages to give a brief outline of the many salient features of the birth and growth of Poona. There is still much virility left in this anicent historic centre and it is capable of still further growth in many directions still remaining hidden in the womb of the future. When things are presented in their proper shape and form—and that is what we propose doing here—we are sure it will be admitted by all concerned that without your knowing Poona and the scenes that were enacted on this Deccan tableland by those who trod the path before us, there is nothing worth knowing about India. Before entering into the heart of our subject, we will give a brief idea of the District as a whole

Physical Features and Population. The total area of Poona District is about 6,114 acres, and is about miles south-east of Bombay, in north latitude 18.30 and in east longitude 73.53. Square Miles. It is bounded north by the District of Ahmednagar; on the east by the Districts of Ahmednagar and Sholapur; on the south by the Nira river and on the west by the District of Kolaba. The height of the Poona plateau is 1800 ft. The prevalence of westerly breezes makes its dry invigorating air better suited to Europeans than any climate in Western India. air is lighter, the heat less oppressive, and the cold more bracing than in almost any other District in the Presidency. fall varies considerably in different parts. It is heavy and regular in the Western parts of Junnar, Khed, Haveli and Mavel It is moderate in the central belt. It is very irregular in the Bhimthadi and Indapur talukas. At Lonavala on the

Ghats it averages over 185 inches annually. In Poona city 32 inches is the average, while farther east it does not exceed 20 inches. The South-west monsoon begins about the middle of June and lasts till the end of September. The District is divided into 8 Talukas:—Poona City; Bhimthadi; Indapur; Purandhar; Junnar; Khed; Mavel and Haveli. There are eleven Municipalities in the District:—Poona City; Poona Suburban; Lonavala; Bharamati; Alandi; Jejuri; Sasvad; Talegaon Dharbade; Sirur; Junnar and Indapur.

The total population of Poona District according to the census of 1931 stands at 1169,798. Of the Municipality mentioned, the group of Municipalities that control the local self-Government affairs of Greater Poona (in which is included Poona City, Suburban, Kirkee & Poona Cantonment) stands foremost, The total population of Greater Poona may be put down as 231686—Hindus 183132, Mohammedans 26912, Christians 14035, Jains 3092, Parses 3042 and Tribals 1473.

The population according to the Talukas may be put down thus:—Poona City Taluka 256003, Bhimthadi 1,14,232; Indapur 77375; Purandhar 83235; Junnar 125951; Khed 125006; Mavel 62595 and Haveli 126834.

Peep into its Ancient History. Very little is known of its ancient history and anything like a recorded account of the District commences only with the town of Junnar, 56 miles north-west of Poona which a century before Christ was said to have been ruled by an Andhra King. Junnar was in very early days a strong centre of Buddhism, and you have ample proof of it even to-day in the number of Buddhist caves with which the circle of hills round the Junnar town remain honey-combed. There is sufficient proof archaeologically to show that this Deccan table-land is one of the relics of the old Gondawana (and we do not know if it is the same Dandaka or Dandakaryana forest mentioned in the story of Ramayana) continent which at one time connected India with Africa and which broke up at about the time chalk formed in Europe. To come nearer home, one of the earliest mention of Maharattas in Deccan is seen in the inscription in Bedsa village (Mavale taluka) on a cistern of a large unfinished cell. It runs in three lines written in tolerably clear letters which record the following: -- "The religious gift of Mahabhoja's daughter Samadinika, the Mahadevi Maharathini and wife of Apade-Though no explanation is given of this inscription, considerable importance is attached to it on account of the mention of the word "Maharathini" in it. It in a way goes to show that during the second and third centuries after Christ there

were people calling themselves "Maharathas" living on this part of the country. Except such scraps of information, we have no records giving us any idea of the fortunes of the District till 610. A.D., and the natural surmise is that, as in the case of other parts of Deccan, this District also must have passed successively under the dominion of Western Chalukyas, the Rashtrakutas and the Deogiri Yadavas. In 613, A.D., Poona, one gathers from oral traditionary accounts, was a small village of a few tenements, consisting of one or two Brahmin families, a few fishermen and Muscians. No one can definitely say as to who founded Poona and why it has been named so. people have identified Poona with Ptolemy's "Punnata (A. D. 150) in which are beryl and other precious stones" thereby distinguishing it from the "Punnata Punnatu" located in the Raisur State, while others have identified this place with "Punyapur" (meaning "the city with cleansing powers"), probably due to its being situated at the confluence of the Mutha and Mulla rivers, such confluence of rivers being always invested with a pecuiar sanctity by the Hindus. The oldest portion of Poona, however, dates from Mahommedan and early Maharatta days (1290-1686) and there are inscriptions which tell us that during the thirteenth century Poona was captured by one Pathan Emperor of Delhi by name Ala-ud-Din Khilji. Following the Moghuls came the Bhamini dynasty and we have on record an interesting account of Poona under the Bhaminis by a Russian traveller by name Athanasius Niktin. The year A.D. 1595 marks a very important

**Epoch in the History of Poona.** This was after the rule of Bhamani dynasty under whom Poona had come up considerably in prosperity. Sometime about this period, one Malik Ahmed, founder of the Nizam Shahi dynasty of Ahmednogar, captured Poona and made Junnar his capital. One of his successors, probably Bahadur Nizam II, for some services rendered, conferred upon Maloji Bhonsla the title of "Rajah" and presented him with the jagirs of Poona, Supa and the forts of Chakun and Shivner. This Maloji Bhonsla was the grandfather of Sivaji the Great who afterwards founded the Maharatta Empire. By the gift of these jagirs the Mahommedans unwittingly laid the foundation stone of a Hindu empire, the significance of which they came to know only later on. Sivaji was born in Shivner fort On the death of Rajah Bonsle the jagirs close to Junnar. passed into the hands of his son Shahaji from whom they came into the possession of Sivaji when he was but ninteen years old. Sivaji very soon extended his territories by plunder and conquest and made himself all powerful in the Deccan, where he soon dis-

played abilities of a high order, both as a statesman and as a conqueror and brought about the Rise of the Maharattas as a Nation. With the rise of Sivaji Poona became the scene of repeated conflicts between the Maharattas and the Delhi Emberors, the former holding the hill forts and the latter the open country. To go over the details of these conflicts would be superfluous They are matters of history. On the whole Shivaji's career was one of great daring and adventure. his failures and successes, but he was never subdued by the Delhi Kings. Sivaji never made Poona his capital though the city always remained closely associated with many of his daring conquests. He mostly remained somewhere near Poona, either at Singhad, Supa or Raigad. He was crowned Emperor at Raigad in 1674 and he made it his capital. After having consolidated an Empire within a short period Sivaji died Raigad in 1680. Things soon became unsettled in Maharashtra

After Sivaji's Death. During the last year of Sivaji's reign Poona was under the governorship of Nars Shankar Sachis, one of Sivaji's eight ministers. After Sivaji's death his son Sambaji proved to be very shifty in his ways. Consequently trouble arose everywhere, and discord and strife set in among the Maharattas themselves. Some supported Sambaji while others espoused the claims of Raj Ram, another son of Sivaji. was the opportunity for Aurangazeb to put down the Maharattas. Sambaji was made prisoner by Aurangazeb and was put to a cruel death when he refused to become a Mahommedan. Commonsense soon prevailed among the Maharattas when they knew how cruelly Sambaji was treated. They soon rallied round Raj Ram and made him Regent during the minority of Shau, Sambaji's son. Something like discipline was restored throughout the Maharatta empire. In the meanwhile Aurangazeb laid seige to Satara in 1700 and Raj Ram died as the seige was proceeding. Shahu was made a prisioner and removed to Delhi. The Maharattas again got into disorder and confusion, and all efforts of Tara Bai, the widow of Raj Ram, to keep them into a cohesive whole were of no avail. They soon got themselves split into a number of marauding bands; but they never forgot the fact that the one great object of Sivaji, the founder of their Empire, was to drive the Mahommedans out of India. Keeping this in mind they kept themselves roaming about the country, harassing the Moghuls and plundering them at every turn. These scattered bands of Maharattas became formidable and destructive to such an extent that Aurangzeb was forced to leave the Deccan area leaving Poona in charge of a Governor. On the death of Aurangzeb which followed immediately, Shahu secured

his freedom and obtained possession of Satara. He then asserted his authority by nominating his own Commandant as Governor of Poona. Balaji Rao or Balaji Viswanath, who afterwards became the First Peshwa, was sent to Poona as Governor, while one Rambhaji Nimbalkar was already there as the representative of the Moghul court. This dual control proved disastrous for the city of Poona and in 1720, totally vexed with the whole situation, Poona was transferred by the Moghul Emperor to Shahu under a grant from Delhi. The doggedness with which Balaji Vishwanath held on to Poona was the cause of this transfer. In 1721 Balaji Viswanath died and his Baji Rao was appointed second Peshwa. Shahu remained at Satara and led an indolent life while the whole administration was left in the hands of the Peshwa, Baji Rao. One Bapuji Shripant was sent to govern Poona in the name of Shahu. Shripant very soon brought Poona to its old importance. Under his orders the ancient city wall which the Mahommedans had built was demolished and merchants from outside were given all encouragement to come and settle down in Poona. Various reforms in administrative matters were also introduced. Sites for family mansions were allotted to the well-known Purandharis and Chitnis. Between 1729 and 1736 the Shanwar Palace (an account of this appears elsewhere) was built near the site of the old Mavalves gate; and in 1731, even before Shanwar palace was completed, Baji Rao, the Second Peshwa, established himself in Poona, and gave his attention seriously to ameliorating the internal control and organisation of Maratha affairs. Baji Rao's administration of twenty years was glorious and auspicious one, and Captain Gordon, who visited Satara in 1739 as an envoy of the East India Company to present a letter to the Raja Saheb from Governor Stephen Law explaining the advantages of Free Trade, writes thus of the Second Peshwa's administration:—"His territories are well-peopled and the poorer sort, in the farming way, are rendered easy in their rents, which causes his dominion to be in a flourshing condition, more so than any other in the possession of the Maharattas". On the death of Baji Rao in 1749, his son Balaji Rao succeeded him. Balaji Rao made Poona his headquarters with the consent of Shahu who had long ago become satisfied with the administrative capacity of this Brahmin confederacy headed by the Peshwa. By this time the Maharatta possessions in Hindustan had also become considerably insreased inasmuch as their extent was described as "well-defined on the Southern and Eastern boundaries by the Nerbudda, the Soane and the Ganges". Tieffenthaler who visited Poona about the year 1750 describes it as "the capital of a Maharatta Prince of the Brahmin caste

who lived in a fortress surrounded by walls and a city well-peopled with houses built of brick and mud". Balaji Rao had also secured from Shahu in good time before his death a document by which Shahu bequeathed to Balaji Rao, as Peshwa, the entire control of the Maharatta Empire, with the provision that the Peshwa should uphold the honour of Sivaji's line as perpetuated though the grandson of Tara Bai, and his descendants.

The Capital of the Maharatta Empire. During this time Poona remained in full prosperity till 1759 when matters in India came to a great crisis. The whole country had become one great battlefield. Maharattas, with Peshwa at their head, had become paramount power from Berar and Mysore to the Ganges. There was no Emperor at Delhi. Almigar II had been murdered and his son was in Things were very much against the Mahommedans, . and the Maharattas naturally felt that the time had come to decide whether Hindus or Mahommedans should be masters in Hindustan. To make a long story short, Sadhasiva Rao the General Commandant of the Peshwa, set out "with an expeditionary force, numbering twenty-thousand horse, supported by ten thousand infantry and artillery" to drive the Afghans back across the Indus. The forces of this expedition were subsequently augumented by the troops under Scindhia, Holkar, the Gaikwar, Govind Punt, Surajmul and others. The fate of the Mahommedans trembled in the balance and Poona should have become The Capital of India, but for the fateful battle of Paniput fought near Delhi in 1759 which decided the issue in favour of the Mahommedans. As a writer who could speak with authority on Military matters has put it:-"But for the defeat inflicted by the united Mahommedan powers upon the Hindu coalition, led by Sadesheo Rao, cousin to the Peshwa, Poona by virtue of being the headquarters of the Maharatta Empire, would probably have been made the capital of India. Had the fortunes of war favoured the saffron-hued banner of the Maharattas, the crumbling Mughal dynasty must instantly have collapsed, in which event there would have been no subsequent occupation by Scindia, no French intervention and consequently no campaigns by Lake, and no annexation by Wellesley. The British would have held Bombay, Madras and Bengal as they now hold Honkong and Gibraltar, but would have had no more voice in the internal affairs of the country at large than they have in those of Nepal and Tibet."

Decline and Fall of Maharatta Empire. Fates, however, had ordered otherwise; and the defeat at the battle of Paniput spelt the decline of Maharatta power. Balaji

Rao, the Peshwa, did not long survive the shock and died a broken hearted man at Parvati in 1760. Vishwas Rao, the Peshwa's heir, had already died at the battle of Paniput and Balaji Rao's surviving son, Madhav Rao, was not even seventeen years of age when his father died. Being a minor, his uncle Ragunath Rao forced himself upon him and conducted the Government in behalf of his nephew. This was the beginning of serious dissensions and disorder in the Maharatta Empire. Ragunath Rao was a man of selfish motives, and Balaji Janardhan, afterwards the great Nana Farnavis, was the only man in whom the young Peshwa found a genuine well-wisher of the Empire. Frequent quarrels arose between uncle and nephew, and the whole administration became loose demoralised. The Nizam of Hyderabad took advantage of this and advanced against Poona in 1763. Hyder Ali who had come into prominence on Mysore side also threatened to invade Deccan. The young Peshwa proved that he was not to be slighted and sent timely and effective expeditions against these enemies. The Nizam soon joined the Peshwa and the united armies of Peshwa and Nizam captured Berar. The Maharattas once again began to gain ground.

British Influence and the First Resident this time the English had begun to participate actively in Indian politics. They had already concluded a treaty with the Nizam against Hyder with the ulterior object of limiting the power of the Maharattas, but the Peshwa was able to forestall them all by capturing several strongholds belonging to Hyder and levying a tribute of thirty lakhs from This sudden and clever move on the part of the Peshwa made the Bombay Government seek the alliance of the Peshwa and they sent their representative Mr. Mostyn to induce the They succeeded in their attempt, and Peshwa to join them. shortly before this Pehwa's death at the early age of twentyeight, he gave permission for a British Resident to be attached to the Court at Poona. Mr. Mostyn of the Bombay Civil Service was appointed to this place by the Court of Directors of the Presidency of Bombay and he may be said to be the first British Resident at Poona. This Madhav Rao, the fourth Peshwa, died childless in 1772, and Grant Duff pays him the high tribute of saying:-"The plains of Paniput were not more fatal to the Maharatta Empire, than the early end of this excellent Prince". At the time of the Peshwa's death the revenue of the Maharatta Empire was ten crores, or one hundred Million Rupees. strength of the army was fifty thousand horse and ten thousand Infantry and Artillery with a large reserve that could be called upon any time from Holkar, Scindia and other Maharatta Chiefs.

British Consolidated their How the Power. On the 30th of August 1773 the successor of Madhav Narayan Rao, was murdered at the instigation of Ragunath Rao, the uncle of the deceased Peshwa. This brutal murder threw the whole Maharashtra into utter confusion, and Mr. Mostyn, the British Resident, had great difficulty in pacifying matters. As the nearest surviving relative of the murdered Peshwa, Ragunath Rao had to be proclaimed Peshwa; but his position soon got weakened when at Purandhar, the widow of the murdered Peshwa, gave birth to a male infant on 18th April, 1774. Ragunath Rao had already become very unpopular and a strong section of the Maharattas got this infant of forty days claimed Peshwa with Gangabai, the widow, as Princess Regent. Enraged at this, Ragunath Rao concluded a treaty with Bombay Government. The Bengal Council did not agree with the Bombay Government in giving any support to Ragunath Rao and they concluded a fresh treaty at Purandhar with the Maharatta ministers, Nana Farnavis and Sukram Bapu, by which they accepted the infant Madhav Narayan as the legitimate Peshwa. Meanwhile a French embassy, by name St. Lubin, arrived from France and the Maharatta ministers welcomed him. This the Bombay Government did not like and they sent an expedition in 1780 against the Maharattas. This expedition was a failure. It had to retire from Talegaon and fall back on Bombay. This was the beginning of the rupture between the Maharattas and the British and it did not cease until 1803 in which year the **Treaty** of Bassein was signed by Baji Rao Ragunath, the last of the Peshwas, by which the Maharatta country became subject to British in exchange for their protection. From 1780 to 1803 the whole country remained in a distracted state. Each of the Maharatta Chief tried to extend his possession by fair means or foul, and the noted Nana Farnavis intrigued with them all, playing a skilled game of patience, and remained in power until at last he became principal minister to Baji Rao Ragunath The Last of the Peshwas whose real character has been described by Grant Duff thus:—"To trust none and deceive all was the game he invariably played, and, like all who have ever done so. he never failed to lose". Nana Farnavis and Scindhia had by this time become the two important and scheming personages at the court of the last Peshwa. He disliked both of them, though his pretensions were otherwise. Plots and counter plots followed and a reign of terror went on in and around Poona. Plunder and confusion prevailed. Sir John Shore, the Governor General, remained neutral. Not so Lord Mornington, afterwards Marquis of Wellesley, who took up a changed attitude immediately on arrival on 26th April 1798, and brought about a

fresh alliance with the Courts of Hyderabad and Poona. Very soon the English became all prowerful while the Peshwa became very unpopular among his subjects. Col. Close the British Resident, kept a very close watch over the Peshwa who had by that time become a forlorn and forsaken man. Holkar had become Peshwa's formidable rival, and on Holkar becoming victorious in a battle fought between Holkar and the armes of the Peshwa and Scindhia in the immediate neighbourhood of Poona on 25th October 1802, the Peshwa left Poona and took refuge at Raigad and from thence he reached Bassein with the assistance of the Bombay Government and here the Treaty of Bassein was concluded between himself and the British.

British Protectorate of Poona. As soon treaty was signed Col. Stevenson was despatched to Poona with two regiments of Indian Cavalry and six Infantry battalions. He had also the support of the Nizam's troops. The Madras army despatched General Wellesley, afterwards Duke of Wellington, with 8000 Infantry and 1799 Cavalry to co-operate with Col. Stevenson in restoring the Peshwa. On 13th May 1804, the Peshwa returned and resumed his seat on the Gadi. wiser or a more honest man than Balaji Rao would have allowed things to take their own straight course when he could be better off than he had ever been under British protection. penditure was regulated by contract and he saved fifty lakhs of rupees annually, but as soon as he became prosperous he could not refrain from indulging his master passion for INTRIGUE AND DISHONESTY, but for which Poona, and for the matter of that the whole of Deccan, should have even to-day remained a British Protectorate. Inspired by unworthy favourites and spiritual advisers, Baji Rao started active negotiations with Scindia, Holkar and others to form a powerful combination to drive the British out of Deccan. Nana Farnavis had died and one Trimbkaji of inferior birth and origin had become master of the Peshwa. This Trimbkji grew so daring as to murder Gangadhar Sastri, the envoy deputed by Baroda to negotiate certain concessions with the Peshwa. This outrage called for British intervention and the Peshwa was warned to desist from levying troops and was asked to give up Trimbkji. By this time Mr. Elphinstone had become British Resident, and he knew the intriguing ways of the Peshwa much better than The Peshwa wanted to play a waiting game, his predecessor. but Elphinstone did not allow it, and demanded the Peshwa to surrender the forts of Singhad, Purandhar and Raigad to the British in proof of his (Peshwa's) good faith towards them. The Peshwa delayed in coming to terms whereupon Poona was

surrounded by the British. The Peshwa gave in and surrendered the forts and signed a paper admitting Trimbakji guilty and endorsing his arrest.

Battle of Kirkee and After. The Peshwa was not at all sincere in his attitude. His real aim was to drive the British out of the Deccan. He did not like Mr. Elphinstone and he had already sent a number of complaints against him to the Bengal Government. As a result of these representations privately made by the Peshwa, Sir John Malcolm, Political Agent to Lord Hastings, came down to Poona in July 1817. Meanwhile the Peshwa had gone to Punderpore on his annual pilgrimage. Sir John was invited by the Peshwa to Maholy, near Satara, where both of them had a long interview. John was satisfied about the sincerity of the Peshwa and he agreed to return the forts to him. Thereupon the Peshwa returned to Poona late in September 1817 having completed his hostile preparations against the British. He began to show his dislike towards the Resident in a hundred different ways immediately on his return to Poona but Mr. Elphinstone remained calm and collected awaiting developments. He had not to wait long. Immediately after that year's Dassra festival, the Maharatta troops began to make encroachments on the British Brigade area at Gharpir, the area now occupied by the Imperial Bank up to West End Cinema, Mr. Elphinstone protested, but it was of no avail. The Peshwa's troops kept themselves on the offensive and there was no alternative for the Resident than to withdraw his troops to Kirkee, four miles from Gharpir, and fight the Maharattas. This he did with all the promptitude he could command by taking the offensive himself. This was the Battle of Kirkee where the Peshwa met with his early defeat at the hands of the British. This defeat took place on the 5th of November 1817. The Peshwa remained in Poona until the 16th November when General Smith's advance guard arrived and encamped at Ghorpuri. The Peshwa got frightened and fled to Satara. The City at once capitulated and the British flag was hoisted on the walls of the Shanawar Palace, but this was not the end. A final battle was fought at Koregaon on the 1st of January 1818 and it was there that the corner stone of the foundation of The British Supremacy in the Deccan, was laid by Captain Staunton and his army. More troubles remained ahead for the British the capitulation of Poona on November 16th 1817. The flight of the Peshwa was not genuine. It was a bit of a strategy. The Peshwa wanted to entrap the British within the walls of the Shanawar and bring about their complete annihilation.

Baji Rao only went for a while to Satara and there he gathered a large army of 20000 Maharatta cavalry, 8000 infantry and numerous bands of Arabs on foot and mounted. With this he started for the relief of Poona, but on his way he met at. Junnar General Smith who had already started chasing the Feshwa after the battle of Kirkee. The Peshwa suddenly doubled back north of Junnar and disappeared mysteriously. General Smith lost scent of him and informed Col. Burr. who won the Battle of Kirkee, not to distrub himself about Meanwhile information reached Col. Burr that the Peshwa was approaching Poona with a very large army. He had to use his discretion in the matter and immediately sent word to Sirur for reinforcements. In response to Col. Burr's request a small force of eight-hundred set on New Year's Eve 1817 under Capt. Staunton for the relief of Poona. By the time Capt. Staunton and his army reached the Bhima river near Koregaon village the Peshwa had already reached that place ready to intercept it. The whole army of the Peshwa was already there, encamped across the dry riverbed. Under the circumstances it was difficult for Staunton to reach Poona and be of any help to Col. Burr. All that he could do was to fight and die in honour of the British army. This was the spirit in which he took his stand in the Koregaon village and fought an unvielding battle against the Peshwa's army. By nightfall, so it is recorded in the annals of military history, only three British Officers remained fit for duty and the casualities had already numbered 275. There were only 500 men remaining and they courageously held on until 9 p.m. on New Year's Day when the Peshwa ceased firing. Nothing could be seen of what was going on, on. the other side of the River and Capt. Staunton kept his remaining men re-arranged in readiness for a night attack. a good portion of the British army had been wiped out during the day, Capt. Staunton had been able to keep on to his position. The fight remained even, and the British army under Capt. Staunton successfully maintained their position. On the morning of the 2nd January 1818, the Peshwa and his army had fled leaving the riverbed bare and empty. History does not record as to why the Peshwa precipitated himself into such an ignoble flight, but the report was that his spies had brought him news of the approach of General Smith for whom the Peshwa had a The whole thing reads like a miracle, but none can question the bravery and ability displayed by Capt. Staunton and his men at Koregaon on the New Year's Day of 1818. But for this "bravest feat of arms in the history of military effort in India" we should to-day be chroncling a different history of the Deccan. The "finis" to the Maharatta Empire was really

It fought at Koregaon, and not at Kirkee as many suppose. was at Koregaon that the final defeat was inflicted on the Peshwa and it was Capt. Staunton and his men that did it. Government have built an Obelisk of imposing dimensions, leaping 65 feet into the air, to comemorate the heroic defence put up by a handful of men who had not even water to drink under a scorching sun. On the Poona-Ahmednagar road at the 15th milestone stands this Pillar of Victory enclosed by walls on three sides and a beautiful iron railing on the remaining side. following inscription in English appears on the marble tablet on the western side: - "This column is erected to comemorate the defence of Coregaum by a detachment commanded by Capt. Staunton of the Bombay establishment which was surrounded on January 1st 1818 by the Peshwa's whole army under his personal command, and withstood throughout the day a series of the most obstinate and sanginuary assaults of his best troops. Capt. Staunton, under the most appalling circumstances, persevered in his desperate resistance, and seconded by the unconquerable spirit of his detachment at length achieved the signal discomfiture of the enemy, and accomplished one of the proudest triumphs of the British army in the East. To perpetuate the memory of the brave troops, to whose heroic firmness devotion it owes the glory of that day, the British Government has directed the names of their Corps, and of the killed to be inscribed on this monument, 1822". The tablet on the northern face of the Obelisk repeats the inscription in Marathi while on the eastern face appears the names of the Corps—a detachment of the Madras Artillery, the Second battalion of the first Regiment of Bombay Native Infantry and the Poona Auxiliary Horse—and the European officers engaged in addition to a list of those who fell. Captain Grant Duff in his" "History of the Maharattas" has described this as "the most remarkable event If for nothing else, Poona is worth visiting by the tourists to see this Pillar of Victory, the significancee of which it is difficult to realise from the pages of history.

# POONA CITY OR "THE CITY OF PETHAS"

Broadly speaking the whole of Poona may be divided into three parts, eastern, central and western. The city proper occupies the western portion and the oldest portion of it dates from the year 1290, that is to say the Mahommedan and early Maharatta It claims its starting point, so far as one can gather from early records avaiable, at the younger Shaikh Salla's mosque where you had originally the ancient temple of Puneshwar built in prehistoric days by the first Hindu settlers about a thousand yards from the confluence of the Mutha and the Mulla rivers. To the west of this are the suburbs laid out in the latter days of the Peshwa's power, 1716-1817. This ancient capital of Peshwas, built at different periods, cannot be said to have been built with an eye to beauty under the supervision of any town-The whole area went on growing in extenplanning experts. sion from period to period in a helter-skelter fashion, consisting chiefly of narrow winding streets, lined with irregular tiled roofed houses and punctuated at frequent intervals with shrines, temples In the days that followed after the death of and mosques. Shivaji. Poona was under the dual Government of the Maharattas and the Moghuls. Several travellers had visited Poona in those early years and had left behind different accounts of its conditions. Capt. Gordon says that it was a flourshing city in those days. A French traveller who visited it in 1757 mentions that trade was prospering and that its markets contained all the goods of Asia and merchandise of Europe, Capt. Moore who visited it in 1792 says that the city extended a little over two miles and consisted of some fine gardens and elegant buildings. records to show that the city had the misfortune of being looted and plundered by various conquerors, especially Mahomedans, at different periods in its history. It has had to pass through many unfortunate and destructive scenes before its final occupation by the British. Evidently, under the Peshwas at the commencement of the 19th century the city was in a flourishing condition with a population of over 60000 inhabitants and with some Sir James Mackintosh who visited Poona in 140.000 houses. 1805 has put it on record that the chief streets were paved with stone and that the city was one of the finest built in India.

All these are old and conflicting accounts and you cannot find to-day even any remote traces of the city area ever having been a finely built one. You do find here and there some large mansions of primitive construction and some overhanging balconies proclaiming the departed greatness of Poona. No doubt, after the fall of the Peshwas in 1817, there was much poverty among the people and consequent depression in life and its acti-

The city was practically liberated from its old and antivities. quated moorings by the British authorities only after the opening of the Railway in 1860. Since the year 1860, the Government and the Municipal authorities have been very busy recreating a new city with well-built roads and improved drainage and sanitary systems combined. Considerable improvement has already been effected and work is still going on involving the construction of a number of bridges and culverts and the maintenance and improvement of new road systems suitable for motor traffic. progressive policy is being adopted in improving the city area and we understand that the Poona City Municipality has already decided to apply the provisions of the Town Planing Act to open spaces in Mangalwar and Somwar Pethas, (these are the nearest Pethas to the Railway station) which are now partly used for agricultural purposes and in which there are no suitable roads leading to houses built in those areas. There is thus every hope of having a well-built Poona city in course of time, but as to how long it will take for the unkempt, uneven and rather ill-paved thoroughfares of the city to completely disappear one cannot say. As it is, the roads in the city area are extremely bad, except for portions of Laxmi Road, Tilak Road and Fergusson College A visitor to Poona can easily differentiate city and cantonment limits from the conditions of the roads. way out of the labyrinths of lanes and by-lanes of the city-it will take some years for most of these to be given the respectable application of "roads"—with no names for streets and with the whole area divided into different Pethas with un-understandable geographical limitations not easily picked up by inexperienced visitors, is one of the most impossible feats one can think of. The whole thing is confusion worst confounded, and if we should in some respects fail in our attempt in the following paragraphs to give a correct idea of the various Pethas, the fault is not ours. It was in the year 1791 that the area was divided into Pethas or wards, some named after the day of the week and some named after the names of some great personages or benevolent gods of To start with, as soon as one gets down at Hindu mythology. the Railway station which is in the Suburban area, you will find the major portion of the passengers converging themselves towards the city side.

Mangalwar Peth the nearest peth to the Poona Railway station, was originally known as Shaistehpura founded by Shaisteh Khan, the Persian General sent by Aurangzeb in 1662 with a large army to subdue Sivaji. Shaisteh Khan had his army encamped in this open area which was uninhabited in those days. Lying cheek by jowl with this peth is **Khasba** 

Peth or Kasba where you had in early days the Lal Mahal Palace where Sivaji had spent his adventurous boyhood with his Shaisteh Khan took up his residence in Sivaji's old house keeping his army in the open space close by. Kasba is the oldest inhabited portion of the city and still remains the most antiquated portion of it. The Lal Mahal or Red Palace alluded to was built in 1636. This building in those days possessed extensive subterranean apartments and was the scene of Sivaji's most daring and popular exploit—we mean his surprise attack on Shaisteh Khan and the latter's flight with one of his fingers cut Since the Peshwas came to power this place came to be used for the purpose of storing their ambharis or elephant howdhas: hence the name Ambharkana by which the people remember it to-day. You have in this Petha the historical Purandhar family mansion, the tombs of the Younger and Elder Shaik Sallahs and the Kasaba Ganapati temple (erected Sivaji's mother Jijibai) which latter is said to be the oldest temple dedicated to the Elephant God in Poona. Kasba Ganapati is considered to be one of the Guardians of the City area and a large number of devotes offer worship daily at this shrine. Kasba practically lies in between Mangalwar and Someyarpeth.

Somawar is reached from the station by the Sassoon Road taking a turn to the left of the Cenatoph on Wellesley Road. This ward was established in 1775 under the name of Shahupura, where Gosavi jwellers, money-lenders and Sali weavers were permitted to settle down. The Gosavis formed the major portion of the residents in those days as may be seen from the number of tombs or samadis of Gosavis scattered all over the This Petha touches the Wellesley road on the eastern side where you have now the Imperial Bank and the Collector's office, and is fast rising into importance as a residental quarter. The enterprising Saraswats, who have their own colonies in Bombay, have established a colony in this area consisting of decent well-built houses. It is almost behind the Seva Sadan Nurses' quarters situated on Wellesley Road. This is perhaps the only decent and well-laid-out residential colony in the eastern part of the city area. At present the area is something like In the first instance the whole area was purprivate property. chased by a handful of Saraswat gentlemen (who formed into a Society for that purpose) with a view to have a colony on the model of the Saraswat colonies in Bombay city and the suburbs. Funds were not available to erect their own buildings. therefore divided the area into plots and sold it to different parties who have now erected their own buildings which are largely rented out. As things stand at present it is only a Saraswat colony in name; it is not confined to Saraswats. A number

of non-Saraswats are also living there. At present the area is private property owned by a Society while the buildings are owned by half a dozen different people. There is therefore much difficulty in making arrangements for drainage, sanitation and The city Municipality may shortly therefore take up the whole area so that pukka arrangements may be made in respect of sanitation and drainage. The name "Saraswat Colony" will remain. It ought to. Their enterprise deserves it. A pretty good portion of Somvar area is still to be opened up. You have not got The Chief of Phaltan had a any prominent buildings here. Wada just at the corner where Mangalvar and somvar meets. This has now been purchased by Dr. Randave. corner you take a turn to the left and pass on straight. will then reach the Apollo Cinema. Almost right behind this Cinema you have something like a small enclosure consisting of a few houses. This is the Nihal Peth or Nyhal's ward called after the architect who was entrusted by the third Peshwa with the work of constructing a wall round Poona 15 feet deep and 35 feet high. Any of these days this small area may get itself merged in to the adjacent areas. It is evidently kept up as a matter of sentiment. Parallel to the Apollo Cinema lies prominent portion of Rasta's Peth which takes its start from the Wellesley Road side at the next turn to the Synagogue street as you pass on to the Imperial Bank side. The first building at this turn is a fine Bungalow which originally belonged to the Sassoon family who built it as their Poona mansion. This peth extends very far and wide and has become an important residential quarter of the city. It was considered as the healthiest portion of the city during the days of the Peshwas and it is reputed to be so even to-day inasmuch as it has become a colony of Madrasees and South Indians who are seldom found to congregate themselves in any unhealthy quarter. Formerly this area was known as the Shivpuri from a Siva temple erected by A. L. Rastiea, a forbear of the present Rastea family, who was the hereditary commander of the Peshwa's horse. It was occupied in those days by the Maharashtra cavalry and was one of the busiest parts of The change in nomenclature must have evidently taken place after the construction of the Rastea family mansion in this area. This huge block of buildings, known as Rastea's wada, was completed in 1784 at a cost of nine lakhs of rupees. It has no preprossessing exterior, but the interior consists of palatial and well-decorated halls and rooms befitting the position of a royal potentate. Apart from this mansion, you have a number of important public institutions located in this ward, such as, the King Edward Memorial Hospital, the St. Andrew's High School and the Training College for Women Teachers.

Budhawar Peth or Wednesday ward was founded by Aurangezb and he called it Mahujabad. With the beginning of the rule of the Peshwas and during the time of the fourth Peshwa this area grew rapidly into importance. With the newly opened Laxmi Road, where prominent merchants have established their business premises, cutting it from east to west and with the everyday growing importance of Budawar chowk as an old trade centre, Budwar has become an important portion of the city to-day. A number of leading gentlemen have their residential quarters here and it contains also a large number of important temples. To the east of this lies Ganesh Peth named after god Ganesh founded in the latter half of the 18th century. This is not a very extensive area and its boundary limitations are so amusing and complicated that some times you do not know whether you are, in Budhawar or Ganeshpet. also is one of those areas which ought in course of time get itself merged into one of the adjoining wards, preferably Budhwar. The main importance of this ward is on account of the Dulya-Maruti temple situated here. Maharrattas have a great regard for the patron diety of this temple. The Dagdi Nagoba temple is also here. A popular fair is held every year (July-August) at this temple in connection with the Naga-Panchami festival.

Raviwar Peth, formerly known as Malkampura, founded during the time of the third Peshwa, 1740-1761. Named after the day of the week, Sunday, (Ravi means Sun), this Peth even to-day, as in days of old constitutes a great business centre containing the Moti Chowk long associated with various Jain and Gujarati banking firms. You had here formerly the "Money changers Row" which is now known as Shroff's bazaar. The Juma Masjid is situated in this ward.

Nana Peth formerly known as Hanuman's ward, was founded by that clever and astute minister of the last Peshwa, Nana Farnavis, as a depot for the wholesale grain dealers. This is a big area forming an important connecting link with Cantonment at the western end of Sachipar street. There are several places of considerable importance and interest within this peth—the Agyari or the Parsi Fire temple, the Ghodepir or Horse-saint the Nivdunga Vithoba's temple and the Portugese Church of the Immaculate Conception, the latter being the oldest place of Christian worship in this neighbourhood. The City Municipality has now sanctioned a scheme for the construction of a market in Nanas Peth at a cost of Rs. 48,000. At present, there is only one important market, namely, the Reay Market in Poona City which owing to vast extensions is found very inconvenient es-

pecially to residents in the eastern part of the City. In order, therefore, to afford amenities to those residing in the eastern parts, it has been thought desirable to have a vegetable market built in the vicinity. The completion of the proposed scheme will supply a longfelt want. Another ward of considerable historical importance which touches the Fergusson College Road and the Lloyd bridge and Bamburdha on one side and the Budhawar and Somvar on another side is the Shaniwar Peth or Saturday ward named after the building of the Shaniwar palace in this locality by the second Peshwa. It was formerly a poor Koli settlement of rude and ill-constructed huts. that one Saturday when Baji Rao, the second Peshwa, was riding past this locality—so the story goes—he saw a dog being killed by a hare. The Peshwa thought that there was something supernatural about this incident and immediately decided to build a fort there which he was sure would prove to be an impregnable He is said to have named it the Shaniwar palace from the day on which this unbelievable incident—hare killing a dog— Some say it has been so named on account of took place. Saturday having been the day on which the Peshwas first established their rule in Poona. The surrounding area naturally took its name from the Fort of which you have only the high walls remaining now to tell the mournful tale of the vanished greatness of the Maharattas as a nation. The area of this peth extends as far as Bamburdha and the Fergusson College Road towards the Lakhdi bridge side. When you cross the Lakadi bridge you pass on to Sadasiv peth and Narayana peth.

Narayan Peth, founded by that ill-fated fifth Peshwa who was murdered in 1773 by some Infantry men at the instigation of his uncle Ragunath Rao whom the Peshwa had put in prision, lying on the other side of the Lakdi bridge, is now coming into some importance on account of the opening of the Tilak Road through that area. The Kesari Printing Works and the Chittrasala Press are among the important buildings in this locality. It contains also a number of temples. Straight on from this ward through Tilak Road you enter Sadashiv Peth which was first designed as a Military quarter by Sadasheorao, cousin of the third Peshwa, who commanded the Maharatta army at the battle of Paniput and fell in action on the battlefield. out this Peth on the site of an old garden, the Napur Bagh. In those days State prisoners were confined in this Ward under a strong guard. Baji Rao, the last Peshwa, between the years 1803 and 1809, built in this area the Vishrambagh Palace at a cost of more than two lakhs of Rupees. This still remains as an important landmark of old Poona situated a short distance to the south of Shanwar Palace. Vishrambagh

is the most ornate old building existing in Poona now. main entrance of the building with its two elephants beautifully carved out of black wood lies towards the east, the building itself being even now remarkable for its handsome and elaborate blackwood carving and decorations which contrast admirably with the yellow colour in which the whole building is painted. When Poona came under British occupation in 1818, this building was converted into a College for students of the Vedas and Shastras. Afterwards for a long time it was the Poona High School. This has now been purchased by the City Municipality for their office. The locality is now as prosperous and as important, if not more, as it was when Baji Rao choose this site for his Pleasure palace. There are many buildings of modern importance in this area. Passing east through Tilak Road you come to an important chowk. The road to your right takes you to Mahableshwar Road and the one to to your left takes you straight to the centre of Shukarwar Peth area. This is the biggest of all the Pethas and it takes its name from planet Venus (Sukkra) indicating Friday. Venus stands for prosperity and beauty, and you have both prosperity and beauty in this Ward. It is a great trade centre. The important and the only Market (Reay Market) named after Lord Reay, a former Governor of Bombay, for the whole city area is located here. This market building with the clock tower surmounting its tiled and pointed roof is one of the important landmarks of modern Poona. It is situated to the south-east of Vishrambagh Palace and was built at a cost of two lakhs of Rupees, the main structure containing two hundred and fifty stalls while the extensions some three hundered and fifty more. The architect has shown great ingenuity in designing this building in the form of Sun's "rays" with a number of covered galleries projecting from the central edifice—a play upon the name "Reay". The City Municipality had its offices on the upper story. Now this portion is occupied by the Reay Industrial Musuem which should in course of time, if sufficient money should be forthcoming from the Indian merchant princes, prove to be the nucleus of an important Industrial Museum for Western The Imperial Bank of India (City branch) is located in You have the City Magistrate's Court, the City Police lines and the Veterinary Hospital here. The Chief of Bhor has the Bhor mansion here. A number of Theatres Cinemas are located here and in the evenings you will find the corner of Shukarwar, in close proximity to the Reay Market, one of the busiest centres of the City. Tulsibagh is one of the important temples in this area and is the most frequented shrine in Poona even to-day. This was built in 1761 by order of the third Peshwa. Near by to the north is the Belbagh temple erected by Nana Farnavis between the years 1765 and 1769.

Bhawani Peth. This is a neighbouring area to Nana Peth and has now become a fast improving locality with a number of new and decent buildings erected by private men. Formerly during the time of Aurangazeb it was known as Borban or Jujube It was here that Aurangazeb first encamped with his Imperial army in 1703. After that for a very long time the whole area remained neglected until Nana Farnavis improved it and named it Bhawani Peth after the Bhawani temple situated To the north-west of Bhawani Peth lies Vithal Peth or Vetal Ward, named after the temple dedicated to the demongod Vetal situated in this area. It was formerly known as Guruwar or Thursday ward and was established during the time of Balaji Rao the third Peshwa. There are a few Jain temples in this Peth and it was here that the notorious Trimbukji, the favourite of last Peshwa and the man who brought about his downfall, lived. His big mansion has now been purchased by the Society for the propagation of the Gospel.

The above are the important Pethas of the City area which extends further behind the Fergusson College where you have the Servants of India Society's quarters and the Bhandarkar Institute. This area, which is now being rapidly opened up by the erection of new Cottages and Bungalows, has Bhamburdha as its nearest Railway Station. Laxmi Road has been so planned, starting from Lakdi Pool, as to pass through many of the important Pethas and meet the Sachapir Street in Cantonment while the Fergusson College Road which branches of from the Ganeshkhind Road at the corner of the Meterological

Office meets Laxmi Road at Lakdi Pool.

# POONA CANTONMENT AND SUBURBAN AREAS

Visitors to Poona have often put us the question as what is there worth seeing in Poona, and our answer invariably has been that every spot in and around is worth seeing. Associated with every nook and corner of Poona and its suburbs is the expansion of British supermacy in the Deccan. Poona Cantonment as you see to-day is different from what it was some centuries back when, quite like its counterpart the City area, it was a mass of low roofed high mud houses, with flat mud roofs and windowless mud brick walls. The whole aspect has now changed since British occupation; and as years roll on-Poona Cantonment is everyday increasing in popularity and ranks as the most popular care free station on this side of Western People visiting Poona during the season, when the India. Governor of Bombay and his staff also take refuge here during the rains, are on holiday and there is naturally an abundance of

entertainment and amusement. Cinemas, Talkies, Dances, Carnivals, Cricket Tournaments, Races and various other entertainments including frequent Government House Banquets all help the people to forget their cares and trouble and the unwelcome climate left behind on the plains. There is no decline in the number of visitors each year as is evidenced by the fact that numerous new shops spring up each season, and all carry on prosperously. There is little evidence of any trade depression or anything of that sort in Poona during the season and even as we write all trade people are finishing on with their window dressing for the season. The reason for its present prosperity after the fall of the Peshwas has been mainly due to its genial climate which for nearly six months in the year is accompanied by so mild a sunshine and so temperate a fall of rain as to permit games and sports of all kinds to be induged in without occasioning much inconvenience or fatigue. Climate has all along been its chief recommendation, and it is its climate that has induced the Military authorities to make it one of their chief headquarters while the Bombay Government has also made it their monsoon headquarters for the same reason. During the last two or three decades its material progress has been very rapid as may be seen from the number of useful and interesting institutions that have come into being in the Poona Cantonment and Suburban areas. It is not even a decade since the new and beautiful Railway Station was opened, and the whole area in front of it cleared of all unsightly buildings which had for long been an eye-sore to the public. The Railway station is situated in the Suburban area where you will find the Poona Silk & Cotton Mills lying in close proximity to it. Close to these in the Suburban area you will find the Office of the Poona Suburban Municipality, the David & Jacob Sassoon General Hospitals and the Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Medical School and further east you will find the Central Buildings, Military Accounts Department, Collectors Office, Imperial Bank, the Post and Telegraph Offices, Government Photo Zinco, Cantonment Magistrate's Courts, Office of the District Superintendent of Police and the Jewish Synagogue. From the Central Office Buildings you get on to the Staunton Road and thence to the Bund Garden Road and you will find the Red Council Hall set in its green lawns and the Poona Gymkhana. A little further removed from here are the Head Quarters, Southern Command, Command House, Chief Engineers Office, Poona Recruiting Area Head Quarters and many other Military Mention of these institutions alone will show the important position Poona holds as one of the progressive and prominent cities of the Indian Empire. Leaving aside the Suburban area we come to the Cantonment Limits which since its inception in 1817 has steadily developed.

### In and about Cantonment

It will be remembered that in April 1803 General Wellesley, afterwards the Duke of Willington, arrived in Poona to re-establish Baji Rao as Peshwa. He then selected Garpir, the area that at present extending from Imperial Bank to the West-End Cinema corner, as the most suitable site for the British Cantonment from where the British Army was withdrawn to Kirkee, a little before the Battle of Kirkee. When Poona capitulated on Nov. 16th, 1817, the British troops returned and took up position to the east of the city within the present Cantonment limits on the ground subsequently occupied by Ordnance Lines behind the now abandoned Part of the site is now divided between "A" supply depot company and Medical Mobilization stores. Barracks were first built in Ghorpuri in 1842. Later on the site was occupied by a company of Sappers and Miners who in 1882, were transferred to New Jhansi, now East Kirkee. When the British first settled in Poona, you had what was called the Sudder Bazzar which had its origin in two rows of thatched huts (now the Main and Taboot Streets) belonging to Vani grain dealers who furnished supplies to the British force. Sholapur Bazar was founded almost simultaneously in connection with the Madras Pioneers who first encamped on the site now included in the Transport Wanowri Bazar dates from 1925 when an Artillery Brigade was quartered in the vicinity. Barracks were erected in Wanowri between 1861 and 1872. By the year 1826, the Cantonment boasted of very many good roads and two wellstocked libraries, one for soldiers and one for offcers and Regimental Schools. St. Mary's Church was also built sometime about this period; and within recent years the garrison has still further expanded and various War Hospitals have sprung up, one of which is the Connaught Military Hospital. The whole appearance of Poona has undergone a great change during the last quarter of a century. A few landmarks of Poona still remain in and around the whole area as milestones marking Time's highway, and these we have described elsewhere in these pages.

# OLD LANDSMARKS OF POONA

Peer Ka Bungla or Saint's House among the many frequented spots of Poona where people take their morning and evening strolls, Poona Gymkhana area is an important one. On the opposite side of the Gymkhana facing the Cricket ground you find three houses. All these three houses are more than half

a century old. The last one on the corner is known as the "Peer ka Bungla" and there is a traditionary legend about it. The house concerned, however, has no connection with it. It was built by a British Doctor and was for many years the office of the Revenue and Police Commissioner, Northern division. The house is situated in a garden where you have the tomb of a Mahommedan by name Syed Saheb who was killed in battle on that very spot, where he now lies buried, fighting in defence of Islam long before the British came to Deccan. The tomb is on the far corner of the Jeejibhoy mansions and is under a Banyan tree where you find on the nights a flickering light throwing light on the grave. Both Hindus (those of the low class) and Mahommedans are in the habit of worshipping there. Anyway, the story is believed by a good many people.

Connaught House. This is another old house in the area near by. This was built by a Military Captain and when the British occupied Sind, the Amirs of Sind were brought down here and kept as State prisioners. It was burnt down before they were removed to Saswad fort. Lord Frederick Fitzclarance took it on a long lease and rebuilt it, while the present fine buildings, in which the Nowrosji Wadia College is housed, is the result of additions made to it by the Duke of Connaught during whose time it was recognised as the official residence of the Commander-in-Chief. The small bungalows on the side of the compound were the Bachelors' quarters of A.D. C's and the Duke's Cavalry escort was housed in the Ever since the occupation of this house by the stables behind. Duke of Connaught it came to be known as Connaught House. For a long time you had that well-known hotel "Connaught Hotel" in this building, the Hotel taking its name from the building. Close by you have Council Hall alluded to already in these pages. Behind this you have now the Polo ground which was the Sapper's line with the Cavalry more than half a century ago. As you go straight on the Connaught bridge you have on your right a number of fine gardens which were once the lines of the Poona Police Corps. Further in the rear is the site of the Frist Poona Race Course which formerly enclosed an oval now occupied by the Dostmahomed Peermahomed Orphanage and the various Bungalows on the Bund Garden Road which takes you to The Bund Gardens which, prior to the year of the Indian Mutiny, was a marshy and unhealthy site. These pretty gardens which may be called the Hyde Park of Poona where the smart set spend their evenings in happy conviviality, lies to the left of the Kirkee Road near the Jamsetje Bund, a masonary dam across the Mulla-Mutha constructed in connection with the water supply of

Poona at a cost of Rs. 2,5700, the then Sir Jamsetji Jeejibhoy, Bart., contributing a sum of Rs. 1,73,000 towards the cost of it. The Dam was operated in those days from above through a and filter beds. In the beginning the necessary pumping was done by bullocks and later on by steam. Bund water works have now been superseded by the Kharkwasla The Fitzgerald Bridge was, it will be remembered, water works. built only in the latter sixties of the last century. bridge was the only bridge across this river in those early days, and travellers coming from the Ahmednagar side had to come right through Kirkee to get to the main Bombay Road during the During the summer months this Bund was monsoon months. being used as a causeway over the river. Across the Bund you find on the top of the old Yellora Hill which was later on named Picket Hill the manificent Poona residence of the It may be of interest here to mention that more than a century ago this hill was made an improvised outpost of the British Army and a picket was posted there. Hence the name Picket Hill given to it. In respect of the final occupation of the Deccan by the British the first part of the battle was fought at Kirkee. The severe skirmish that took place after the 5th November 1817 at Yellow Ford was the middle phase of the battle, the famous Defence of Koreagon, to which we have alluded to elsewhere, on the New Year's Day of 1818 marking the final stage. From the top of this hill you get a magnificent view of Poona in all directions—the Deccan College building, Kirkee cantonment, the temple of Chattrasinghi, the Ganeskind Government house, the forts of Singad and Torna, the Parvati temple, the Alandi temple and last but not the least the winding river with its streak of gleaming silver. The Thakerseys have built a fine mansion here known as Parankuti Hall where Lady Thackersey is having her permanent residence after the death of the late Sir Vithaldas Thackersey who built the present mansion which has become one of the magnificent and outstanding landmarks of modern Poona. This building has recently come into world-wide notice account of Mr. Ghandi, the saint cum Swarajist leader of India. having made it his temporary residence during his Fast at the special request of Lady Thackersey.

# **BLACK HOLE OF POONA**

History has recorded of a Black Hole of Calcutta where the crime of suffocating Europeans soldiers to death has been attributed to Surajadowlah, but very few, even among the people of Maharashtra, know anything of the incident of the BLACK HOLE OF POONA. Even the site where the tragedy took place is almost forgotten. On the Sholapur Road just behind what is now the Military Bakery (this it may be remembered was the Peshwa's arsenal at one time) you find a large walled enclosure with the gates at either end locked. This is all that remains of the once splendid mansion of Ghasiram, Kotwal or Inspector-General of Police (under the fourth Peshwa) who was responsible for this tragedy. There are different accounts of Some say that Ghasiram, however hated a man he may have been, was not responsible for this. Any way, this incident very nearly created a revolution in Poona. Even the Prime Minister Nana Farnavis had to postpone an urgent interview with Charles Malet, the British Resident, in connection with the war which Earl Cornwallis was then (1791) waging with Tippoo Sultan in behalf of the Maharattas. Here is an extract from the letter dated September 1791 written to Earl Cornwallis by Charles Malet:—"The confusion caused lately by the suffocation of 21 Brahmins confined in a place by the Kotwal's officers which ended in the surrender of the Kotwal himself by the Government to the Brahmins of the tribe of those who had been suffocated, by whom he was stoned to death with extraordinary circumstances of contumely and cruelty, have furnished the Ministers with an ostensible reason for avoiding an interview with me". massive entrance gate of Ghasiram's mansion in one of the cells of which these Brahmins were said to have been suffocated to death on the night of August 31, 1791, now lies hidden behind the Military Bakery. In those days there was a kind of Curfew It was customary for the Bhamburda gun to fire at nine o'clock every night. This was the signal for every one to retire, and the Police had the power to arrest all persons found abroad after the lapse of a reasonable time after the signal. On the night in question a party of 35 Telang Brahmins were arrested by the Police after the appointed hour and confined in a tiny cell. Of these 21 were found dead the next morning, and the public attributed the whole thing to Ghasiram and he was allowed to be stoned to death by an infuriated mob. Very little remains now of the architectural beauty of Ghasiram's mansion with which the "Black Hole of Poona" incident is closely as-It was said to have been a very beautiful mansion built in Indo-Saracenic style, and Lt.-Col. Newell in his book on

Poona alludes to the scandal that connected the name of his (Ghasiram's) daughter with that famous Minister Nana Farnavis. It was her charms that secured her father the position of Superintendent of Police. The whole area which extends up to the Race Course even today bears traces of once having been a fine garden and the ill-fame which this area had in ancient days is still hanging on to it inasmuch as the modern buildings erected there are known as "satani bungalows"—one of them is the Freemason's Hall and the other the Army Y.M.C.A. The ruins of the old mansion entrance are now in the care of the Archaelogical Department. The huge tank which this notorious man built at the side of his house and where he was said to have been stoned to death is still there, though the ruins of the temple said to have existed in those days by the side of the tank are not visible. You find a lot of accumulated dirt and rubbish close to the tank and people locate this as the tombstone of this Brahmin Kotwal who was outcasted and put to death by Brahmins for cruelty to Brahmins. This is the story of the Black Hole of Poona.

### SOME OLD BRIDGES OF POONA

It has been rightly remarked by some that the history of a city is the history of its bridges. In this respect Poona can boast of a number of bridges built at different sites from where you can get magnifient views of the surrounding areas. not these views alone that count. Some of these bridges are rich in the memories of the vanished glory of the Maharattas who as Rao Saheb Sardesai says in the latest volume of the Peshwa's Daftar, should have very nearly annexed the state of Mysore if the disaster of Paniput had not intervened. There is one thing peculiar about the Poona bridges. Poona had witnessed in the dead centuries of the past number of wars and conquests. palaces and mansions were indiscriminately shelled and blown up but its bridges have been spared both by the invading and retreating armies. There was a time when the only bridges connecting the different portions of the place were the Lakkadi Pool, the Potter's Dam and the Holkar's bridge, but to-day a number of bridges span the Poona river, or twin-rivers, within a mile starting from the Lakkadi Pool—the Lloyd Bridge, the Potters Dam, the old Railway bridge turned into a roadway, the new Railway bridge and the Wellesley bridge.

Of these, the Wellesley bridge is one of the old bridges of Poona. Not that it is the first crossing made over this river.

Its importance lies in its being the first bridge built by the British since their occupation of the country. They selected this spot, about 500 yards downstream from the old Potter's Dam or causeway which was the earliest crossing you had to get to Poona from ... Under the orders of the then Governor, Sir John Malcolm, the first wooden bridge was built in 1830 at this site by Captain Foster, the then Executive Engineer. At that time the Government house was at Dapuri and it is officially recorded that on its completion the opening ceremony of this bridge was performed in right royal fashion by the Governor accompanied by all the officers and leading civilians of the station on the Kirkee It is said that a procession was formed headed by the Governor who, after the procession had reached the middle of the bridge, with a heavy stroke broke down a pole which had been kept as a barrier. This was done in great ceremonious fashion as they now do in cutting the silk ribbon with a pair of silver scissors. And it is further stated that the procession passed down to the Poona side, the Governor calling out as he walked that the bridge had been officially opened for public use, the whole ceremony ending with the firing of a Royal Salute by a battery of the Horse Artillery. The bridge was named "Wellesley bridge" in memory of the Duke of Wellington (formerly General Wellesley) who was closely associated with Poona while in India and who was at the same time an intimate friend of Sir John Malcolm, the Governor. For a long time after its opening many people did not know why it was called by that name. Many called it "Wesley bridge" and they said it was so named after the Engineer who built it. Some said it has been so named after a Governor, by name Wesley. This is only one of the many instances of the stupendous ignorance of the people about the origin of the bridges and buildings in their own place. A similar story is told of the Barber's Bridge in Madras city which formerly was the Hamilton Bridge, named after the Engineer who built that bridge. This little digression apart, it must be mentioned that this wooden structure of the Wellesley bridge was replaced in 1839 by a masonry one several feet higher than the old one at a cost of Rs. 1,10,000. This was found to be not above the flood level and was raised several feet in 1885. The height was still found insufficient and the whole bridge was rebuilt as it now stands in 1875.

Something like five hundred yards further from the Wellesley bridge upstream is the Potter's Dam which is said to be the oldest crossing originally known as "Khumbhar ves Dharan". Not having been a strongly built one, this gave way after the battle of Kirkee. It was left in that broken condition for some

time and was only rebuilt between the years 1835 and 1840 at a cost of Rs. 30,000, a good portion of which was raised by public The present one is 235 yards long and seven feet wide with twelve nine feet sluices and is built of solid stone. On the other side of the new Lloyd bridge and above this causeway is the very famous Lakkdi (Lakri) Pul or wooden bridge. This is said to be the first bridge over flood level built by the Maharattas. This also gave way and was rebuilt in its present form in 1840 at a cost of Rs. 47.000, the Government contributing Rs. 36,000. Although the present bridge is built of stone, the old name of Lakdi (wood) is still kept up as a matter of senimental respect on account of this bridge having been for a long time the only "dignified" entrance to Poona city from the Bombay side carrying all the produce to and from Bombay. recent years the whole thing has been improved and largely widened by the City Municipality to meet the increased traffic passing from that end of the city to the Deccan colony and the neighbouring suburbs.

Having given above a very cursory account of the old bridges of Poona it may not be out of place here to give below the following official description of the Poona river, or rather twin rivers, the riversides of which with a little outlay can be made one of the Beauty Spots of Poona. It is up to the Municipal authorities concerned to find funds to construct a riverside walk on modern lines. Here is the official description:—

"From the Fitzgerald (Bund) bridge looking west is one of the prettiest views in Poona. On the right about 150 yards from the river, a rocky flat topped hill rises about 150 feet above the bank and stretches about 300 yards west, gradually falling On the left are the trees and into a small river-bank tomb. flowers of the Bund garden, the higher tree tops half hiding the distant broken line of the Singhad-Bhuleswar hills. from the edge of the dam, between low tree-fringed banks, the river about two hundred yards wide, stretches west about half a mile to where it is divided by a long low woody island. Beyond the island as it turns south-west to the meeting of the rivers, the water passes out of sight in the green Kirkee plain behind which the low rounded blocks of the Ganeshkhind and Bhamburdha hills lead to the central peck of Bhanbava". Further on is the Long island or the Crow island as it is called with a channel on each side, the western channel being always open for boats and the eastern one navigable only in floods. The river gradually begins to widen at this part and is 430 yards across at the Sangam side, "or 140 yards broader than the Thames at the London bridge".

### SEROOR AND THE WALLACE GHOST

Forty miles north-east of Poona on the road to Ahmednagar is an important historic centre which at one time was the largest-British Military Cantonment in the Deccan. All its ancient glory has vanished, and as you enter Seroor to-day you find nothing but decaying buildings, an abandoned Cantonment and an old Parade ground. First occupied by the British in 1803, it remained for many years the home of the Poona Auxiliary Force after the battle of Kirkee. It may also be remembered here that it was Seroor that supplied the re-inforcement for Col. Burr and it was the Seroor men that put up the memorable Defence at Koregaon on the 1st of January 1818. Seroor has now practically dwindled into a village and the only reminder you get when you go there of its ever having been a chief British Military centre is the popular story of Col. Wallace's ghost. If ever you should go to Seroor you cannot escape hearing this ghost story. It is on everybody's lips. Close to the river you find a small cemetry filled with large white-washed tombs in the style typical of the early nineteenth century monuments, and among them you will find a tall-fluted column topped by an urn which stands out more conspicuous than the rest. This is, as the marble tablet on its pedestal tells, "sacred to the memory of Colonel William Wallace of His Majesty's 74th regiment of Foot and Commander of the Force Subsidised by His Highness the Peshwa. respected and beloved for his Gallantry, Devoted Public Zeal, Ardent Honourable Rectitude, and Noble Candour. He died at Seroor on the 11th of May 1809, aged 47 years". More than hundred years have rolled by since the death of this gallant military officer and it is remarkable that his name is still remembered as a "Sat Purush" or Holy man. Not only is his name remembered, but he is actually being revered and worshipped as a supernatural being or ghost. We have known people who implicity believe in this ghost and who have even seen the ghost on full moon nights walking about the cemetry, a tall gaunt figure quite typical of the deceased Colonel Saheb. It is difficult to find out the origin of this ghost story. Colonel Wallace before his death endowed his tomb to the modest sum of nine rupees annually, bequeathing the care of it to his ex-groom. wanted it to be kept it in order, but as is characteristic of the mentality of Hindu villagers, very soon superstitutious stories were created about the ghost who, it is said, is particular of visiting his tomb every Thursday, the day on which the Colonel Thursday is thus considered a great day of worship at his tomb by the Hindus (except Brahmins and Marwaris) of Seroor and the neighbouring villagers, chiefly Kamathis, Kunbis.

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Malis, Mahars and Mangs. They offer incense and flowers at the tomb and distribute sweets and cocoanuts. Sometimes sacrifical offerings are also made. The successors of the original exgroom even now act as ministrants at the tomb. Many stories are current in and about Seroor about the idiosyncrasies or otherwise of this ghost who is supposed to be even now the guardian angel of the people of Seroor. The reputation of the Wallace ghost has travelled even beyond the Ghats and you are told of people coming all the way from Bombay and the neighbourhood to worship at the tomb. It is said that some ten years after the death of Colonel Wallace, General Smith tried to stop the annual allowance paid to the ex-groom's family (this was coming from the private estates of the Colonel) but the General found that the ghost was stronger than any living man. He was not allowed to have a wink of sleep for nights by the ghost and was compelled to send for the pensioner at dead of night and give him back the allowance withheld. So also in the case of a Missionary by name Rev. French. He had the cemetry closed and did not allow anybody to worship at the Colonel's tomb. Immediately three of his children died in quick succession and the Missionary had to yield to the ghost. These incidents are related with great religious fervour by the villagers who say that the ghost has even the power of giving warnings of coming There is, however, no doubt that this Colonel was a very great man when he lived and it is not very easy to efface the memory of such a man from the minds of the public. tory records of this Colonel having captured many of the impregnable forts of the Deccan with great ease and that must have been one of the main reasons of the village folk believing in such stories. He has left behind him a great reputation both Though Seroor has among the British and the Maharattas. now dwinded into utter insignificance, this Ghost story will live in the memory of men-and thus it comes to pass that you cannot forget Seroor and its old military importance.

#### PURRANDHAR—FOR A REST CURE

Those who wish to escape from the heat in Poona during the hottest months and until the monsoon breaks, with minimum expense and maximum comfort, can do nothing better than spend a few days at Purandhar. People with a limited purse would find Purandhar more suitable than Matheran or Mahabelshwar. It is just about 27 miles from Poona and you can reach there in a private car in a couple of hours. There is a small ghat

road about thirteen miles out of Poona to traverse and another twelve miles to the bottom of the hill. Unfortunately, the roads are not maintained in good condition right through. However, from the bottom of the hill there is a well kept path to the top. You may conveniently walk up this path or allow yourself to be carried in chairs. You really find it enjoyable on the top of the hill side. Some days in the month of May the thermometer registers 92 degrees, but you have always a pleasant and cooi breeze and the nights are thoroughly refreshing. Purandhar is also delightful at the beginning of the monsoon, but towards the end of July when the rainfall becomes very heavy, the climate becomes quite depressing. There are three or four private bungalows. There is also an M.E.S. and a P.W.D. Bungalow.

As you reach the middle portion of this path you find it branches off to the Hospital on the right, built on the spur known as Lagan Mukh, or the wedding face. On the left it continues to the Karla Darwaza, an arched stone gateway bet-This admits to the Terrace Fort. ween bastions. to the left is the Church built in memory of Lord Edward Fitzclarence, Commander-in-chief of Bombay, who died at Purandhar on 30th October 185. It was due to the efforts of this officer that Purandhar was made a convalescent station for the Poona garrison. A little further on, above the path to the right. in a walled enclosure stands the temple erected by the great Remains of the upper fort crown the top of the hill. You have to reach there by rock cut steps which go to make a steep and narrow winding path, too difficult to be negotiated. Very near the upper fort you find large blocks of masonary work indicating the site of a palace erected by the founder of the Purandhar family. At a lower level from the upper fort is the Powder magazine exploded in 1818 by gunfire from a British battery on Bottle Peak, a commanding position to the east. The round of the upper fort is more than two miles & passes by three gate-The earliest mention made of this fort ways and six bastions. in history is in the reign of the first Bahmini king, Alaudin Hassan Gangu (1347-1358), who obtained possession of almost the whole of Maharashtra, from the Purandhar range to the Cauvery, and fortified Purandhar in 1350. The fort of Purandhar passed to Maloji, the grandfather of Sivaji, when Bahadur Nizam Shah of Ahmednagar (1596-1600) granted him Poona and After the power of the Peshwas of Poona had superseded that of the descendants of Shivaji, Purandhar was the usual stronghold to which the Peshwas retreated when unable to remain in safety at their capital. In 1762 Ragunatharao, uncle of the fourth Peshwa, gave it away to the Purandhar family.

After the murder of the fifth Peshwa, his widow fled to Purandhar where her son, the sixth Peshwa, was born. On the 1st of May 1796 was concluded a Treaty here between the British and the Maharattas. Its conditions were never fulfilled being overruled by the subsequent treaty of Salbai in 1802 between the British and Scindia at the close of the Second Maharatta war. In 1818 Purandhar was invested by a British force under General Pritzler and the British colours were hoisted at Purandhar on 16th March 1818. The Fort commands a passage through the hills, called the Purandhar Ghat.

#### KARLA CAVES

These celebrated world-famous caves, said to have been constructed by Buddhists in the early centuries of the Christian era are situated in the important village of Karla in the Maval taluka (Poona District) on the Bombay road 35 miles north-west of Poona. Standing 400 feet above the plain, they can be reached by the G.I.P. Railway—21 miles from Karla and 5 miles from the Lonavla station. The most important of these caves is the Chaitya or the great Cathedral Cave, 124 feet 3 inches long and 45 feet 6 inches wide. Modern buildings have considerably marred the beauty and dignity of the approach to this cave, especially the two-storeyed gate-house, where musicans play four times a day in honour of a small temple to Ekirva (identical with the Dravidian divinity Akka-Aveyar or the Worshipful Mother) erected in 1866 at the month of the cave. are also other smaller caves on the hillside which are square chambers surrounded by cubicles. These were evidently the monasteries used for residential purposes by Buddhist monks and nuns. There are many inscriptions on these cubicles, recording the names of those who, at various times contributed a carved pillar here, part of a verandha there, or a cell somewhere The following is the description of these caves given by 1. Fergusson in his History of Eastern and Indian architecture:"

"It is certainly the largest as well as the most complete Chaitya cave hitherto discovered in India, and was excavated at a time when the style was in its greatest purity. In it all the architectural defects of the previous examples are removed; the pillars of the Cave are quite perpendicular. The screen is ornamented with sculpture—its first appearance apparently in such a position—and the style had reached a perfection never afterwards surpassed. In the cave there is an inscription on the side of the porch, and another on the lion-pillar in front, which are certainly integral, and ascribe its excavation to Maharaja

Bhuti or Deva Bhuti, who according to the Puranas, reigned 78 B.C.; and if this is so, they fix the age of this typical example The building resembles to a very great extent beyond all cavil. an early Christian church in its arrangements, consisting of a nave and side aisles, terminating in an apse or semi-dome, round which The general dimensions of the interior are the aisle is carried. 126 feet from the entrance to the back wall, by 45 feet 7 inches As a scale of comparison, it may be mentioned that its arrangement and dimensions are very similar to those of the choir of Norwich Cathedral, or of the Abbaye aux Hommes at Caen, omitting the outer aisles in the latter building. In height however, Karla is very inferior, being only 42 feet or perhaps 45 feet from the floor to the apex as can be ascertained. 15 pillars on each side separate the nave from the aisles; each pillar has a tall base, an octagonal shaft and a richly ornamented capital, on which kneel two elephants each bearing two figures, generally a man and a woman, but some times two females, all very much better executed than such ornaments usually are. under the semi-dome of the apse is placed the Dagoba, in this instance a plain dome slightly stilted on a circular drum. there are no ornaments on it now, and no mortices for woodwork, it probably was originally plastered and painted. surmounted by a Tee, and on this still stand the remains of an umbrella in wood, very much decayed and distorted by age."

#### BHAMBURDHA—THE CRADLE OF POONA

There are, as we have already said in these pages, no authentic historical records to point out what may be said to be the beginning of Poona. Traditionary accounts assert that the village of Bhamburdha was founded long long before Poona. easiest way now to get to Bhamburdha, which is now a Railway station midway between Poona and Kirkee, is to go through the Ganeshkind Road, past the Law Courts and turn towards your left by the side of Indian Meteoroligical headquarters towards the Lloyd Bridge. You then light upon what was once a little cluster of huts which formed the old village of Bhamburdha but which has now considerably expanded as to take it within its fold. Deccan Gymkhana colony, Observatory, Fergusson College and Agricultural College thereby forming a very respectable and important portion of city area. In ancient days this area was not so much within easy reach as it is now. Fifty or sixty years back you had to go along the Bombay road and cross a Ford on to the City side, to reach Bhamburdha. There still exists the old dam, known as Potter's Dam, by which foot passengers used to go up the river for a short distance. This was in ancient days as it is even now an important centre, the home of the elite, the site of Paper factory and the place where the Peshwas had their powder works and gun factory. Records that have recently been brought to light in the Peshwas Daftar show that the output from this arsenal, which at that time formed an important feature of Bhamburdha, was fairly large. Through the carelessness of a sepoy a terrific explosion took place one day causing the death of hundreds of workmen, and this Gun-factory was The paper-making factory was a family concern. closed down. One particular family, whose desendants are still living, carried on the manufacture of hand made paper for years and it would appear that the paper for the use of Peshwa and the tradesmen of Poona used to be supplied by this family for years. village is also of great historical interest. It was here in one of the houses in 1801 that Vithoji Holkar was captured by the Peshwa's orders and condemned to be bound to the foot of an elephant and dragged to death through the streets of Poona. was this brutal murder of his brother that enraged Yeshwant Rao Holkar to invade Poona and defeat the combined armies of Scindia and Peshwa—and which ultimately led to the signing of the treaty of Bassein, by which Poona was made a British Protectrate to which we have alluded elsewhere. These memories of the past apart, it would be of some interest to visit the Panchaleshwar Temple cave of Bhamburdha, just behind the Fergusson These rock-cut excavations are attributed to PANCH PANDOO or the Five brothers Pandu—Dhurrum, Bheem and Arjun (sons of Kunti), and Nakul and Sahadev (sons of Madri). This Pancheswar Cave, is a long and deep one with huge angular pillars painted with Hindu figures. The Lingam worshipped there is entitled Panchaleswar. Local tradition says that this shrine was excavated by the five Pandu Princes, the heroes of the Mahabaratha, and the legendary founders of Indraprastha, the Original Delhi, about the year 1500 B. C. The Bombay Archaeological Dept. have recently made some discoveries about these caves which should prove very interesting when published.

#### PARVATI TEMPLE.

Parvati is a small hill situated to the south-west of the historic town of Poona. It is about 500 yards from the city limits and about 3½ miles from the Poona Post Office.

It was during the time of the third Peshwa Balaji Bajirao in the year 1740—1761 that the little hamlet of Parvati came into prominence. Balaji Bajirao selected a good site on the summit of the hill and erected a stone building in 1748. On the 11th April 1749, it is stated that the following idols were placed with religious ceremonies in the temple.

- (1) Devadeveshwar of Shiva.
- (2) Mahadeo of silver weighing 6,737½ rupees with two golden images—one Ganpati weighing 686 tolas on its right lap and the other Parvati weighing 1,245 tolas on its left lap.
  - (3) Ganpati of stone.
- (4) Parvati—the original idol of the hill goddess which was already there.

In the year 1760 he gilded the spires of the temples with gold weighing 1020 tolas. In 1763 when the Moguls destroyed the town of Poona, the idols in the Parvati temples were removed elsewhere and they were again brought here and replaced with religious ceremonies.

The temples of Parvati are built at a height of 216 feet from the base. The ascent is by a flight of very wide and long stone-steps numbering about a hundred. The steps are so built that elephants could ascend the hill easily. The last ascent that was made on an elephant was on the occasion of the visit of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales to Poona in 1877, when the huge animal slipped and nearly fell with the Prince.

The Dakshina or annual gathering of Brahmans at Parvati for receiving alms was an interesting spectacle in Poona, and many Europeans visited the scene out of curiosity.

After the overthrow of the Peshwa's rule in 1818, the British Government discontinued the public distribution of Dakshina at Parvati, but, appreciating the object of the charity in its true sense, allotted a special allowance for the encouragement of learning. That enlightened and wise statesman, Sir Mountstuart Elphinstone, who viewed this institution in its true aspect wrote in 1821:—

"The Dakshina was expressly designed to encourage learning. It formerly amounted to eight or ten lacs of rupees and though Bajirao reduced the expenses, he still gave a small sum to each of 50,000 Brahmins, besides large prizes to all who distinguished themselves by their learning. Both he and all his Sardars and Ministers employed many learned Brahmins in various offices connected with the Hindu ritual, and all on a religious principle, allowed stipends

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and grants of land to many others for whose services they had no call. Add to this that learning was a certain title to the countenance of the great and to the respect of the people, and we may estimate the incentives to the acquisition of it which were destroyed by our conquest. It is true that his encouragement may not have been judiciously directed, but the effects of it on the whole were beneficial, and such as I cannot but think that it is still desirable to preserve. A class of men was maintained whose time was devoted to the cultivation of their understanding; their learning may have been obscure and degenerate, but still it bore some affinity to real science into which it might in time have been improved. They were not perhaps much inferior to those monks among whom the seeds of European learning were long kept alive; and their extinction, if it did not occasion the loss of much present wisdom would have cut off all hope for the future."

The Dakshina grant sanctioned by Sir Mountstuart Elphinstone was afterwards utilized in establishing a Sanskrit Pathshala and Scholarship followed by the Dakshina fellowships and Dakshina Prize Fund, whilst the present Deccan College is the final fruit of that famous plan.

Parvati is indeed an ornament to the Maratha Capital and Poona is justly proud of her temples and their builders.

#### THE KHARKWASLA LAKE OR LAKE FIVE

This Lake from which both the Cantonment and the City receive their water supply is situated eleven miles from Poona. is about twelve miles long while the embankment is one mile long. There are a couple of bungalows near the spot. The water supply to Cantonment is drawn off on the Sholapur Road near St. Mary's Church where beds, pumps and reservoirs are located. A number of automatic gates for water weir have been lately designed and provided.

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#### THE SANGAM

Unquestionably this is the most portentous spot in the whole of Poona. It is of very great historical interest. As far as its ancient history is concerned it is difficult relate within this small compass all the incidents which have made Sangam famous. Formerly it was a large burning ghat situated opposite to the Residency built by Sir Charles Malet who was the British envoy attached to the Peshwa's court in 1792. The District Judge's Bungalow now stands on the very place where Malet first pitched his tent and then built his Residency after some protracted negotiations with the Peshwa, who could not be easily persuaded to give permission for a "foreign" building in that holy locality. It will be remembered that Malet first made Poona his permanent headquarters in 1786 and this house was built in 1787. Malet soon developed this place into a splendid park with a beautiful building in the centre. He lived in the rich style that befitted his position and entertained the Peshwa and his courtiers at his house.

After Sir Charles Malet left the Poona Residency in 1798 Lt.-Col. William Palmer took charge of it. Sir Barry Close was the next Resident of Poona. In 1810 Mr. Elphinstone, who was an assistant to Sir Barry Close, became the Resident at Poona. During the political struggle the Peshwa's army attacked the Residency on the 5th November 1817. Elphinstone was already aware of the danger and a few hours previous to the attack he evacuated the Residency and retired to the camp at Kirkee. The Marathas fell upon the abandoned Residency and set fire to all that it contained, including Elphinstone's beloved books and the whole of his private property. The Sangam or the Residency was very much improved by Elphinstone. It included the adjoining grounds of the present Engineering College and the English Burial ground close to the Sangam lodge. The Resident's Quarters contained five bungalows and many out-houses for the bodyguards and sentries.

Writing from the Sangam Residency in 1816 Mr. Elphinstone remarks:—"My room is filled with the smoke of incense burnt before a Hindu God not ten yards from my house, where troops of women come, with music playing before them, to hang garlands, sacrifice sheep and cut off their own hair, which they have vowed to the divinity. In the same garden there is a very ruined tomb of a Mahommedan female saint, which is a place of such sanctity that an oath taken in it is reckoned sacred. I now see a funeral pyre kindling on the banks of a river close at hand, where I have before seen the living consumed with the dead. Two large elephants are wallowing in the water. On the road that crosses the river are buffaloes, camels, horsemen with long spears and loose drapery and foot passengers, male and female, in dresses of all sorts and colours. A procession is passing of Mahommedans dressed like Arabs, performing a frantic dance in

honour of the two sons of Ali, of whose martyrdom this is the anniversary". One can see from this that something like over a hundred years ago the Sangam presented a more animated appearance than today. Nothing remains of the old house built by Malet. You now see a small gateway adjacent to the Kirkee end of the Sangam bridge. This fomed a portion of the old house. The old cook house, something like fifteen yards to the east of this gateway, is still there. The walls of the old elephant stables now flank the main road. This place, apart from all its other historic and religious importance, is held in reverence even to-day by the people as practically the birth place of Poona or Punyapur: even the Mahommedans have chosen this place to tumble down their Taboots.

#### SHANWAR PALACE

The Shanwar Wada, the most magnificent and stately mansion that was ever built in Poona by the Peshwas in the 18th century, was the royal residence of the Maharashtra rulers. This palace had five principal gates named, Delhi Darwaja, Ganesh Darwaja, Mastani Larwaja, Khidki Darwaja and Jambul Darwaja. The palace had four large courts and state rooms besides many other rooms and special quarters for members of the royal family. Attached to this there were the Treasury, Store room, Record room, Library, Jewellery room, Armoury room, Medicine room, etc.

The Durbar Hall, which was designed and built by Balaji Bajirao, the third Peshwa, in 1755 for celebrating Ganapati Festival was called Ganapati Rangamahal.

During his stay in Poona (1790-95) Mr. Robert Mahon, a European artist who visited the Ganpati Mahal writes: "I had the pleasure of being introduced to the durbar, or court of the Marathas. After waiting there some time, in conference with several Brahmins, attendants of the Peshwa, he made his appearance. I made a salaam to him, which he gracefully returned and advanced to the musnud or throne, on which he sat down, cross-legged, with attendants behind him, armed with swords, one of whom was his Chowree bardar, with a large Chowree, or whisk, in his hand to keep off the flies. In front of the Peshwa stood his Chopdar, with a long silver stick, ready to receive any orders he might be pleased to favour him with.

"I sat down at a distance in the attitude in which the Peshwa was, viz. cross-legged, as nothing is considered by him a greater piece of impoliteness than extending your legs, or sitting in any manner in which the soles of your feet might be pointed towards him. He was of a fair complexion and appeared to be about twenty-three years of age; his dress consisted of a long jama or gown of very fine muslin;

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a string of very large pearls hung from his neck, a considerable way down his waist; a very fine red shawl, with a rich embroidered border was thrown carelessly over his shoulders. He wore a beautiful cluster of diamonds, the centre one of which was about an inch square, of a very fine colour. On the top of his turban, he wore a small curvature of gold, about three inches high, richly set with emeralds and various precious stones; over the right temple, from the top of the turban, hung several strings of pearls, which terminated at bottom by small red tassels. In this group, on the left, I was introduced to Nana Furnavees, his then Prime Minister, and formerly regent during the time the Peshwa was under age. It is to this sagacious politician, that almost all ascribe the present flourishing state of the Mahratta empire. His dress was much the same with that of the Peshwa but not so splendid.

"The musnud, or throne, is raised from the ground about four inches, and consists simply of three pillows covered with dark green velvet, placed upon rich embroidered cloth. Before the Peshwa, upon this cloth is placed his 'cuttar' or dagger, beautifully enamelled with various devices; next to it, a small urn and plate, made of copper enamelled and his goolal-danee for sprinkling rose water, richly set with diamonds; close to them, his betelnut box, which is so truly splendid and set so full of diamonds, that at a little distance, it appears entirely composed of them; next to it is placed a silver cup for his saliver on a towel; and last of all his sword and shield, the handle of the sword is green enamelled, full of diamonds, the scabbard is covered with red scarlet; the shield differs in no respect from the common Mahratta one, otherwise than that the fine studs upon it are gold which, in that of a person of inferior rank, would be plated, or perhaps plain brass.

"...The room in which the Peshwa thus sits in state, has nothing of beauty or elegance to recommend it; on one side is a row of wooden pillars, over which are hung purdahs, made of Kincobs, or gilt flowered silk, which are so constructed as to bind up or let down as occasion may require. Opposite to these pillars are a few windows made in the eastern mode, very narrow and long. The Durbar is a very extensive building built in a style peculiar to the Asiatics in general.

"In surveying the Peshwa seated on the musnud, the eye is dazzled with the immense riches about him; but his effeminate dress and unmanly-like attitude which the customs of the people make him under the necessity of observing take away from that dignity in appearance which a European might expect to see in a Prince seated on a throne. After remaining sometime with the Peshwa, betelnut was presented me, which according to their custom is the signal to depart. I accordingly after accepting of it, took my leave."

The Ganpati Mahal witnessed many important events in the time of the Peshwas. The great festival in honour of Ganpati was celebrated here every year which lasted for ten days. All the Military Officers and Sardars assembled here to pay their homage to the Peshwa once in a year. In 1782 the marriage of the Peshwa was celebrated here in pomp when the Nizam of Hyderabad, the Raja of Nagpur, the Raja of Satara and the other Chiefs and Sardars from different parts of India attended the ceremony. In 1756 two members of the Bombay Council, Messrs. Thomas Byfield and John Spencer and many other ambassadors, representatives and Europeans in different capacities were received here with honour and rich presents were given to them.

A few European gentlemen who visited the Poona Darbar on diplomatic missions or with an object of curiosity have in their accounts recorded graphic pictures of the old scenes of the Palace. It is stated that Major Price visited there on the 7th April 1791, Lord Valentia in 1803, Sir James Mackintosh in 1805 and Lt.-Col. Fitzclarence on 31st January 1818.

Shortly after the battle of Kirkee, when the Peshwa, Bajirao had left Poona, the Palace was occupied by the British and turned into a military hospital.

In June, 1818, the Peshwa abdicated his Gadi or throne to Sir John Malcolm and went to reside at Bithur near Cawnpur as a political prisoner of the British Government.

Ten years after this event on the 27th February, 1827, the whole Palace was completely burnt down by a great fire which lasted for seven days. The heavy rampart, strong gateways and ruins that still bear witness to the rise and fall of a mighty Empire, are now seen mourning in silence.

#### THE COUNCIL HALL

Though not a public office in the strictest sense of the word, the Council Hall must rank as one of the first public institutions in Poona. In it the meetings of the Bombay Legislative Council are held during the season. In it are also held a number of State functions annually, such as Durbars, Levees, and Receptions. The Council Hall is likewise utilised occasionally for social gatherings and in it for the first time was given the Civil Service Ball. Up to the year 1865 the Bombay Legislative Council held their meetings in a bungalow hired for the season. After this date, the meetings were held in a building which the Government purchased from Colonel Phayre. To this building considerable additions were made in the year 1869 under the superintendence and from the designs of Colonel Melliss, M.E., then

Executive Engineer of Poona, with the result that the present Council Hall came into existence. It is a handsome two-storied structure built in the Venetian-Gothic style. The masonry used is of an ornamental kind and the whole cost of remodelling the building after purchase amounted to about Rs. 1,20,000. The Hall in which the Council meets is 80 feet long by 40 wide, and is surrounded by a handsome gallery which is graced by the presence of a number of ladies during levees and other functions. A spiral staircase leads to the tower and from this coign of vantage a commanding view can be had of Poona. At the south end are two rooms which are used as the official offices of H.E. the Governor, who attends there several times weekly, and generally holds his Executive Council meetings there. The entrance hall forms a picture gallery, the walls being adorned with portraits of former Governors of Bombay, the Peshwas and other Native Princes of India. The Council Hall is nearly rectangular in shape and is situated in Queen's Gardens. A carriage porch adjoins the entrance and from this a campanile rises 70 feet high. The Hall itself is beautifully decorated in white and gold. There is a fine garden which is well taken care of.

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#### WHERE TO GO AND WHAT TO SEE

The facilities for walks, rides and drives in and about Poona are enhanced by the fact that many of the roads branch off into others leading as far as Ahmednagar, Satara, Sholapur and other places. The central position of Poona as the capital of the Deccan and its close proximity to several Indian States has led to the construction of a large number of trunk roads around and about it, so that the pedestrian, the equestrian, the cyclist or the man who simply wishes to sit in his motor and enjoy the scene around will never be at a loss for long, straight routes. The visitor to Poona, however, who may not care travel too far out of its limits, and who will rest contented with a seven-mile journey at a time will find all that he wants either on the fine roads leading to Ganeshkhind and Kirkee and back, or on those skirting Wanowrie and Ghorpuri. A good portion of these roads are also so well shaded as to make travelling along them quite a pleasure.

Taking the Gymkhana as a central point from and to which several of the best roads lead, the pedestrian will on an early morning find a walk along the Bund Road to the gardens of that name, a pleasant and enjoyable one, as it is both shady and skirted by buildings, some of which are among the largest in the portion of Poona. From the Bund Gardens he can return if he is desirous of a long walk, by the road leading to the Polo grounds known as the Koregaon Road, and which runs between a beautiful avenue of large umbrageous trees, in themselves a curiosity worth an observant eye, especially as the trees which are of the Banian type, blend beautifully together, forming a shady avenue of which there are not many to be seen about the station.

The visitor to Poona who may wish to have a fairly long straight ride on his bicycle and who may issue from the Club of Western India, should proceed north, keeping the club on his right hand. If he be so disposed he may take a slight turn to the left when he enters East Street. He should then continue proceeding north for a short distance till, Arsenal Road is reached. From this road he may ride straight (with the exception of a slight curve or two) either to Kirkee or Ganeshkhind. The Jewish Synagogue, St Matthew's Church, and some commodious bungalows will be passed and the Sassoon Hospitals will appear in sight. Keeping this on his right he will next cross the Railway and Sangam Bridges and see the Judge's bungalow, on his right, just on the edge of the latter. The Engineering College will be passed a little further, on his left, and not long after he will come to two roads, the one on his left leading to Ganeshkhind and the other on his right to Kirkee. A sign post on the point indicates the two roads. If the cyclist should take the road to Ganeshkhind he will leave the Veterinary Hospital on

his left. Proceeding towards Ganeshkhind he will come to a point where the road is intersected by another leading, in one way to Kirkee and in the other to Lakdipul. Should he select the former on his right, he will pass the level-crossing and reach the Kirkee branch of the original road, By turning up this to the right and proceeding some distance, he will next pass the Royal Connaught Boat Club on his right. Beyond the Bridge the left hand division of the road is taken and a good ride leads up to the Fitzgerald Bridge. The Sappers and Miners and the Deccan College will be passed on his left. After leaving the bridge to the rear he will proceed along the Koregaon Road, and Staunton Road is reached. A turn to the right and a ride of about half a mile brings the visitor to the Poona Gymkhana.

From the Poona Gymkhana another good long ride would be that along the Staunton Road in an easterly direction (leaving the Council Hall on the left). After proceeding for about three-quarters of a mile the cyclist will come to a bridge which separates the Empress Gardens from the suburbs of Ghorpuri. On passing this and taking the right hand division of the road known as the "Prince of Wales Drive," he passes on, leaving the Ghorpuri Barracks, the Empress Gardens and St. Patrick's Cathedral on his left and the Poona Race Course on his right. On passing over the Sholapur Road he skirts the Wanowrie Lines until Sinda Chhatri is reached on the left. Proceeding on and taking a turn round a hillock to his right front. the cyclist will get on to a road surrounded by hills. Taking the turn to the right, and riding uphill for about a quarter of a mile, he will travel over a fine descent of about half a mile in distance. The view from this point is a pretty one, Poona and Kirkee closer by and Ganeshkhind further removed, all rising before him. The Temple of Parvati on the hill can also be seen to the left. Proceeding in a downward trend the cyclist will pass through the South Petty Staff Lines leaving the Parvati Villas on the right). A narrow lane will bring the cyclist to East Street along which he will proceed till the Napier Hotel is reached. Turning to his left and proceeding for some distance, another turn to the right will take him to the Poona Gymkhana.

The cyclist issuing from the Club of Western India and who takes the ride from Arsenal Road straight over the Railway and Sangam Bridges till he reaches the two roads leading the one to Kirkee and the other to Ganeshkhind, may by way of diversity choose the Kirkee road and take a turn to the right near "Riverside." Proceeding up the road he will reach Holkar's Bridge. The Connaught Boat Club will be left to the right. Passing the bridge the road to the right is taken. The road here skirts the river which meets close to the Fitzgerald Bridge. Before the point at which the river is met the Sappers Lines and the Deccan College are passed on the left. A good view can be had from this part of Poona with Parvati lying in the background. The scene, while crossing the Fitz-

gerald Bridge, is superb. The river on both sides appears at its best while the Bund Gardens smile beautifully to the right front. After leaving the bridge the cyclist will proceed along the Koregaon Road till Staunton Road is reached, turning up to the right for nearly half a mile the cyclist will enter the Bund Road. Two turns to the left will take him to the Napier Hotel from which place he may return to the Club of Western India by East Street, taking one turn to the left.

Another very enjoyable ride or drive will be found along the road passing by the gardens and the Roman Catholic Cathedral on towards Wanowrie then straight to the slaughter yard where a nice carriage drive will bring you to a hill which you leave to the right; and continuing you come on passing the Connaught Hospital for troops at Wanowrie to what is known as the Parvati Villas. When you are again in a part of the Cantonment known to almost everybody, so that you cannot possibly lose yourself. The same route also constitutes a pleasant long ride for equestrians as well as a long but rather tedious walk for pedestrians; and also used by cyclists.

The visitor who wishes to see the temple of Parvati and who issues from the Club of Western India may do so by taking a turn through East Street and proceeding south. A short journey will bring him to South Petty Staff Lines. Parvati Villas will soon be reached and instead of continuing past them (the name is indicated by a sign-post) he should turn on to Shankar Sett Road to his right, and to this he keeps turning "with" but not "off" it till he passes a bridge over a ravine. He will then find himself at the foot of the hill where guides will be eager to show him the temple. A fine view of Poona from the top of the hill is obtainable. There was a subterranean passage which connected the temple with the old fort in the centre of the city. It was a stronghold of the Peshwas in their For the homeward journey the outward journey is reversed. If the visitor wishes to enter the city, instead of returning, he can do so by turning to the left, off Shankar Sett Road near the Panch Howds Mission. From the labyrinths of the city he may emerge into the Cantonment by heading either towards the north or east.

Another nice drive or ride is that to Mundwa about three miles eastwards along the road through the Ghorpuri Bazaar. The Cavalry Lines are about midway. At Mundwa there is a Paper Manufactory well worth inspection. The manager of the latter is always ready to show one the premises and give a stranger any information he may be desirous to have as to the work done.

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#### THE POONA SEVA SADAN SOCIETY

During the year 1908 some of the prominent ladies of Poona such as Mrs. Ramabai Saheb Ranade, Mrs. Annapurnabai Apte and a few gentlemen like Mr. G. K. Devadhar, M.A., C.I.E., and the late Mr. D. M. Patwardhan, B.A., wanted to find out ways and means of training poor women for a life of social usefulness and patriotic service. As a result of their discussions in Poona with other ladies and a few gentlemen interested in women's work, it was decided to start an Institute in Poona, on the same lines as those of the Bombay Seva Sadan. Thus the Poona institution came to be definitely styled as a Branch of the Bombay Seva Sadan on 2nd October 1909.

As the work increased it was found very necessary to get the Poona Seva Sadan separately recognised and registered, maintaining its relations with the Bombay Seva Sadan as friendly as before, cordingly the Society was registered as a separate organization. By gradual steps The Seva Sadan, Poona, has now developed into a big organization of the nature of a Mission to the Women of India. It promotes, through a widespread net-work of its branches and other allied institutions, education-Literary, Industrial, Medical Musical specially among poor and grown up women of all castes, creeds and communities in India, so as to afford them ample facilities for professional training as Teachers, Sewing and Weaving Mistresses, Needle and Craft Women, Nurses, Midwives, Sub-Assistant Surgeons, Public Health Visitors, Infant and Child Welfare Nurses, Governesses, Matrons, Singing Mistresses, Music Teachers, etc. The Society gives them suitable opportunities to render social service on non-sectarian and non-sectional lines from day to day as also on occasions when great distress or calamity visits part or parts of the country. It spreads among them broad culture, fosters among them liberal and humanitarian ideas of social usefulness and national service suited to the present day requirements of the country.

At the following places branches of the Society have been opened:—Baramati, Ahmednagar, Sholapur, Bombay, Alibag, Nasik, Nagpur, Gwalior, Rajkot. Bangalore and Amraoti are associated centres.

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#### SERVANTS OF INDIA SOCIETY

It is now 28 years since the Servants of India Society was founded by the late Mr. Gokhale, with headquarters at Poona, as a political body of life-workers. It is a non-religious, non-sectarian and noncommunal body and is open to all Indians. The Society now contains 27 members. It has four provincial branches with headquarters at Bombay, Madras, Allahabad, and Nagpur and small centres at Dohad, Lahore, Lucknow, Cuttack, Mayanur, Calicut and Mangalore. A special feature is that the bulk of its work is done, not in its own name, but in that of other organizations, political, social, educational and economic, with which its members are connected either as founders or as principal active workers. To all intents and purposes, the Society's politics, are those of the Indian Liberal party and it has always pleaded for greater realism on the part of the Congress and for far-sighted statesmanship on the part of Government.

In the opinion of this political body the only permanent remedy for the discontent of the people the honest implementing of Gandhi-Irwin pact and conceding Dominion Status to India with "The Society's organs, safeguards conceived in the interests of India. viz., the Servant of India; (weekly) the Dnyan Prakash (Marathi daily) and the Hitavada, (weekly) have always been doing their best to popularise this policy and to make it effective.

The Society has all along taken a keen interest in the cause of the subjects of Indian States and the Sansthanee Swarajva an Anglo-Marathi weekly, edited by one of its senior members, Mr. A. V. Patvardhan, is doing yeoman service to that cause. Mr. Vaze too, in the columns of the Servant of India has drawn attention to the disabilities from which they suffer and pleaded for direct representation for them in the Federal Legislature and for the conferment of fundamental rights of citizenship on them. It has a well-equipped library, especially of political literature and Government Blue Books. Mr. G. K. Devdhar, C.I.E., is the President and Pundit H. Kunzru is the Vice-President. The Society has its own buildings near Fergusson College, and ordinary people (generally taxi and tongawallas) know the institution by the name of "Gokhale Society". Even to-day its reputation rests on the honoured name of "Gokhale" than whom a more cosmopolitan Maharatta leaders one cannot think of.

#### THE DEPRESSED CLASSES MISSION SOCIETY, POONA

Mr. V. R. Shinde, B.A., founded this institution on 22nd June 1908 for the all-round uplift of the "Untouchable" Classes. of 7 acres on which the Mission Buildings stand was leased to the Mission by the Poona City Municipality. Building Funds to the extent of Rs. 45,000 were collected from the public, the largest sum being Rs. 20,000 from H. H. Sir Shree Tukoji Rao Holkar Bahadur, Maharaja of Indore, the Government having given a building grant of Rs. 87,000. The foundation stone was laid by H. H. Sir Shri Kanti Rav Narsinmh Raj Wadiar, Bahadur, G.C.I.E., Yuvaraja of Mysore and the opening ceremony was performed by H. E. Sir Leslie Wilson, Governor of Bombay. H. E. Lord Irwin, Viceroy of India, graced the Mission Home by his visit on 1st August 1926. 3 day schools, 2 night schools and one tailoring class conducted by the Poona Mission 350 pupils including 75 girls are receiving free education. There is also a hostel attached to the Mission for the benefit of the D. C. students attending the local High Schools and Colleges. Secretary; Mr. K. G. Patade.

#### THE JEWISH SYNAGOGUE

It was that well-known and philanthropic Hebrew gentleman, the late Mr. David Sassoon, who built the Jewish Synagogue in Poona. It is a lofty and elegent edifice built after the English Gothic style. It is built of red bricks with stone arches and the windows have panes of coloured glasses. The interior is spacious, being 62 feet by 45 feet and 30 feet high to the ceiling. There are galleries on three sides. As is usual in all Jewish Synagogues, it possesses an apse to the west where are deposited the holy books. The floor is paved with polished white stone and is free from encumbrance. In the centre of the building or nearly so, and in front of the apse stands a white stone platform, from which the Hazan (Jewish Priest) performs divine By the side of the porch rises the highest tower to be seen in Poona surmounted by a steeple, built also of red bricks, and carrying the clocks and bells on four sides of the tower. The hourly strokes are audible at long distances.

#### THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

The Seventh-day Adventists commenced mission work in India in 1893, and now employ a staff of about 570 workers European and Indian, including 137 ordained and licensed ministers. Evangelistic and educational work is conducted in sixteen vernaculars, besides work for English-speaking peoples in the large cities. For administrative purposes, the work is organised into five Union Missions located in Bombay, Burma, North East India, North West Indian Union and South Indian Union.

The general headquarters for India and Burma is located at Salisbury Park, Poona. On the same estate is an up-to-date publishing house devoted entirely to the printing of evangelical and associated literature. A large number of day and boarding vernacular and Anglo-vernacular schools are conducted in different parts of the country; and at Vincent Hill School, Mussoorie, European education is provided, a regular high-school course, with more advanced work for commercial and other special students, being available.

In all denominational boarding schools increasing emphasis is being laid on vocational work, the students being required to share in the domestic work of the institutions, and in many cases to engage in some trades or other work. Nine physicians, one maternity worker, (C.M.B.), and a number of qualified nurses are employed, regular medical work being conducted at over twenty stations. The baptized memoership (adult) is about 4,000, organized into 96 churches; and in addition a substantial community of enquirers is receiving systematic instruction: 271 Sabbath Schools are conducted with an enrolled membership of about 8,000.

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#### PANCH HOWD MISSION

A little lower down from the City Magistrate's office there is the Panch Howd Mission under the management of a religious body of men of the Society of St. John, commonly called the "Cowley Fathers." The mission possesses a magnificent church called the . "Church of the Holy Name," surmounted by a lofty belfry, known as the Relton Tower. It was built by subscriptions contributed chiefly by charitable persons at home. Within the same premises there are the Workshops, a Charitable Dispensary, School and an Orphanage, the last two being under the direction of the Wantage Sisters. The mission which has been doing excellent work in the City was founded in the year 1877 by Dr. Mylne, the late Bishop of Bombay, who continued to look most generously after its needs. The mission which has been working for more than fifty years in Poona looks after the spiritual and physical needs of a large number of native children who are given a primary education, and who are instructed in carpentry and other industries that will enable them to obtain a living. The Mission is conducted on the most economic lines. The Fathers and Sisters are supported by their respective communities at home and not out of Mission Funds. They receive no pay. The church is built in the style of an Italian Basilica. large campanile with a set of eight bells was presented to the church by some ladies. The Father Superior is the Rev. Father I. C. Williams.

#### DECCAN EDUCATION SOCIETY

This Society was established in 1884 with the object of facilitating and cheapening "education by starting, affilitating, and incorporating at different places, as circumstances permit, schools and colleges under private management or by any other ways best adapted to the wants of the people." The Society has now 20 Life members with a contributed fund of nearly 26 lakhs of Rupees. The management of the Society is under a Council and a Governing body, with Professor M. K. Joshi, M.A., as Secretary. The Society has under its control the following institutions:—

- 1. The Fergusson College, Poona, Dr. G. Mahajani, Principal.
- 2. The Willingdon College, Sangli, Prof. R. M. Limaye, Principal.
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#### SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

#### INDIAN WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY, POONA

This University, the only one of its kind in India or for the matter of that, in the East, has been successfully working for the last seventeen years, its most important features being the use of the language of the Province in which an institution is situated as the medium of instruction (even in colleges maintaining English as a compulsory subject throughout the High school and college stage) and the introduction of women's special subjects, such as domestic science and fine arts in the curriculum. The beautiful buildings of this University are situated in Yerandwane, a mile out in the country from the western limits of Poona city. From the sixteenth annual report of the University for 1931-1932 kindly sent to us by the Registrar we gather the following salient features:—

The University Institutions in Poona and Bombay have shown remarkable progress and the total number of students receiving higher education in colleges run on the lines of this Universities at Poona, Bombay, Baroda and Ahmedabad has also shown considerable in-The S. L. U. Gujarat Mahila Pathashala, the Chimnabai Mahila Patashala in Baroda, the Poona Kanaya Shala, the Bombay Kanya Shala and the Vanita Vishramam High School at Bombay are among the few important institutions that have shown remarkable improvement during the academical year. On the whole the general progress made by the University, during the seventeen years of its existence, has been very satisfactory. During the first four years the University consisted only of a small High school and a still smaller College of a dozen students. From such small beginnings it has now reached its adolescent stage. It has now under its control, either affiliated to it or directly under its management, four colleges and 15 high schools. The Institutions is now faced with a financial crisis and we hope it will be able to get through it. Principal Athvale, V having resigned the Principalship Mrs. Kamalabai Deshpande, G.A., Ph.D., is now the Principal of the College at Poona. Dr. Mrs. Irawati Karve, is the Registrar of the University.

#### SIR PARASHURAMBHAU COLLEGE

Formerly known as the New Poona college, this istitution which has developed into a First Grade College, represents the apex of the Shikshana Prasaraka Mandali's educational activities. For twenty years (1896-1916) the Mandali had been conducting an high school popularly known as the Nutan Marathi Vidyalaya. Encouraged by the large number of pupils attending their high school & the position it had won by its silent work, the Board of Life-members and the Council were able, difficulties notwithstanding, to raise the school into a col-

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lege. This was the New Poona College and it acquired the status of a First Grade College in a couple of years. Then came the question of a good and extensive site for the College. This was solved by Sirdar Jaganath Maharaj kindly agreeing to lease the present fine plot of twenty-five acres at an annual rent of Rs. 1,500. The quesiton of funds for the building was solved by the Government allowing a building grant of Rs. 2,00,000. The buildings were completed in 1927 and in June of the same year it was formally opened by Sir Leslie Wilson who was then the Governor of this Presidency. The present name was given to it by the Council in return for the donation of a couple of lakhs received from the Chief Saheb of Jamkhandi who wanted to re-name the college as "Sir Parashurambhau College" and conduct it in memory of his revered The Chief Saheb is the President of the Mandali, and he has his interests always with the college. A new Assembly Hall which will give seating accommodation to 700 persons is to be shortly added to the present buildings, the foundation stone for which has already been laid by the Chief Saheb of Bhor.

Professor R. D. Karnarkar has taken over the Principalship of the Sir Parasharambhau College, Poona City, in succession to Prof. R. P. Sabnis who has held the appointment for the past three years. Prof. Karnarkar, who was a student of the Deccan College, has been a Professor at this college for 16 years and for the past three years has been Vice-Principal.

#### TEACHING STAFF

Messrs. H. V. Tulpule, B.A., LL.B.; B. D. Sattegiri, M.A., LL.B.; D. B. Ranade, M.A.; V. G. Hatalkar, M.A.; D. B. Deodhar, M.A.; R. D. Laddu, B.A.; D. V. Potdar, B.A.; N. G. Naralkar, M.A., K. S. Vyankatraman, M.A., B.L.; V. Y. Kolhatkar, M. Com.; S. V. Dandekar, M.A.; T. B. Hardikar, M.A.; M. S. Godbole, M.A., B.T.; G. N. Chatekar, M.A.; G. L. Pophale, B.A.; Bar-at-Law; D. W. Kerkar, B.A.; (Bom.), B.A.; (Cantab.); S. D. Bhave, B.A., M.Sc; W. D. Dabadghav, M.Sc.; S. D. Gokhale, B.Sc.; S. K. Kulkarni, M.Sc.; D. K. Sohoni, B.Sc.; B. V. Bhide, M.Sc., A.I.I.Sc.; R. M. Joshi, M.Sc.; D. M. Gokhale, B.Sc.; J. N. Karve M.Sc.; Y. B. Raje, B.Sc.; and Dr. V. K. Bhagwat, M.Sc., (Bom.), Ph. D.

#### NOWROSJEE WADIA COLLEGE, POONA

The Nowrosjee Wadia College, started in 1932 by the Modern Education Society, Poona, has already become a well-established institution, and come to supply the long-felt want of a first grade college catering principaly for the needs of the eastern parts of the city, especially of the Cantonment and Suburban areas. The College is centrally situated for all these localities, and is only three minutes'

walk from the Poona Railway Station. The Arts side occupies the Connaught House, 12 Connaught Road, and the bigger Science Laboratories are located across the road in a separate building. within walking distance of the whole of the Cantonment and Suburban area, and about half an hour's walk from most parts of the city. College undertakes, among other things, to teach the courses of instruction laid down by the University of Bombay for (1) The First Year in Arts, (2) Intermediate Arts, (3) Junior and Senior B.A., Pass and Honours, in (a) English, Marathi, Sanskrit, Ardhamagadhi, German and Persian; (b) Philosophy; (c) History and Economics; (4) Intermediate Science, both group—A and B. The College aims at equipping its students with a moral, mental and intellectual outlook, such as will fit them for the life that is before them. Every attempt is made to see that the students under its charge recognize the dignity of labour and the need of a balanced mind. Hobbies which require physical as well as mental work are encouraged. early date, and as funds become available, something like workshop training will be introduced for those who feel or can be made to feel attracted to it. During his college career no student will be allowed to take active part in current politics. Arrangements have also been made from this year to teach French, up to B.A. (Pass), and Latin, up to Intermediate Arts, and the Honours Course in Marathi for the B.A. degree.

Additional courses of Lectures by specialists will be arranged for Honours students in selected subjects, as circumstances permit. There is residential accommodation on the premises for 33 boys and 22 girls. The hostels are in charge of a resident professor, known as the Warden, who will be assisted in the discharge of his duties by three other members of the staff. The staff will not only generally guide the resident students in their University studies and maintain discipline in the Hostels, but will also give individual instruction to such of the resident as may stand in special need of it, and look after the formation of their character. Provision has already been made on the premises for Tennis, Base-ball, Volley-ball, Badminton, and Indoor games. Arrangements for Cricket, Hockey and Foot-ball are being made.

#### STAFF.

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#### THE FERGUSSON COLLEGE POONA

This popular institution, situated on the western limits of Poona City, owes its origin to the development and growth of the New English School, Poona, founded in 1880 by the D. E. Society. The college is permanently recognised by the Bombay University for the M.A., M.Sc., and B.A., B.Sc., courses, and is under the direct control and supervision of the Council and Governing Body of the Deccan Education Society. The college is also recognised for the First year course in Medicine.

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#### THE DECCAN COLLEGE

It is really unfortunate that for financial reasons the Government of Bombay have decided to abolish this College from the end of 1934. Only Inter-mediate and B.A. classes are maintained during the year. This institution has for long been an important landmark in the educational progress of this Presidency, and its history extending over a century is too well-known to be repeated here.

#### THE PRESENT STAFF

Principal H. G. Rawlinson, C.I.E., I.E.S. (On leave).

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Dr. T. N. Dave, Asst. Lecturer in Sanskrit.

Mr. K. V. Bokil, Demonstrator in Chemistry.

Mr. G. A. Kapadia, Demonstrator in Biology.

Mr. B. B. Joshi, Sanskrit teacher.

Miss H. Kohn. Part-time lecturer in French.

#### THE TRAINING COLLEGE FOR MEN, POONA

The Training College for men, Poona which claims to be the Sister Institution of the Deccan College, Poona, is one of the oldest Educational Institutions in the Bombay Presidency, both having sprung up from the Poona Sanskrit College which was started in 1821 from the Dakshina Prize Fund.

The history of the growth of this College is interesting. In the year 1842 English classes were added to the Poona Sanskrit College and in 1851 a normal class with a Prinary School was also attached to the College with Major Candy as its first Principal. This normal class was transformed into Normal School in 1856. The year 1863 saw the separation of the two Courses of instruction in the Poona College. English classes were transformed into the Deccan College and the Normal School was changed into the Poona Training College. A regular code for the Vernacular Training College was framed in 1869 and the Diamond Jubilee of the College was celebrated by Principal Tawde in 1929. Just as the Training College for men owes its origin to the historic Poona Sanskrit College it is also the parent of many other Educational Institutions such as the present Training College for Women, Urdu Training School, etc.

Mr. S. R. Tawde, M.A., T.Ed., the present Principal succeeded Mr. K. G. Punlik in 1927 and has since then started several new activities in the College with a view to ensure an all-sided development—Physical, moral and intellectual—of the pupils under training to enable them to discharge their duties as teachers successfully when they are sent out. The number of teachers under training is two hundred. The regular work of the college is being supplemented by the following activities with a view to make the training of teachers thorough:—monthly lecture series; monthly Educational Conference; Educational excusions; celebration of festivals; souting and Sunday Prayer.

Besides these activities the College has an Educational Museum, Debating Society, a students' co-operative society; and a Students' Reading Room and Library. Magic Lantern lectures are also delivered from time to time. An old Boys' Union of the College is also doing good work.

Attached to the College there is a hostel and all the students of the college are resident students. The internal management of the hostel is mostly in, the hands of the students who are guided by the Hostel Superintendent. A regular Time Table is framed for the guidance of the students and ample provision is made there for study, exercise and rest. Nearly 15 per cent of the students are from the depressed classes and all enjoy equal rights.

#### THE PRACTISING SCHOOL

The Practising School attached to the College is a fully Primary School and is run on the most modern lines. The staff of the School consists of the Head master and 11 picked up teachers including 2 lady teachers for Infants' Classes. The number of Students in this Institution is over four hundred.

#### STAFF

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#### TRAINING COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, POONA

It was not till 1869 that the need for women teachers was felt on this side of the Presidency, and as a beginning a candidate class was opened in that year in the Men's Training College. In 1870 the Sirdars of the Deccan gave Rs. 20,000 to Government to establish a Training School for Women in Poona in honour of the Duke of Edinburgh's visit to India. This enabled the Government to shift. the Candidate class from the Men's Training College to a "Wada" in Budhwarpeth. The Training college for women thus very soon grew in popularity and the authorities had to move it into a larger "Wada" in Sukrawarpeth. Meanwhile the High school for girls, started by the Maharashtra Female Education Society in 1884 had come considerably into importance, and the Government decided to combine these two institutions—the Training College and the High School for Girls—under the headship of Miss Hursford. lege and the High School classes were held in the "Wada" and the pupils resided in the Huzur Paga which was left at the disposal of the Maharashatra Education Society by the late Chief of Sangli. Very soon a handsome stone building was erected to accommodate the classes of these two institutions. Miss Hursford was succeeded by Miss Mary Sorabji in 1900 and during her time the College reached a high standard which was kept up by her successors Miss Bhore and Miss Newland. In a few years it was found that these two institutions had grown too big to be managed by one Principal,

and a separation was effected in 1916. Since then the Training College for Women has wonderfully developed and has fully justified its separate existence. The College was moved to its own building in 1925.

Lady Superintendent-Miss M. J. Wadia, B.A.

#### ST. MARY'S COLLEGE

St. Mary's College is a Church of England Institution established by the Community of St. Mary the Virg'n (Wantage, England), the Sisters of the communities conducting the School and the College. It is a Government-aided institution and a limited number of Government stipends are allotted to Students in training. Entrance Examinations are the Cambridge School Certificate or the European High School Certificate. Students take either Secondary or Kindergarten training. The length of the Secondary course is three years, the syllabus that of the Cambridge Higher School Certificate Examination, and the Bombay European Secondary Teachers Certificate Examination. The length of the Kindergarten Course is two years, the syllabus that of the Bombay European Kindergarten Certificate Examination. remarkable that a good proportion of the teachers supplied to the European schools in India are trained at this institution under the able guidence of Miss Clough, the Principal of the College. The College is every day increasing in popularity, and with this has naturally arisen the want of better and more adequate accommodation for the staff and for the teachers in training. A small building fund of Rs. 3,000 was collected through concerts, sales and from subscriptions from old students, and the Sisters of the community of St. Mary the Virgin have arranged to advance the balance amount required on loan so that necessary extensions may be made to the present College building. Attached to this Colle is.

#### THE ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

This was founded in 1875 with the object of giving a thorough and practical education to European and Anglo-Indian girls between the ages of four and eighteen, based on the faith and practice of the Church of England. This is situated in the same compound as St. Mary's High School. According to Government regulations 30 per cent non-Europeans may be admitted. Candidates are prepared for public examinations including the Cambridge School Certificate, the Bombay Matriculation, the examinations of the Royal Drawing Society and the Associated Board of the R.A.M. and R.C.M. There is a prepartory Department for small boys and girls and there is also accommodation for about eighty boarders and two hundred day-girls.

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  - Mr. W. V. Joshi, B.Ag., Demonstrator in Botany.
  - Mr. T. N. Kulkarni, G.B.V.C., Demonstrator in Vety. Science.
  - Mr. K. M. Shah, B.A., Demonstrator in Agricultural Economics.

#### COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, POONA

Formerly, prior to the year 1854, there was an Engineering School started by Government at the suggestion of Lt.-Col. Walter Scott, a Bombay Engineer, for the purpose of educating subordinates for the Public Works Deprtment. This school was raised into a college later on and was affiliated to the Bombay University in 1865. The College

is under the control of a Principal who is subordinate to the Director of Public Instruction. Col. Graham Smith, O.B.E., V.D., A.C.G.I., A.M.I., C.E., I.E.S. Principal.

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#### CAMP EDUCATION SOCIETY, POONA

The Camp Education Society was founded and organized in 1882 and was duly registered in 1889 with the benevolent object of educating the poor, helpless children of the backward classes. The present existing buildings of the Society came into existence in 1901 through the munificent donation of the then Sir Dinshaw Manekji Petit, who donated a sum of Rs. 7,000 which sum together with an equal grant from the Government helped the members of the Society to carry on their educational activities. In 1923, the Society was reorganized with the help of a new body of trained graduate Life Members and Life teachers who have strengthened the manage-At present the Society is conducting five Schools. One is a fully developed High School, teaching up to the School Leaving Course of the Bombay University and one is a Middle school in the city. Two others are Primary Schools, teaching Marathi and Gujarathi respectively up to the 4th Standard of the Educational Depart-The fifth is a Gujarathi Girls' School. The special feature of the Society is the Secondary Training Department where graduate teachers are trained for the B.T. Examination of the Bombay Uni-This is the only school in the Presidency which enjoys that privilege. The following are the life-workers of the Society:—

Mr. P. K. Atre, B.A., B.T., T.D., (Lond.), Head Master. Mr. A. S. Joshi, B.A., B.T., Joint Secretary. Mr. B. G. Koparkar, B.A., B.T., Asst. Head Master.

Mr. K. R. Ehat, B.A., B.T., Superintendent.

#### ST. VINCENT HIGH SCHOOL

Started in the latter part of the year 1868 under the auspices of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, This institution is registered by the Educational Devartment as an English-teaching high school. It is-intended for the education of the Poona Catholics. Non-Christians are also admitted as far as Grant-in-Aid rules permit it. It is under the Management of and partly taught by the Fathers of the Society of Jesus. The St. Vincent's scored it's first success in the Bombay Matriculation examination in 1874. Additional buildings are being erected to meet the increasing demand for accommodation. When these are completed the school will stand first among the foremost High Schools of Poona.

Principal—Rev. M. Riklin, S.J.

#### THE ORNELLAS HIGH SCHOOL

The Ornellas School is a very old instituton. It dates back to Pre-British days, to the times of the Peshwas. It stands on land granted free of taxes in 1792 by a sanad of the Peshwa Sawai Madhavrao to General Pinto, a distinguished son of Goa in Peshwa's military service, for the purpose of raising on it a Catholic Church. Soon after the confirmation of the grant in 1793 the school was started as an institution attached to the Parish. And ever since that day it has, in a small and unobtrusive way, spread the light of knowledge, affording the benefits of education, in days when educational facilities were not so common as they are now, not only to Catholic children, but also to the children of other communities. Being a Christian Institution, it soon developed into an English teaching school, and it has a claim to be counted among the oldest Englishteaching schools in this Presidency. It was registered and recognised by Government as such in 1866, when a new building was constructed in place of the original one, and it was named the Ornella's School, after the then Archbishop of Goa.

Situated on the border line between the City and the Cantonment, it is the only school in Poona that serve both the areas equally well, and as such the school has a most important sphere of usefulness. The present buildings in which the school is now housed is the outcome of the unselfish labours of the Rev. Dr. J. S. Freitas who succeeded in collecting subscriptions from members of all communities in Poona. He has now been transferred and Rev. Fr. A. Lobo has been made Principal, the school having in the meanwhile been raised to a High School.

#### SARDAR DASTUR HOSHANG BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

This School is situated on the Lothian Road. It was started in 1911 in memory of Shams-ul-Ulemah Sardar Khan Bahadur Dastur Hoshang Jamasp, C.I.E., Ph.D., father of Khan Bahadur Meher

Hoshang Dastur, who is the Honorary Secretary of this Institution as well as that of the Sardar Dastur Nosherwan Girls' High School. The school was started with 50 boys in a very modest building and gradually by dint of hard work and perseverance of the Principals of this school and the able guidance of its supporters it has attained a high mark of efficiency at present. The School is proud of having on its roll nearly 150 boys and possesses a spacious building, a large play ground and a well equipped gymnasium. Great attention is paid to both the physical and the mental training of the boys. Besides this the school has also a good library and a well equipped laboratory. The present principal of the school is Mr. H. J. Kanga, B.A., B.Sc., and he is assisted by an able staff of 5 graduates and 2 trained teachers. The school prepares students for the Matriculation examination and is recognised by the Bombay University. Scouting is also one of the principal features of the school and it has a Band of its own. beautiful and magnificent Hostel for Boarders has now been erected in connection with this Institution and is known as the Sir Rattan Tata Hostel

#### THE ANGLO-URDU HIGH SCHOOL

This school, situated in East street, Poona Cantonment, was started in 1820 as a branch of the Poona college for the study of the Sanskrit, with a Committee to manage it. In 1863 or thereabouts. the institution began to cater for the Gujerathi-speaking people under the direct control of the Government, and in 1873 at the instance of the Government of India, the local Government made provision for an aditional Urdu class with only one teacher. In 1884 two more additional Urdu teachers were appointed. The Fourth and standards, in which the Urdu and Gujerathi sections were combined. were added in 1898 and 1904 respectively. It will be remembered that in 1913 the Government of India appointed a special Committee on Mahommedan education; and this Committee among other recommendations suggested the immediate development of this school into a full-fledged Anglo-Urdu High school on an equal status with other This recommendation was carried into effect in 1920, and schools. now for over a decade this institution has been doing very useful work for the Mahommedan community. There is a Boarding House attached to the school under the supervision of the staff. /Khan Sahib Mahommed Hidayatullah, B.A., S.T.C.D., (Head Master).

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This European Boys School was founded in 1864 by Sir William Mansfield (afterwards Lord Sandhurst) Commanding the Bombay Army and the Right Rev. John Harding, Bishop of Bombay. It is situated in Staveley Road in a very large compound and has up-to-date buildings with good class rooms, Science laboratory and boarding house. The present, Principal, the Rev. A. R. Cooper, B.A., Hons., (Lond.), succeeded Mr. T. W. Hider in 1919.

Boys are prepared for the Cambridge University Local Examination and the Royal Drawing Society, London. The Bombay School of Arts and its course of instruction as laid down by the Government of Bombay in their Code for European Schools is followed. The school has an excellent record in public examinations. In addition to the large compound the school has the use of large playing fields and the boys play Cricket, Hockey, Foot-ball, Tennis in all of which they have an excellent record. Athletic sports are also held annually. The School has three Houses, Mansfield, Harding, and Arnould and the house spirit is extremely keen.

#### CONVENT OF JESUS AND MARY

The Poona Convent establishment conssits of three institutions:—1-A Boarding School; 2. St Joseph's Orphanage especially for European children; 3-A Day School and an English Teaching School. The course of instruction in the Boarding and Day Schools includes all subjects required to pass the Preliminary Junior and Senior Cambridge Local examinations and the Matriculation examination. Students are also prepared for Needle-work, Vocal and instrumental music examinations. They are likewise trained for the Elementary and Intermediate grades of Sir J. J. School of Art, Bombay examinations.

# SIRDAR DASTUR NOSHIRWAN ZOROASTRIAN HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

This school was founded by the Parsee community in the year 1893 by raising a general subscription. At that time it was strongly felt by the leaders of the community that an school for Parsees was badly needed in Poona and money flowed in freely from the very beginning; but when in 1894 it was announced by the Subscription Committee that they were going to name the institution in memory of the late High Priest of the Parsees in the Deccan there was practically an overflow of funds. Situated on the Arsenal road, this school is well attended by the Parsee girls of Pona. It can boast of a brilliant record in the past, and can now claim to be an All-India institution inasmuch as students from all parts of India have begun to take advantage of it. The influx of boarders has been so great that the

Management has had to erect three magnificent hostels for their accommodation. This institution has on its staff several qualified European teachers, and instructions in English is imparted by English ladies. Needle work, embroidery and music are also taught in this school by efficient teachers.

With the additional story added to the old building and with the new extensions, the school has now put on an attractive appearance.

#### ST. HELENA'S HIGH SCHOOL

St. Helena's High School is one of the important educational institutions in Poona, and is under the able management and control of Miss M. C. Wilson, its Principal. The school was honoured by a visit from the Viceroy and the Countess of Willingdon when they came to Poona last year. This school is in touch with the latest and best methods of education adopted in Europe and America and is constantly being supplied with fresh apparatus and appliances. The school possesses a good Library, and there is also a well-equipped Laboratory.

The yearly course of study is arranged according to the Government Code for European schools with the difference that the pupils learn Guzerati side by side with English, so that when the children in other Anglo-Vernacular schools start learning the English alphabet, St. Helena's pupils will have reached the third or fourth standard (according to Government European Code) and will have mastered five or six books of Guzerati. Candidates are prepared for the Cambridge Local examinations as well as for Matriculation. The girl candidates are also prepared for the Trinity College Examinations.

The school is proud of its Boy Scout and Girl Guides. The little ones are enrolled as Wolf Cubs and Blue Birds. St. Helena's girls are given every incentive to take out-door exercises, and the Girls' sports club is as popular as it is beneficial. The boys belong to the Poona Athletic Association, and take part in inter-school contests.

#### THE BYRAMJEE JEEJEEBHOY MEDICAL SCHOOL POONA

Previous to the establishment of the Byramjee Jeejibhoy Medical School, Poona, the class of medical men called Subordinate Medical Officers, then know as Hospital Assistants, were trained in the vernacular at the Grant Medical College, Bombay.

Owing to the growth of the College and the increased number of students taking advantage of the facilities afforded for study, its capacity was found insufficient and in 1875 the Principal of the College pointed out the necessity of opening Provincial Schools in connection with the Sassoon Hospital at Poona and the Civil Hospital at Ahmedabad. The vernacular classes were abolished and two Medical

Schools were started, one at Poona and the other at Ahmedabad. The School at Poona was started with 82 pupils on the 1st November 1878. Mr. Byramjee Jeejeebhoy making a gift of a bungalow in Civil Lines and Rs. 10,000 for the formation of an Endowment Fund for the In the year 1908 two new blocks of buildings, consisting of two lecture rooms, an examination hall, a new dissecting room with other subsidiary rooms, were erected by Government. A large building to accommodate 80 pupils was also built by Government. This is situated in the compound of the bungalow originally presented by Mr. Byramjee Jeejeebhoy. In 1915 a house for the Medical Officer. who supervises the Students' Quarters, was erected. School was affiliated to the College of Physicians and Surgens of Bombay, and the students of the School are eligible for the license of this College. The licentiates of this College are eligible for admission to the Examination for the Diploma of L.R.C.P. (Lon.) and M.R.C.S. (England) on certain conditins. In November 1928 on the casion of Golden Jubilee of the School, the new Laboratory Building and the O. P. Department were opened by the Minister of Education. An independent Physiology Department has now been fitted up.

The management of the School in all matters is vested with the Civil Surgeon of Poona in his capacity as Superintendent of this school, subject to the control of the Surgeon General with the Government of Bombay.

There is Hostel accommodation for a decent number of students.

#### THE SHRI SHIVAJI MILITARY SCHOOL

This School, housed in a set of magnificent and superb buildings. situated in Bhamburdha, is named after the great leader of the Maharattas, Shivaji Maharaj. Its curriculum, though having special regard for Military requirements, is such that it prepares students for the Public services and the Universities also. It is a Military School in the sense that it aims at producing in its students the Military virtues of courage, endurance, initiative, patience, self-discipline, sacrifice and comradeship. The definite object of the School is to train boys to take the place as officers of the Indian Army. munalism is unknown in this school. Many of the students are Marathas and the school, under its elected Cadet Captain, has been divided into four groups, each under elected group leaders who together form the Court of Honour responsible for its moral code and social honor. The institution is under the supervision and management of the All India Shivaji Committee consisting of the Maharajahs of Gwalior, Indore and Kolhapur. Lt.-Col. G. S. Hutchinson was itsfirst Principal. On his resignation owing to some misunderstanding with the Committee, Lt.-Col. M. C. Coote has now been appointed Principal.

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The Technical School of the St. John's Mission (Panch Howd), Poona is an important Institution. The technical side of the work of the school is to provide Christian boys with a sound technical training in a trade in which they can engage when they leave the Mission. Most of the boys are orphans, or at least have lost their fathers, and of the 50 to 60 now undergoing technical training the majority are attached to the carpentering or allied trades. Boys trained at the Panch Howd Mission are to be found, and have earned a good name, in most parts of India. A number of them were enlisted in the Maharatta Regiment as carpenters and drafted to different parts of India. The workshops are conducted as a training The Mission is not much concerned about profits. primary object is to give efficient training. The European public is giving it good support and the workshop is thus able to pay its way. Orders are received from different organisations which give the boys work and keep the workshop fully employed. A new departure in the school is mat weaving on which several boys are engaged, turning out from waste material good, saleable articles.

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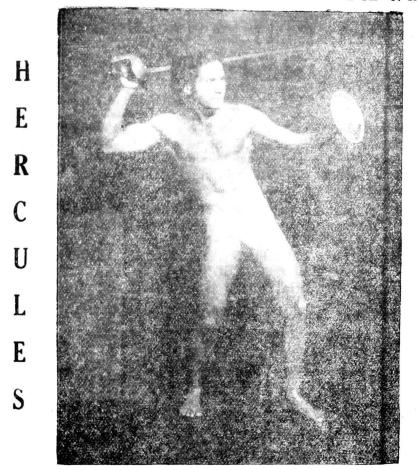
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Kirkee came under the notice of the authorities only after the battle of Kirkee on the 5th November 1817. It was here that the Maharatta army first suffered its crushing defeat at the hands of the British army. Years before the battle of Kirkee, that is to say immediately after the Treaty of Bassein was signed between the last Peshwa and the British, Kirkee was mentioned as the safest place to which the British Brigade stationed at Gharpir (the area at present extending from the Imperial Bank to the Gymkhana and the West End Cinema) could be removed in case of any rupture with the Thus it happened that when the affairs between the Maharattas and the British took an unexpectedly unpleasant turn at the end of 1817, British Army was removed to Kirkee (which was till then an unimportant village) where tents were pitched to the east of the village, extending from the Holkar's bridge to the rising ground where you had afterwards the Powder Magazine. The actual spot where the heaviest fighting took place was in the middle of the present railway track in front of the station. As has been described by a recent writer, the British troops first took up their stand on the area which now extends from the Military, Dairy to the Arsenal. Maharattas were then driven back over the area, where you have now the Kirkee Polo Ground, across the Elphinstone Road, right over the R.A. Barracks and then to the present Railway line. It is said the Government House stands on the land where so many thousands of Peshwa's troops were routed by a comparetively handful of British troops.

Since this battle the rise of Kirkee as an important wing of Poona has been very rapid, and to-day its importance has increased a hundred fold by its being recently made the Transmitting station for the England-India telephone and for the England-India and Japan-India Radio Telegraph services. The power needed on the transmitters is 120 kilowatts and this is supplied by the Kirkee Power House with its three big Diesel engines. Both the Transmitting station and the Power

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Dhond is the junction station of the Dhond-Manmad railway with the southeast branch of the G.I.P. Railway. It has also been recently made the receiving centre for the England-India and Japan-India Radio-telegraph services and the India-England Telephone. The receiving room is in direct communication with Grimsy and Tokio, and the receivers work at 150 to 200 words a minute, the monthly average frequently coming to 1,000,000 words. Not as much power is needed for the receiver here as for the Transmitter at Kirkee, and for this reason the Engine room at Dhond is equipped with only two Semi-Diesel Rusten engines to feed the batteries and generators. The Aerial masts at Dhond are 297 feet high, while the cross Arm is 90 feet long. Each mast is constructed of 55 tons of steel and there are eight such masts divided into bays to ensure satisfactory working on different wave lengths from England and Japan. switch-board fitted up at Dhond which controls the power for feeding the generators and charging batteries, is a very expensive piece apparatus. Panels have also been fitted up at a heavy cost; these are the selectors for the England-India and Japan-India receivers. the signal is first received it is very weak and has to be amplified. This is done by putting the signals through the razor-edge selector which cuts out atmospheric disturbances.

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Ahmadnagar, locally known as Nagar, with its surroundings, including the railway station, the fort, the cantonment and the old town of Bhingar, cover an area of nearly 6 miles and is about 75 miles north-east of Poona and about 130 miles east of Bombay. It is the head-quarters of the Ahmadnagar district and sub-division with a town site of 317 acres and a population of 1,38,606. The whole area is divided into the city and the Cantonment. The City is well peopled and much of it is thickly packed with houses. It stands 1900 feet above sea level and about 110 miles from the coast.

The water supply of this place is from the Pimplegaon Tank. There are good Dak Bangalows for visitors to stay.

The cantonment stretches from the north-east and east of the city walls with the fort as its centre, covering an area of nearly 4 1/2 miles. Circling round the fort, at a distance of a half to

three quarters of a mile, the chief parts of the cantonment are in the east of the Sardar market, and north-east of it, beyond cantonment limits, the old town of Bhingar. To the south-east are the Infantry Barracks with the Officers quarters behind them, and further south the new Artillery Barracks. To the west close to the city walls, are the Tent Pitchers' Lines, and to the north-west, across the Parade Ground, the Native Infantry Lines, and further to the north the Officers Quarters and the St. James, Garden. The cantonment is in charge of a Cantonment Committee constituted under the Cantonment Act.

#### AHMADNAGAR FORT

About the centre of the Cantonment half a mile east of the city, in level ground with well grown banian trees, stands the Fort, oval in form one mile and 8 yards in circumference. Of the buildings some are of old native construction, others are Offices and store-rooms of the Commissariat Public Works, Barrack and Ordnance departments, and the rest are workshops and gunsheds formerly used by the head-quarters of the Bombay Foot Artillery. The most notable part of the palace is the public room about 91 ft. long, 22 broad and 18 high.

The present fort is said to have been built by Husain Nizam Shah 1553-1565 on the side of an earth work called Bagh Nizam, thrown up in 1490 by Malik Ahmad after his defeat of the Bahmani general Jahangirkhan. It has always been praised for the skill shown in its construction, in which, both in the original planning, and afterwards in carrying out repairs with the help of Portuguese Engineers. The fort remained in the hands of the Mohammedans until 1759 when the Commandant Kavi Jang treacherously sold it to Sadashiv Rao Bhaw the cousin of the 3rd Peshwa; but was handed over to Sindia in 1797 by a treaty. On the 12th August 1803 it was surrendered to General Wellesley afterwards Duke of Wellington. The fort with a palace of Sindia and some other large buildings, seemed to have been a place of great splendour.

Part of the wall suffered severely from the British caunonade and in spite of complete repairs traces were till lately visible on the east front. By the treaty of Sirji Anjaugaon in December 1803 Sindia waived all claim to Ahmadnagar and was given to the Peshwa as part of his share. In 1817 under the terms of the treaty of Poona the fort was handed over to the British by Bajirao Peshwa. It has since remained in their hands and has been kept in repair.

#### **BAGH RAUZA**

The Bag Rauza or the Garden of the Shrine, where the first Nizam Shahi King Ahmad I (1490-1508) is buried, lies to

the north-west of the city about half a mile away. of the finest buildings in Ahmadnagar. It is of black stone about 40 ft. square and roofed by a dome and inscribed inside in gold letters texts from the Kuran. In the centre of the building, with other tombs on both sides, is the tomb of Ahmad Nizam Shah. All the tombs are usually covered with a green or black cloth and have no inscriptions. To the south-east of the main buildings and near a ruinous reservoir is a small square-domed building believed to be the vault, wherein, previous to its being carried to Karbela, the body of Shah Tahir the Shia Minister of Husain Nizam Shah 1553-65 was laid. Immediately to the left is a stone and masonry platform about 10 ft. high and 18 ft. square. It is partly canopied by a stoneslab supported by a number of elegantly worked stone pillars. It is said to be raised on the place where the body of the elephant Gulam Ali which Captured Ramraja of Vijayanagar in the great battle of Talikoti in 1565, lies buried. On the dias are two or three grave-like mounds on which are inscribed in beautiful Persian characters the Mahommedan creed. Close by the Canopy on the stone chair is a tomb said to be that of the elephants' driver or mahat.

#### **VISHRAMBAG**

A few years after the establishment of the Ahmadnagar Municipality, Mr. H. M. Birdwood, C. S. Judge of Ahmadnagar handed over to the Municipality an Octagonal building with the ground on which the present Municipal Garden stands and the rest house outside the Sarjepur gate with a sum of money left as balance out of subscriptions from the public for the erection of buildings at the above places. The Municipality laid out a Garden on the site and called it Vishrambag or the Rest Garden. Till 1872-73 the Garden was watered from 2 wells within the Garden limits and since 1873-74 the waste and surplus water of the Nagabai Channel which was then completed has been largely used. The Garden prospered till the 1876 famine, when water failed and almost all the fruit and flower trees died. It has since 1881 recovered what it lost, and there are now a unmber of flowers and orange, plantain and lemon trees.

#### AHMEDNAGAR MUNICIPALITY, AHMEDNAGAR

The Ahmednagar town Municipality was established on the 1st November 1854 under Act XXVI of 1850, and was subsequently made a City Municipality on the 7th November 1874 under Act VI of 1873. There are 35 Councillors of whom 29 are elected by rate payers and 6 nominated by the Government. Out of these Councillors 12 are chosen to form a Managing

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#### **BELGAUM**

The Southern Division of the Bombay Presidency comprises, the Konkan Districts as well as Belgaum, Dharwar, Bijapur and North Kanara; and Belgaum is one of the largest towns in this The District has roughly an area of 4650 sq. miles and is heney-combed with a number of places of importance. It is bounded on the North by the States of Miraj and Jath; on the North-East by Bijapur District; on the East by the States of Jamkhandi, Mudhol, Kolhapur and Ramdrug; on the South and South-West by the Districts of Dharwar and N. Kanara, the State of Kolhapur and the Portugese territory of Goa; and on the West by the States of Savant-The most elevated portion of the District lies wadi and Kolhapur. to the West and South along the line of the Sahayadri Hills or On the North and East, the District is open and Western Ghats. well cultivated, but the South is clothed in many places with forests. The climate of the District is mostly pleasant and healthy and this is due to the moderate heat, the early and fresh sea breeze and its high The cold and dry season lasts from middle alt tude above the sea. October to middle of February. The hot and dry season lasts from the middle of February to early June and the wet season from early June to the middle of October. According to the last census the population of the District is 10,76,701, The District is divided into 7 Talukas:—Athani, Chikodi, Gokak, Belgaum, Sampagon, Parasgad and Khanapur. The Chief towns are Belgaum, Nipani, Athni, Gokak and Saundattiyellama.

Rice, Jawar, Bajira, Relekang, Sugar-cane, Tobacco &c., are the main products of the District. Cotton is also very largely grown in some of the Talukas. American Cotton was introduced in 1045, though a degeneration in its cultivation has set in during the course of the last few years. The water supply is plentiful except in the East. Of the recently improved reservours the chief is the Gadkeri Lake with an area of 129 acres and maximum depth of 5 feet. The most important water work is the Gokak canal and the storage reservior.

Handloom weaving forms the chief industry of the District, next to agriculture. The produce is mostly consumed in Belgaum. In 1887 the Gokak Weaving and Spinning Mills was started by an English Co. The mills are worked satisfactorily, and last year the Shareho'ders got a dividend 6 per cent (tax free). The Railway station for the mills is Dhup Dhal. The District is also well-known for Gokak Toys, (models of men and gods, fruits and vegetables) made both from lights kinds of food and from a peculiar kind of earth. The capitalists of the District are chiefly Marwaries and Brahmins though there are a few Mahomedans owning considerable fortune in

the town of Belgaum. As far as trade is concerned the chief exports are Rice, Jagari, Tobacco and Cotton and the chief imports Cloth, Silk, Salt and Grain. Markets are held at fixed intervals, usually once a week in the several villages of the District and these markets supply the wants of the country within a radius of about six miles, containing as a rule from 25 to 30 villages and hamlets. The Railway was introduced in 1887 and the S. M. Rly. line crosses the District from North to South and passes through the Khanapur, Belgaum, Chikodi, Gokak and Athani Talukas. Londa is an important station in the Khanapur Taluka connecting the West Deccan stations with the Bangalore and Marmagoa lines.

#### Early History

The early history of the country is to a great extent buried in obscurity, but according to the seven copper plates, found near Halsi, it may be put down as the capital of a dynasty of Kadambha Inscriptions discovered in various parts of the District show that during the 12th and early years of the 13th centuries the Kadambas of Goa (980-1250) held part of the District known as the Halsi meaning "twelve thousand" and the Venugrama or Belgaum meaning "seventy". In 1208 the Rattas absorbed the territory of Goa Laxmideo II, the last of the Rattas was defeated in 1250 Kadambas, by the General of the Deogiri Yadava, Singana II, and from that date up-to their defeat in 1320 by the Delhi Emperor, the Yadavas remained masters of Belgaum and surrounding parts. About the middle of the 14th century the District was partitioned between the Hindu Rajas of Vijayanagar and the kings of Delhi who kept for themselves the Northern portion. In 1347 when the Bhamni kingdom was founded. both the divisions of Belgaum came under their sway. The Vijayangar Rajas failed in their attempt to recover the lost portions and they were finally overthrown in the battle of Talikot in 1565. another 120 years, Belgaum remained part of the territories of the Bijapur Sultans. In 1686 Auranzeb overthrew Bijapur and Belgaum passed into the hands of the Maghuls who granted it as a Jahagir to the Nawab of Savanur who subsequently had to relinquish a portion of it to the Nizam. Some part of it also passed into the hands of the The country, however, was overrun by Hyder Ali in Maharattas. 1776. It was subsequently re-taken by the Peshwa with the assistance of the British. Then followed a great period of disorder in 1818 during which the country was harried by the troops of Scindia, Kolhapur, Nipani and other Chiefs. To make a long story short, the country ultimately passed into the hands of the British who first made it part of the District of Dharwar. On account of its unwieldiness it was divided into two parts in 1836. The Southern portion was kept on to Dharwar and the Northern was made into the present separate District of Belgaum.

An Important Place of Pilgrimage

Among the important towns of Belgaum District already mentioned next to the headquarters town, the town of Saundettivallama (Saundatti meaning "sweet smelling" the headquarters of the Parasgad Taluka which was the stronghold of the Ratta Chiefs (875-1250) possess considerable importance as a great pilgrim centre. Yellama Hill takes its name from a shrine of goddess Yellama which is held in great veneration throughout the Bombay Karnatic, and it is computed that over a lakh of pilgrims visit this shrine annually. Women from the large number of the pilgrims and many of them come from great dis-Up the hill as they climb they give out the long drawn cry "Aai-Yellama-Oh!" which resounds and re-echoes along the high roads for miles as it is taken up by successive bands of pilgrims. temple appears to have been built on the 17th or 18th century on the site of an old building of the 13th century. It stands in the middle of a courtyard surrounded by arcades of pointed arches. held in honour of the goddess at the full moon of April. half anna is levied from each pilgrim and this brings in a very tangible revenue to the Municipality. It is said thatt in the early days of the British Rule, women came to the shrine naked to pray for children or for the cure of skin diseases. In those days hookswinging was a common practice at the shrine and it is recorded that 175 persons were swung in 1834. Both these practices of nudity and hookswinging have been discontinued under orders of the British Government. nothing definite is known about the origin of the shrine, goddess Yellama is said to have a particular partiality for women whose prayers are treated with greater consideration and sympathy.

#### Belgaum Town

The headquarters of the District of the same name. Belgaum. situated at an elevation of nearly 2500 feet sea level on the Northern slope of the basin of a water course called the Bellary Nulla and on the Southern Maharatta Rly., has an importance of its own. a population of 12.36.28. The City lies between the Fort on the East and the Cantonment, which extends along its Western' front, separated from it by a water course. The Fort built in 1519, about 100 yards. in length and 700 yards in breadth and occupying an area of 100 acres, is surrounded by a broad and deep wet ditch, cut in hard ground. "It contains two Jain temples. Other places of interest are the Darga of Azad Khan and the Safa Masjid. They are worth a visit. its acquisition by the British in 1838 they made Belgaum their headquarters and under them it has considerably increased in prosperity. It has a Military station of the Poona Division of the Western Command and is usually garrisoned by British and Native Infantry and a battery of Artillery. It has suffered severely from recurring epedemics of Plague during the last few years. Belgaum is the headquarters of the Commissioner of Southern Division.

#### A New Educational Institute

In addition to the existing Educational Institutions in Belgaum, it is important to note that the Karnatak Lingayat Education Society has recently opened a second-grade Arts College. The Bombay University has allowed the admission of 150 and 75 students in the First Year and Intermediate Classes respectively. The First Year Class is almost full and more than 30 have been already enrolled for the Intermediate Class.

The Society has received many messages of sympathy from various quarters. Sir F. Sykes, Governor of Bombay, in his message, states: "On the occasion of the opening of the second grade arts college, established at Belgaum by the Karanatak Lingayat Education Society, I send hearty congratulations to the Society on the successful outcome of its efforts and to the Lingayat community of Karnatak on their public spirit and liberality in the cause of education. also my best wishes for the future welfare and expansion of the new institution. I very much regret that I am unable to be present at the opening ceremony, but I hope to pay the college a personal visit before the end of the first term."

#### Belgaum Municipality

The administration of this municipality has, as has all along been, continued to be satisfactory. The roads are well-maintained and the sanitary requirements of the Town are well attended to. Borough consists of 24 elected councillors and 6 councillors nominated by the Government. The income of the Municipality for the year 1932-33 was Rs. 208324-13-9 and the expenditure was Rs. 167839-4-4.

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#### **NIPANI**

Among the towns of Belgaum District, Nipani is perhaps the most important with a well-educated and vigorously administered Municipality of its own. As the chief centre of tobacco trade, Nipani looms very largely in the public eye. It is situated on the Poona-Bangalore Road 25 miles from Kolhapur. There is a regular motor service between these two places. In the ancient days when the Peshwas were having an all-conquering campaign everywhere, Nipani as an independent state under the Maharatta Nimbalkar family was the only one that refused to accept the overlordship of the Peshwas. The well-fortified castle of this family is still there though it has undergone some damages through ravages of time. Until the British came on the scene, the Nimbalkars were a terror to the Peshwas. Their whole estate is now under the management of the Court of Wards, the head of the family (Shrimant Murarrao Shidhojirao Sirnaik Nimbalkar Desai) receiving only an allowance.

#### NIPANI MUNICIPALITY

The population of the Municipal town, according to the Census of 1931, is 17857 of which 10,494 are males and 7,363 memales. The Municipality was established in 1854, and it is worked under the District Municipalities Act. There are 20 councillors, of which 16 are elected and 4 nominated. Two out of the sixteen elected seats are reserved for Mahommedans. The present Board came into existence in October 1931. The total income of the Municipality in 1931-32 was Rs. 92,232 as against the previous year. The net income under Octroi was Rs. 36062 as against Rs. 32839 the previous year, and

this increase was due to the revised rates enforced from October It is also worthy of note that none of the Municipal Councillors remained in arrears of Municipal dues as has of late become the case in many other places. The total expenditure of the Municipality was Rs. 84,502 as against Rs. 81,047 the previous year. this Rs. 40,364 (very nearly half of the total expenditure) was spent on Public Instruction. Nipani Water Works and Nipani Town extension are the two important schemes which seem to require im-It looks as if the latter scheme will be taken up mediate attention. shortly and will be financed by a non-Government loan for which sanction has already been received. As regards the water supply scheme, steps are being made to secure a second non-Government At present the Municipality is supplying water by pumping from certain reservoirs, tanks and wells. The income of the Municipality is increasing every year and there is every likelihood, as may be seen from the administration report placed at our disposal, of its going up to a lakh for the next year. The improvement in the financial condition of the Municipality should be a matter of pride to the tax payers who will naturally become entitled to greater better conveniences as finances increase. Close supervision is maintained over Municipal affairs by the executive staff under the able and intelligent guidance of the President whose unseinsn work in the cause of municipal administration has already secured for him a large measure of popularity among all classes of people in Nipani.

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#### HERE JAHAGIR. (BELGAUM DIRSTRICT)

This Jahagir, which has an approximate area of 700 sq. miles, consists of two sets of villages—24 Jahagirdar villages and 24 sub-Inam villages. It is situated in the Chandmahal of Belgaum district, just about 30 miles from Belgaum railway station on the main road. The population has been roughly estimated at 40,000, mostly merchants and agriculturists. The climate is cool and salubrious, and the productivity of the soil is considerably increased by such a climate.

The Here Jahagirdar family is related to the Savantawadi ruling The founders of the Here family were the sons of the first Chief of Savantawadi by his first wife. The name of the eldest of them was Naga Savant who in 1721 conquered Kalanidhi, Ghandarvagad, Pargad, Maipalgad and Chanadagad forts. This was a big achievment in those days. All these forts were in the Jahagir area. The only one existing now is Ghandarvagad. Naga Savant ruled the Jahagir for nearly eight years. On his death his wife ruled for three years. She adopted her husband's brother Lakkam Savant as her successor and he ruled the Jahagir for over ten years. Lakkam Savant also died without any issue, and in the usual course his wife succeeded to the Jahagir. This wife of Lakkam Savant had brought up three boys from Bhosle Keldar family of Kudal, and of these three boys she adopted Viswas Rao to succeed her in the administration of the Jahagir. This Viswas Rao was perhaps longest lived of the Jahagirdars of Here. He administered the estate for 27 years, that is to say till 1862. He had two wives, one from the Kolhapur Gaikwad family and the other from the Nimbalkar's family, one of his sub-Inamdars. The first wife had two sons and the second wife one son. Of the two sons of the first wife one died very young. The other son by the first wife Ramachandra Rao alias Bala Saheb Savant Bhosle succeeded to the Jahagir in 1862. The son of Viswas Rao by the second wife, Dhattaji Rao had to remain satisfied with a maintenance allowance from the Jahagir. Bala Saheb Sayant Bosle was a regular autocrat with a ferocious temper with which he would assail each and every one he comes His administration of the Jahagir was very dissatisfactory. His half-brother Dhattaji Rao had two wives, one the daughter of Sardar Shri Nagoji Rao Phatankar of Kolhapur and the other from the Surve family of Ratanagiri district. There was considerable difficulty for Dhattaji Rao to get his allowance regularly. went on in this way for a long time, and report has it that Dhattaji Rao met with an untimely death in 1906 when he went to his brother to get his allowance. Dhattaji Rao's first wife died very early leaving no children. The second wife had 5 sons and 4 daughters. These children on the death of their father Dhattaji Rao had to take refuge in Kolhapur. Mismanagement reigned supreme in

Estate and in 1914 the Court of Wards took possession of the Jahagir allowing Bala Saheb Savant Bhosle an allowance. Dhattaji Rao's children also got their due allowance. On the death of Bala Saheb Bhosle the Court of Wards relinquished charge of the Jahagir and handed it over in July 1931 to the surviving son of Dhattaji Rao, Hanumantha Rao alias Dada Saheb Savant Bhosle, the present Jahagirdar of Here. Dada Saheb has been in charge of the administration only for two years and he has within this short period improved the administration to a great extent. The average revenue is about Rs. 20,000 and most of it comes from the yield of forests. The climatic conditions are very favourable for agriculture and the present Jahagirdar has already given nearly 5000 acres for sugar plantation on lease. Arrangements are also being made to improve agriculture on modern lines. The Thampravarnani Valley Sugar factory is in all probability to be opened in this Estate. Dada Saheb Savant Bhosle has already given his consent. There are some more formalities to be gone through. The main forest products at present are sandalwood, blackwood and galnut. The Jahagir is having a good income from sandalwood.

There is a very good hill-station in this Jahagir. It is called Koraj and is 20 miles from Belgaum. The Chief Saheb has his Bungalow on the top of this hill station where he entertains his friends who visit the Jahagir for purposes of Shikar.

Jahagirdhar: Shrimant Hanumant Rao alias Dadha Saheb Savant

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#### **SATARA**

Satara forms one of the important Districts of the Central Division of the Bombay Presidency with an ancient history going back to the days of the Andhras or Satavahna kings (200 B.C. to 218 A.D.) whose descendants, probably their Kolhapur branch, held the country till the third or fourth century after Christ. No connected account is available for the next nine hundred years ending with the fourteenth century when the Mahomedans overthrew the Deogiri Yadavas. Some little light is thrown on the situation by the stone and copper plate inscriptions found in the Districts of Ratnagiri and Belgaum and the State of Kolhapur. They show that Western Chalukyas held the District from 550 to 750; the Rashtrakutas from 750 to 973; the Kolhapur Silaharas from 973 to 1190 and the Deogiri Yadavas from 1190 to about 1300. The Yadava dynasty was overthrown in 1318 by the Mahomedans and the Bhamni dynasty rose to power in 1347. Then came the fall of the Bahmani dynasty towards the end of the friteenth century and with it came a scramble for power by the various Chiefs until at last the Maharattas made Satara, with the adjacent Disricts of Poona and Sholapur, the centre of their power and activities. When the Maharatta rule under the Peshwas was broken in 1818, Satara was first annexed by the British. Then it was assigned over to the descendants of Sivaji who was put in independent charge of the Satara territory in 1822. This Raja of Satara soon turned against the British and was deposed in 1839. His brother was placed on the throne. He died in 1848 leaving no male heirs, and the British resumed possession of Satara, allowing liberal pension to the three widows of the Raja.

The District has an area of 4825 Sq. miles and is bounded on the north by the States of Bhor and Phaltan and the Nira river; on the east by the Sholapur District and the States of Aundh and Iath: on the south by the river Varna and a few villages of Belgaum; and on the west along the Western Ghats in the District is Mahableshwar. There is nothig very important (vide a short account elsewhere). about the botanical features of Satara. Mango grooves are common near towns and villages. Oranges, limes, figs and pomegranates are widely grown. To those interested in archaeological studies, the Buddhist caves near Karad and Wai will repay visit. Wai is locally believed to be Vairatnagiri, the scene of the thirteenth year of exile of the Pandavas. There are also the forts built by Panhala kings-Satara, Chandan and Vandan—and they are well worth a visit. Except for the Juma Masjid at Karad and the Mosque at Rahimatpur, there are no remains of the old Mahomedan supermacy. A number of Hindu temples have been recently built.

The population of the District is 11,79,712 and of Satara Taluka 1,24,535. The District is divided into nine Talukas:—Karad, Walva,

Satara, Wai, Jaoli, Patan, Khatav, Tasgaon and Khanapur including the Mahals: Man, Shirala and Mahableshwar. The important towns are are:—Satara, the headquarters, Wai, Islampur, Karad and Tasgaon. The Collector is the head of the District. There are a number of subordiate Courts, Civil and Criminal, for purposes of administration. There are also a number of Municipalities in the District. Local affairs outside the Municipalities are managed by the District and Local Boards. The District exports grain, oilseeds, blankets, raw cotton &c., and imports cotton piece-goods, hardware and salt. Satara brass dishes and Shirala lamps are well-known in Deccan. Since the introduction of Railway, trade between Poona and Belgaum has considerably increased. The M. S. M. Rly. traverses the centre of the District for 115 miles north to south.

Satara City, the headquarters of the District is 10 miles from Satara Road Station on the S. M. R. near the confluence of the Kistna and the Vena. The strong fort of Satara is situated on the summit of a small, steep, rocky hill; and the town takes its name from the seventeen (Satara means "seventeen") walls, towers and gates which this fort is supposed to have possessed. The City Municipality was established in 1853 and the Suburban Municipality in 1890. Satara has no ornamental buildings to boast of with the exception of Raja's palace, now used as the Judge's Court. Satara City is 2320 feet above the sea-level and the climate is unusually pleasant. The water supply is obtained from the Kas lake in the hills.

#### PARLI FORT

This is situated 6 miles west of Satara City, 1045 feet above the plain, and is said to have been built in the 13th century by one of the Delhi kings. During 1608-81 Rama Das Swami, the spiritual guide of Shivaji (1627-80), resided there on an Inam given to the Swami, who according to a traditionary account was believed to reach Satara through the air in a single stride whenever Shivaji wasted him for consultation. Akabai and Diwakar Gosavi were Swami's two disciples and it was they that built the Ramdas temple. It is built of basalt with brick and motor dome, and an yearly fair is held in February attended by a large number of people. The existence of old Hemadi Panti temples on the northwest of Parli show that the fort was constructed long before the Musalmans came to India. Musalmans only came and occupied the fort. In 1699 when the Mughals were besieging Satara, Parasuram Trimbak Pradhinidi prolonged the defence by furnishing supplies from Parli. After the capture of Satara in April 1700, the Mughal army beseiged Parli when the garrison evacuated it. Aurangzeb re-named it Nawrastara. In 1818 it was taken by a British Regiment.

#### PRATAPGAD FORT

This ancient fort, situated in Javali Taluka of Satara District, 10 miles from Mahableshwar and 3,543 feet above sea-level, is well-worth a visit as one of the important forts built by Sivaji. Among the many feats attributed to him, the cleverest was his murder of the Mahomedan General Afzul Khan sent by the Sultan of Bijapur; and the site on which this fort stands was the scene of the murder of this General who had come to try conclusions treacherously with his adversary. Here treachery was met by treachery and the Mahomedan General was reminded by the Maharatta Ruler that two can play at a game.

At a distance the fort looks like a round topped hill, the walls of the lower fort forming a sort of band or crown round the brow. the course of his conquests this strategic spot was noticed by Sivaji as the best site for the building of a fort inasmuch as it commanded the whole valley of the Koyana and also part of the Deccan and the valley of the river Savitri up to the sea. Not being able to get the site on tair terms from Chandrarao who owned it then, Sivaji took possession of it and the valleys around by conquest. The hill, known as Dhoparya he ordered Moropant Pingale to build one on plans dictated by him. Dongar was selected as the most suitable spot for a fort by Sivaji and The west and north sides are very steep. They are completely inaccessible covered by large precipices of hard trap rock. In fact they form gigantic cliffs with an almost vertical drop in many places of 700 or 800 feet. The southern and eastern parts where you have the towers and bastions are 30 to 40 feet high and are covered with dense wood. The parapet wall is over ten feet in height enclosing an area of about 40,000 sq. yards. The bastion on the eastern side is known as the Abdulla Buruz as the place where the head of Afzul Khan lies buried. Balekilla is the name of the inner fort where Sivaji built his palace and a Siva temple dedicating the latter to Kedareshwar, his guardian d'ety. On the western side of the Balekilla is a place called "Kadelot" where death sentences used to be executed by throwing the culprits from this precipice. There are two large tanks in the Fort, one in the Balekilla and the other below the Bhavani temple. and from Balekilla one can get a very good view of Raigad and Rajgad. Pratapgad Fort was surrendered by private negotiations to the British in 1818 along with the other territories of the Peshwa. restored to the Raja of Satara in 1823 as it was the seat of his family A few families, consisting of 60 to 80 persons, are residing in the fort and the Navaratra festival is celebrated every year at the Bhawani temple which has a revenue of about Rs. 3,400 derived from about fifteen villages assigned for its maintenance. There are quarters for the priests and servants near the temple, and the present priest is the lineal descendant of Vishwanath Bhatt Hadap, the first priest appointed by Moropant Pingale. All necessary help is given to visitors

by the priest. The Kedareshwar temple is assigned to a faminly of Guravas who perform the daily worship there and who also help the priests of the Bhavani temple.

Visitors can go to this fort by service motors plying between Mahad and Mahableshwar. There are also two other routes for foot journey. The one that was used by Sivaji lies a little beyond Janai's temple on the Fizgerald Ghat, two miles from Mahableshwar running straight to the old Koyana bridge built by Sivaji and where Afzul Khan had encamped his army. To-day you have there only an ordinary hut marking that place. The other route is not a straight one. It starts on the south of the Bombay Point and joins the Radtondi Ghat and was the principal commercial route between Satara and Mahad. buses stop at Wada at the foot of Pratapgad and you have there a P. W. D. bungalow where short halts may be arranged for at 8 annas per diem. From here to the Fort at the top is a mile and a half and it takes about half an hour to walk up there. Chairs can also be arranged for carrying passengers at Rs. 2 each, and children and luggage can be carried at 4 to 6 annas per head. More than half way up the ascent you find a road leading to your left where you find Afzul Khan's tomb. There is also the tomb of Sayyad Banda (popularly known as Banda Sayyad), a faithful bodyguard of Afzul Khan. Till about fifteen years ago, only a stone told where Sayyad Banda lay To-day you have got a well-built tomb with quarters provided for the care-taker who holds there an Urus fair every year in about November or December. Near by you find two more tombs, belonging to two of Afzul Khan's attendants. It was at this particular place, 5 or 7 minutes walk from the Fort, fhere the meeting of Sivaji and Afzul Khan took place, on the 9th day of the dark half of Margashirsha, Shake 1581 (1650 A.D.). From this spot you can get a view of the flag-staff of the Mahableshwar Government House. The entrance to the Fort, which can be reached in a few minutes walk from this place is for strategic purposes (as is the case with all old forts) hidden from view from below. The Bhawani temple built by Sivaji in 1661 as the result of a dream he had (so goes the legend) is the one conspicuous building, measuring 170 by 105 feet, you see on entering the Fort. Pratapsingh, the Raja of Satara, had built a beautiful Sabhamantap or Assembly Hall, for this temple. This was destroyed by fire in 1920, and we have been for long hearing of a Committee of Maharatta Chiefs trying to rebuild it. The beginning is yet to be made. As you leave the temple by the southern entrance you get a view of the historical Fort of Parkhind and the old Satara-Mahad Road. It may be mentioned here that the Fort itself was built in 1656-58 after the murder of Afzul Khan.

#### SATARA HISTORICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY

This is one of the time-honoured and well-known institutions in Satara doing considerable research work in History and other allied subjects. A number of leading literary men and scholars are among its members. It has behind it a record of very useful work done in behalf of the public and one should really be glad to learn that it has taken up the work of revising and re-editing the Satara Gazatteer which has been found by the Society to contain much inadequate and antiquated information. The society has therefore appointed a Committee consisting of Mr. Braham (the President of the Society), Messrs. Dossabhoy Maneckji, K. B. Cooper, M.L.C., Sardar Mutalik, V. N. Sardesai and D. B. Diskalkar, to tour and collect information regarding historical and archaelogical aspects of importance connected with the District.

#### SATARA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Satara, unlike other districts, can be proud of having an Historical Museum of its own, where a number of important historical documents are lodged. One of the very important among these is the Letters of Mahadji Scindhia to Nana Farnavis. Both of them were very conspicious personalities in ancient Maharatta history. These letters have not yet become public property, and, if published, should throw light on some of the dark corners of Maharatta history. Both Scindhia and Nana Farnavis were keen rivals and one wanted to outbeat the other. The last of the Peshwas had for a long time to remain a puppet in the hands of these two. What we have mentioned form only mere fragments of some of the plots and counter-plots that must be remaining hidden in these letters. It is therefore gratifying that the Satara Historical Society has decided upon publishing these letters. We understand that the first part will be published very shortly.

Mr. D. R. Diskalkar, Curator of the Museum.

#### Satara District Scout Association

The Satara District Scout Association, which had its beginning ten years ago in Satara City with 63 scouts, now boasts of more than 2,000 scouts in all, indicating the keen interest in the movement by the people generally, backed up by enthusiastic workers such as the District Commissioner, Mr. D. P. Joshi, and particularly the teachers. The boys have become well-known in the District for the regular social service being done by them in an organised way.

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#### **PANCHGANI**

Considered as Sanitarium, Panchgani has no rival. It is a sanitarium right through the year with a cool, salubrious and comparatively dry climate. The same cannot be said of other hill stations which have their "seasons". Panchgani is situated to the lee of Mahableshwar and about 200 feet lower at the head of Pasrani Ghat on the motor road from Poona to Mahableshwar, and is free of the heavy rain and dust of the outer range which are carried away into the valleys to the north and south. The fact is that the large table-land on which it is built and the Mahableshwar Hill act as a cover to the strong currents of east wind which, otherwise, would have had an adverse effect on the general climate of the place. It has also the advantage of a magnificent scenery that can be seen along the whole northern ridge of the mountain, we mean the Krishna Valley, extending for many miles east to west with its numerous hamlets, highly cultivated fields and picturesque river. The southern aspects, though less extensive is even more beautiful. There is not much difference between the temperature of Panchgani and Mahableshwar. It is practically the same-minimum temperature at noon 71 and the minimum daily average 60. is practically a village on a spur of the Western Ghats jutting out at Mahableshwar and terminating about a mile from Wai, a Taluka of the Satara District. It is 11 miles east of Mahableshwar and 10 miles west of Wai.

The climatic advantages and natural beauties of Panchgani were first revealed to the public by the late Mr. John Chesson who started farming on a small scale there in 1854. By close and continued observation he found that the soil and climate was best suited for the growth of exotic plants, vegetables and fruits. His pioneer efforts having proved a success, others followed in his wake, and by 1862 Panchgani came to have six substantial houses built by Europeans. Thus the place went on rapidly developing in all directions and in 1881 the number of European residents reached 85. Mr. Chesson was the first Superintendent of the Station.

To-day you have High Schools for Europeans, Parsis, Hindus and Mahomedans; as also vernacular schools for both boys and girls. All these institutions are well-managed and it was only the other day that the Parsee High School celebrated its Silver Jubilee. The High School, managed by a Committee of the Diocesan Board of Education, was first started in 1876. It was reopened in 1880 by the Bishop of Bombay. The Boarding school is the only one of its kind permanently located in the Western Ghats for boys. There is a Post Office, a Travellers bungalow and a P. W. D. Inspection bungalow. There is not a plentiful supply of water available. Bungalows can be had here by the monthly rent and a number of them are available. In addition to well-qualified private practioners, there is a well-conducted Govern-

ment Dispensary. There is a special sanatorium known as Bel-air Sanitaorium for tubercular patients who find the dry climate best suited to them. The new N. M. Wadia block to accommodate 12 patients was opened in April by Sir Ness Wadia who also gave a donation of Rs. 20,000 towards the erection of quarters for the nursing staff. This sanatorium has been working for years at a loss as the majority of patients admitted have always been unable to pay the full fees. While the power behind the Bel-Air is entirely Parsi and hitherto all the funds have come from that community, the institution is a noncommunal concern, in which the only interest is that of the consumptive, whether he be a Parsi or a member of any other community. the present time there are 22 Parsi patients, 18 Indian Christians, one European, 14 Hindus, and 14 Muslims. The sanatorium has beds for 90 patients, which entitles it to claim to be the largest institution of its kind in the presidentcy. There is also a Parsi Hotel as well as a Hindu Hotel. A regular Postal Bus service is run from Poona to Panchgani and back.

#### **Schools**

Parsi High School, Panchgani.
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Hindu High School, Panchgani.
Boys' High School, Panchgani.
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St. Joseph's Convent High School, Panchgani.

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#### **MAHABLESHWAR**

Among the hill stations on this side of Western India, the most frequented by the public is Mahableshwar, 17.51 north latitude and 37.31 east longitude, forming part of Malcolm Peth in Javali Taluka: Satara District, extending over an area of three square miles and lying within five miles round the Frere Hall. The plateau rises to a height of 4710 feet above the sea level, with variations at different points. Wilson point is the highest. It was formerly known as Shindola plateau. A fairly extensive area, something like 300 square acres, is occupied by the hill station. The population recorded according to the census of 1931 is 4553. It was 5000 in 1921. There has been thus a decrease in population all round. The annual rainfall varies from 200 to 300 inches, and none but the permanent residents live there during the monsoon. Actual rainy season beings about the second week of June, and at times the rainfall is so continuous that you may not see the sun for days together. October is one of the pleasantest months for soujourn in Mahableshwar, with the rain off and with the cool eastern breezes blowing morning and evening. During the months of November and December also the climate is on its best behaviour. Very few people take advantage of Mahableshwar during these months. The public begin to move on largely to Mahableshwar only with the opening of the official season. The special advantages of Mahableshwar climate is that it provides a large supply of pure air and that the atmosphere is full of ozone. Further the water at Mahableshwar is famous for its taste and coolness.

#### Early History

The name Mahableshwar is derived from Kshetra Mahableshwar. a place of divine importance near by. It is  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles from the Peth and there is a short cut past the European Club and the Ripon Hotel. Motors are allowed to this place only under a special permit, the people generally going on foot or in carriages. Just at the very entrance to the Kshetra, otherwise known as "Old Mahableshwar", you have the Manikbai and Gangabai Hindu Sanatorium built in 1910 by Sheth Purushothumdas Mavaji, consisting of small separate blocks which are let out during the season on reasonable rent. It is only the orthodox section of the season visitors that take their quarters at this place where the amenities of modern life are conspicuous by their absence. As regards permanent residents in this place, there are about 25 fami-lies of Brahmins and Guruvas who follow the profession of priesthood. As in other places of pilgrimage ,they make themselves really useful to the visitors, supplying them with all they want for convenience and comfort. There are a number of temples on this site. One is Ugamamandir, (dedicated to river Kistna) where a number of sacred rivers are supposed to take their start, built by a former Raja of Javali and improved and extended by Sivaji. These rivers—Kistna, Venya, Koyna, Gayatri and Savitri—are believed to actually start from the temple of Mahadev, just show themselves up at Ugamamandir, then flow underground and begin their regular courses in different directions. Another temple is dedicated to Siva and is called Mahableshwar. This was built in 1215, the main temple being in Hemadpanti style. There are two more temples near by dedicated to Siva, Atibaleshwar and Rudreshwar, built by the Angals and Ahilyabai Holkar respectively. God Maruti has a temple here built by Anant and Divakar, two disciples of Ram Das, and not far from the Maruti's temple is a temple of Dattatraya built by rich lady of Bombay. Religious-minded people and such as those Hindus who do not possess a fat purse come and stay at Kshetra Mahableshwar where you can get cheap accommodation compared with modern Mahableshwar.

Sir Charles Malet (and not Major Lodwick as is generally believed) was the first European to visit this place having accompanied the Peshwa in 1791 to Kshetra Mahableshwar. It was Major Price, Sir Charles's Secretary, that first noticed that ferns would grow on these hills as brilliantly as they do in England. Major Lodwick went to these hills only in 1824, but to him goes the credit of advertising the many beauties and comforts of this place to his European friends. Rev. Gordon Hall and Colonel Briggs were the next two Europeans to settle down on these hills. The latter was then resident at Satara and he induced Raja Pratapsingh to build a good road from Satara to Mahad and keep a ferry service over the river Yenna. This was how Mahableshwar first came to the notice of the public as a place of summer resort. The first house at Mahableshwar was built in 1826 by Col. Briggs in the grounds of Shindola Park. Col. Robertson succeeded Col. Briggs, and he also built a Govt. House near by the Shindola Park known as Mount Malcolm. The Raja of Satara had his camping ground on the Derya Mal, and here he built a Bungalow for himself and called it Raja's Mal. Col. Briggs was the first to draw up a detailed report of this hill station, and this was followed by a regular Official report by Dr. Bidd under instructions from the then Governor Sir John Malcolm. As a result of this report the British acquired the plateau of Mahableshwar from the Raja of Satara in exchange for Peta Khandala. In a Treaty dated 15th May 1829 the boundary of the plateau have been thus defined:—"Tai Ghat to the East, Radtondi to the west, Coorusli to the south and Kshetra Mahableshwar and Kristna to the north", the circumference being about 15 miles and area three sq. miles. Very soon the old village of Nahar was replaced by the present Malcolm Peth, named after the Governor Sir John Malcolm. The place soon went on developing and traders from the plains came & settled down for purposes of business by 1831. Parsis were the first to arrive. A Convalescent Hospital for British troops was soon opened. It is this old hospital (of course with a few changes here and there) that is now used as the residential quarters

for members of the European Club. Chinese prisoners from Poona and Thana were transferred here and a jail was built for them on the site of the present P. W. D. Stores. The present Bazaar town, with a total length of over 40 miles, was laid out by these Chinese convicts who were also made to turn the whole place into a fine fruit and vegetable garden which it now is. The Chinese were removed in 1867, but the local farmers had learned from them in the meanwhile a number of useful occupations that come within the range of Cottage industries in which the Chinese have from time immorial been adepts.

The routes to Mahableshwar in former days before the extension of train service were very circutious especially from Bombay—Bombay to Bankot and thence to Dasgao by sea and from Dasgao by land to Mahableshwar, via Mahad and Poladpur. To-day conditions have changed with the progress of time and it is only 75 miles from Poona to Mahableshwar. There is a regular Motor service between these two places ,each seat costing from Rs. 2 to Rs. 5. From Rs. 25 to Rs. 50, one can hire a touring car also. From Poona to Mahableshwar, you have to pass over three Ghats—Katraj Ghat (8 miles from Poona), Kamatki Ghat and Pasarni Ghat. It is really a pleasant jour ney up the hill and as you ascend over the Ghats you get a magnificent view of the plains down—valleys, cultivated fields, small villages and hamlets—which is simply exhilirating.

There are hotels to suit all tastes and castes and conditions. Rich people, some of them have their own Bungalows while others hire out bungalows for the season. The season begins from 15th March and lasts till 15th June, and house rents vary from Rs. 80 to Rs. 300 for the season. Palatial bungalows for Rajas and Chiefsahebs can be had from Rs. 400 to Rs. 3,000. Carriages can be had on hire, and all carriages are compelled to have breaks. Roads are not excellent in the sense in which "excellence" is understood by the critical modern There are many ascents, corners, curves and steep inclines. Riding horses can also be had on hire. No taxis can be had. is a regular motor service up to Dharamtar mainly intended for visits to Mahad and Pratapgad. Cycling is allowed, but it is dangerous, though to the modern cyclist no road is dangerous. There are good Libraries—Petti Native General Library and Reading Room endowed by Parsi and Bhatya gentlemen and a well-stocked Library in the Frere Hall adjoining the Clcb. There are three Gymkhanas—one for Europeans, another for Parsees and the third for Hindus & Mahomedans—which have their respective Tennis Courts, Billiard tables and The European Club has a Golf Course of its own. Princes and Ruling Chiefs and Indian holding high positions in the official and social world are allowed the honour of being members of the European Club, of course on payment.

Over 5000 visitors come to this place for the season, and it is increasing every year. This hill station during the eight

months in the year is a busy trade centre, with Tuesday, as the weekly market day. Rice, salt and other things come from Mahad, while Wai and Satara supply the station with ground nuts, vegetables &c. Swadeshi goods do not meet with cordial reception at the hands of visitors.

There is a Mahalkari for Civil and partly Judicial (crminal) work. Pucca Civil suits come under the jerisdiction of Wai courts. Schools are run under the Local Authority of Satara, the Mahableshwar Municipality giving a grant. The Municipality, established in 1867, consists of ten nominated members with the Seperintendent of the Station as President and the Mahalkari as Vice-President. The sanitation of the place is in charge of the Seperintendent of the station who is always and I.M.S. Officer of the grade of the Civil Surgeon. Among the other Government officers, you have a P. W. D. officer, a Range Forest officer, a Sub-Assistant Surgeon and a Sub-Inspector of Police. There is also a Post Office, and mails are carried to the station from Poona by Buses.

The real centre, residential as well as trade, is the Baazar area. It is about 24 acres and practically the whole population is concentrated there. The southern portion of the station is known as Koli Ali. Murray Peth lies to the north-east. Main Steet is the busiest street where you have all the shops in the area. To the north-east of Main Street is the Masjid Road where you find all the motor stands. This is the only road in the area where motor traffic is freely permitted without any restriction. The Satara Road lies to north-east of Masjid Road.

#### Public Institutions

The Civil Hospital (known as the Sheth Murarji Goculdas Hospital) is a gift by the late Sheth Narottam Murarji in memory of his father. The main entrance of the Hospital is on the Satara Road. There is a Meteorological Observation station at the Hospital. On the Masjid Road you have what is called the Lady Reay Industrial School which has of late become more of an Asylum for the poor than an School inasmuch as people have begun to refer to it as 'bhikarkhana". The Roman Catholic Church is to the south-west of the Petit Library. The American Mission has a Chapel in the Main Street and a Church in the Clifton valley. The Episcopal Church, known as the Christ Church, is on the Satara Road. Th's Church was built in 1842-1867 and its Chaplain resides at the station only during the season. this Church stands a tall Obelisk 30 feet in height marking the place where Sir Sydney Beck, a former Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Bombay, lies buried. He died at Mahableshwar in 1831. There are four Hindu temples dedicated to Rama, Ganapati, Hanuman and Mahadeo respectively in the Main Street and there is a Mahadeo's

temple in Murray Peth. Most of the offices are in the Main Street. The P. W. D. office is housed in the Murray House and Grace Cottage. The Post, Telegraph and Telephone offices are located on the Main Road, and the Superintendent of the station has his Bungalow and office to the north of the Post Office just separated by a road. During the season letters are delivered between 9 and 10 a.m., and the station is also connected with Bombay, Poona and Sholapur by Telephone. So also the Telegraph Office remains open all the 24 hours. You have about 200 bungalows on the Hill, the Government House, the Terraces, the Post Office, the Civil Hospital, Murray House and Grace Cottage belonging to Government. Almost all the Chiefsahebs—Jamkhandi, Sangli, Akalkot, Aundh and others—have their own bungalows. The Frere Hall was built in 1865 by public subscription in memory of Sir Bartle Frere who was successively Resident at Satara, Commissioner at Satara and Governor of Bombay. The Frere Hall and Library is managed by the European Club. The Phayre Gymkhana and its grounds including the Golf Course are Government property.

#### Places of Interest

There are a number of places of interest in and around Mahableshwar. Many of these have been called "points" by the early visitors. Chief among these "Points" are Bombay, Falkland, Sassoon, Northcote, Elphinstone, Kates and Hunter. Tiger Path, Lady Willingdon Ride, Lamington Ride, Duchess Road are among the important Paths and Rides. Chinaman, Dhobi and Venya are among the Waterfalls. Venya tank, Elphinstone Tank and Murray Castle springs are among the important water reserviors. Many of these places deserve being separately dealt with, but exigencies of space do not permit our doing so in this volume.

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#### SHOLAPUR

This district, with the exception of Barsi Taluka, (a conclave in Nizam's territory), is bounded on the north by the Ahmednagar dist.; on the east by the Nizam's Dominions and Akalkot; on the south by Bijapur and the States of Jath and Miraj; on the west by Aundh State, Satara district, Phaltan State, Poona and Ahmednagar districts. The District, generally flat and undulating, is somewhat bare of vegetation and presents in many parts a black treeless appearance. There are a number of reserviours for Irrigation purposes in the District, the most important among them being Ekruk and Siddeswar near Sholapur City, one at Ashti, one at Koreagon and one at Pan-The Ekruklake is one of the largest artificial pieces of water in the Presidency. It is 60 feet deep when full and holds 3,310,000,000 cubic feet of water. There are also waterworks at Barsi and Karmala. The climate, except from March to May, is healthy and agreeable. From November to February, you get easterly and north-easterly winds and the weather is clear and bracing. The annual average rainfall is 26 inches. The total area is about 4541 sq. miles with a population (according to 1931 census) of 877,520.

Sholapur is one of the early homes of the Maharattas and is still a great centre of the Maharatta population. In the early centuries of the Christian area (90. B.C. to A.D. 230), it formed part of the territories of the Andhra dynasty whose capital was at Paithan on the Godavari, 150 miles north-west of Sholapur city. Previous to the overthrow of Deogiri Madavas by the Mahomedans in the beginning of the fourteenth century, Sholapur was under the early Chalukyas The first Mahomedan invasion of the Deccan took place in 1294, and the power of the Deogiri Yadavas was not crushed till 1318. The Maharashtra country during that period remained under the control of Governors appointed from Delhi and stationed at Deogiri which name was changed into "Daulatabad" meaning "the abode of wealth" in 1338 by Mahamud bin Tughlak. It looks as if the new name given to it suddenly captured the fancy of the Delhi officers who, perhaps to get at the supposed wealth, plundered and wasted the country.

These disorders and subsequent cruelties led to the revolt of the Deccan nobles under the leadership of a soldier namer Hassan Gangu who was successful in freeing the country of the Delhi Governors. Hassan Gangu then founded his own dynasty which he called "Bahmani" after a Persian noble from whom he claimed descent. This dynasty held sway over this portion of the Deccan for over 150 years. On the overthrow of this dynasty, Bijapur overran all the countries north of Bijapur as far as the Bhima. Thus for over 200 years from the year 1489, Sholapur belonged to Bijapur or Ahmednagar Sultans as one or the other retained power, and in 1668 Sholapur passed into the hands of the Moghuls. At that time Sholapur yielded

a revenue of Rs. 630,000/-. The Maharattas took possession of Sholapur in 1795. On the overthrow of the Peshwas in 1818, 430 villages of Sholapur passed into the hands of the British. To this were added 232 villages ceded by the Nizam in 1822. On the death of the Raja of Satara another 488 villages of Sholapur came into the possession of the British.

All these villages put together form the present district of Sholapur which has been a Collectorate since 1838. The chief towns are Sholapur, Phandarpur, Barsi and Karmala. The chief industries are spinning, weaving and dyeing. Sholapur dhotties and Sarees have a great reputation for fineness and durability in the market. are also a number of cotton mills, ginning factories etc. The southeast line of the G. I. P. Railway which connects the South Indian Railway at Raichur passes through Sholapur district for a length of 115 miles. From Hotgi near Sholapur city the eastern branch of the S. M. R. runs south towards Bijapur for a distance of about 8 miles within the District. At Barsi Road, a pioneer Light Railway connects Barsi town with the G. I. P. Railway. This line was opened in 1887. Extensions of the Barsi Light railway to Todwalla and to Pandharpur were opened in 1906. There are nearly 600 miles of roads in the District and of these the Poona-Hyderabad trunk Road is the most important traversing the district in a south-easterly direction for 78 miles since the opening of the Railway, trade has increased a hund-Next to cotton a large proportion of which comes from other districts the chief exports are oil, oilseeds, ghee, turmric and cotton cloth The imports are salt, piecegoods, yarn gunnybags and ironware. largest centres of internal trade are Sholapur city, Barsi and Phandhar-The talukas of the Dist. are: Phandharpur, Sholapur, Sangola, Among the number of cotton Barsi, Karmala, Madha and Malsiras. mills, the following are the important:—1 The Sholapur Mills Ltd., 2. The Raja Narsingirji Mill Ltd., 3. The Jam Mill Ltd., and 4 The Vishnu Mill, Ltd., The first mill (Sholapur Spinning and weaving Co.) was started in 1877.

PHANDHARPUR.—This is the headquarters of the Pandharpur taluka in the Sholapur district, and is situated on the bank of the Bhima river 31 miles from the Barsi Road station on the G. I. P. Ry. with which it was connected in 1906 by an extension of the Barsi Light Railway. Pandharpur is one of the most frequented places of pilgrimage in the Bombay presidency, and is highly revered by Hindus as containing a celebrated temple of God Vithoba, an incaranation of Vishnu. This temple is situated near the centre of Pandhari Kshetra or the holy spot of Pandhari or Pandharpur. It has a length from east to west of 350 ft. and a breadth north to south of 170 ft. Three Fairs or Festivals are annually held in honour of this God in the months of April, July and November. Tens of thousands of people gather on these occasions, and a tax of four annas is being levied

from the pilgrims. Apart from this the town is of great historical importance. In 1659 the great Bijapur General Afzal Khan who was murdered by Sivaji encamped at Pandharpur on his way from Bijapur to Wai in Satara from where he never returned alive to Bijapur. In 1774 Phandharpur was the scene of an engagement between Ragunatha Rao Peshwa and Trimbak Rao Mama sent by the Poona ministers to oppose him. In 1817 an indeceisive battle was fought at Phandharpur between the Peshwa's army and the British troops under General Smith. In 1847 the noted dacoit Raghuji Bhandrya was caught at Phandharpur by General Gell. In 1879 Vasudeo Balwant Phadke, a notorious dacoit leader was captured at Phandharpur. These are important memories of the past, but to-day the importance of the town centres round its being the holiest of the holy places on this side of Western India.

Phandharpur town was constituted a municipality in 1855 and it is making a rich harvest out of the Pilgrim tax. The town is well supplied with water from a reservior built by the Municipality in 1874. Pandharpur, according to the 1931 census, has a population of 98,449. It is a station of the Indian Village Mission. Pandharpur has a large export trade to the extent of over Rs. 4 lakhs annually in sweet smelling powder (buka) garm, incense sticks, kunkum etc.

Since last year Pandharpur has become the centre of an annual agricultural cattle and village improvement show which has given to the rest of rural India a fine lead. For this purpose the opportunity presented by the fair has been an unique one, since more than a lakh of people from the Deccan visited the Fair. Other places have not this opportunity for publicity as Pandharpur has.

SHOLAPUR CITY.—This is the headquarters of the District and lies on the G. I P. Railway. The population of the City, according to the 1931 census, is 27,2018. The city is situated in the centre of a large plane 1800 ft. above sea level on the watershed of the Adila, a feeder of the Sina. To the south-west close to the city wall lies the Fort and farther on are the officers' bungalows of the old Cavalry lines, now mostly occupied by Railway servants with the Railway station close by; to the south is the Siddeshwar lake with the temple in the centre; on the south-east bank of the lake is the Municipal garden and about a thousand yards more to the south-east are the Collector's office and the Collector's residential bungalow. About 100 to 500 yards south-west of the Collector's office are the Officers' bungalows of the Old Cantonment to the west of these bungalows is the Protestant Church and the Post and Telegraph offices. The chief public building is the Ripon Hall. The old Military cantonment has been transferred to the civil authorities and is included in the municipal. limits, as no troops are now stationed at Sholapur. The whole city was formerly enclosed by a wall  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles in circuit. The Municipality

with a view to give room to the growing town pulled down in 1872 portions of the wall on the east, south-west and north. Some portions of the wall are still standing.

SHOLAPUR FORT.—The old fort of Sholapur is full worth a visit even today. It is situated in the south-west corner of the city, and was built by Hussan Gangu, the founder of the Bhamni dynasty in It is an irregular oblong building about 230 yards by 170 enclosed by a double line of lofty battlemented and towered walls of rough stone 10 to 20 yards apart, and surrounded, except on the east of the Siddeshar lake side, by a wet moat 100 to 150 ft. broad and 50 The whole work is of Mohamedan architecture, the outer wall dating from the 14th century, and the inner wall and 4 great square towers from the 16th and 17th centuries. The outer wall with battlemented curtains and 4 corner and 23 side towers pierced for musketery, and with openings and vaulted chambers for cannon, rises 20 to 30 ft. from the edge of the moat. About 20 yards behind, the inner wall, also towered and battlemented, rises 5 to 10 ft. above the It has about 25 towers, exclusive of the four square outer wall. In 1668 according to the treaty of Agra, Sholapur fort passed into the hands of the Moghuls from whom the Nizam got it in 1723. It was ceded by the Nizam to the Maharattas after the battle of Karda. At the close of the war with the Peshwas in 1818 this fort was stormed and captured by General Munro.

SHOLAPUR MUNICIPALITY.—The Municipality was established in 1853 and the first water works were constructed in between 1879 and 1881. This has now been found insufficient to meet the increasing needs of the city, and the Municipality has prepared a scheme under the direction of the Superintending Engineer of Public Health, Bombay, for improving the water supply. The scheme is estimated to cost Rs. 13.75.000: In addition to these there are also two other schemes—the Drainage and the Town Improvement schemes that call for immediate attention. The two schemes are estimated to cost another Rs. 5 lakhs and Rs. 1,25,000 respectively. The Municipality also maintains some educational institutions and a General Hospital.

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L. N. Bulbulee, Shukwar, Sholapur.
Iranna Tandle & Sons, Sholapur.
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#### Clubs

Sholapur Dist., Gymkhana, Sholapur. Deccan Gymkhana Club, Sholapur. S. Y. C. Cricket Club, Sholapur. Siddeshwar Club, Sholapur. Police Club, Sholapur. Ripon Hall Club, Sholapur.

#### **CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT SOCIETIES**

Laxmi Co-operative Bank, Ltd., Kasba, Sholapur.

Sholapur Christian Co-operative Credit Society, Ltd., Sholapur.

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Sholapur Haralya Chambers Co-operative Credit Society, Ltd.,

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Sholapur Municipal Inferior Staff Co-operative Credit Society, Ltd., Sholapur.

Sholapur Revenue Pattewala Co-operative Credit Society, Ltd.,

Sholapur.

Sholapur Central Weavers' Co-operative Credit Society, Ltd., Sholapur.

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#### CYCLE DEALERS.

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H. Irani, Navi Peth, Sholapur.

#### DAIRY CO.

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#### General Merchants & Commission Agents

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#### Dentists

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Dr. B. B. Bendre, Sholapur.

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#### HOTELS & RESTUARANTS.

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#### INSURANCE AGENTS.

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M. A. Sukthankar, Near General Library, Sholapur.

M. M. Panchwagh, Near Marathti Boarding House, Sholapur.

Sathe, Murarji Peth, Sholapur. Deshpande, Main Street, Sholapur.

Veigas, Railway Lines, Sholapur.

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General Library, Murarji Peth, Sholapur. Ripon Hall Library, Sholapur. Sadar Bazar Library, Sholapur.

Mangalwar Peth Bazar Library, Sholapur.

Padmashali Samaj Library, Sholapur.

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Arunodaya Press, Navi Peth, Sholapur.

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Shivanand Press, Shukarwar Peth, Sholapur.

Shiridhar Press, Sholapur.

Shri Krishna Press, Shanwar Peth, Sholapur.

Vishnu Vijaya Press, Sholapur.

Laxmi Vijaya Press, Sholapur.

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St. Joseph's School, Sholapur.
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Temples

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WINE MERCHANTS.

Sholapur Co-operative Society Ltd., Sholapur. Nagarwalla & Sons, Sholapur. Merwanjee Jemshetjee & Co., Sholapur.

NEWS PAPERS & PERIODICALS. Sholapur Samachar (Daily), Sholapur. Kalpatru (Anand Virth (Marathi Weekly), Sholapur. Vijaya (Monthly), Sholapur.

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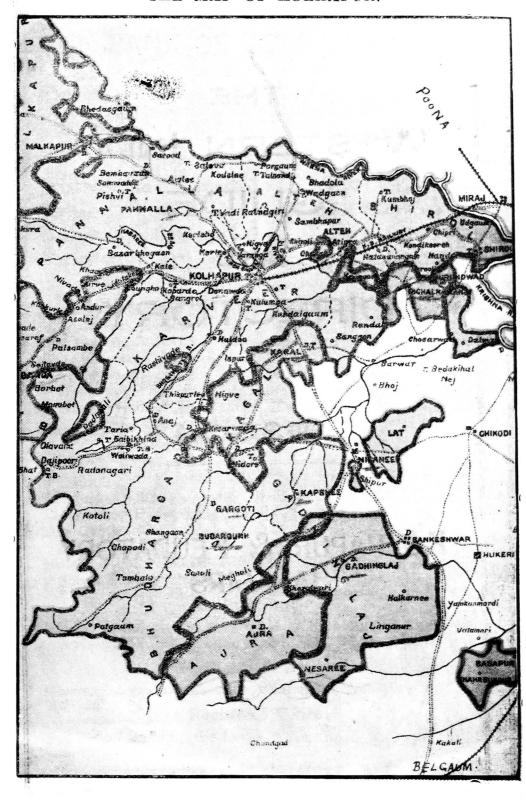
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JAHAGIRS



#### THE MAP OF KOLHAPUR.



#### KOLHAPUR STATE

Kolhapur the Premier State in the Bombay Presidency, lies between 17° 10' 45" and 15° 50' 20" north latitude and 74° 44' 11" and 73° 43' 10" east longitude and is bounded on the north by the river Warna which separates it from the British District of Satara, on the north-east by the river Krishna, on the east and south by the District of Belgaum and on the west by the Sahyadri mountain which divides it from the Savantwadi State on the south-west and Ratnagiri on the west. five large rivers of this province namely the Krishna, the Panchaganga, the Warna, the Dudaganga and Hiranyakeshi with their several tributaries flow through and drain the territory. The State is divided into 7 Petas and Mahals. The capital of the State is Kolhapur-an historic city of palaces and buildings, of roads well laid out, and parks and recreation grounds finely designed, with flourshing educational and other institutions and with archeological remains of great value. The total area of the State is 3,217.1 square miles, of which 2,124.6 belong to the State proper and the rest to the Feudatory Jahagirs under the State. The population according to the Census of February 1931 was 9,57,137 souls, of whom 8,66,648 were Hindus, 43,857 Jains, 41,865 Musalmans, 4,759 Christians and 8 Parsis.

The total gross revenue calculated on the average of the past five years is Rs. 1.27,10,409.

The history of Kolhapur may be divided into six well-defined periods, namely the Maurya, Andhra, Chalukya, Rastrakuta, Silahar-Yaday, Bahamani-Bijapur and Mahratta. The first four periods cover the early years of Hindu supremacy up to 1347. The fifth or Mahommedan period lasted from 1347 to 1700 and the 18th century ushered in the Mahratta period.

The present Ruler H. H. Lt.-Col. Sir Shri Rajaram Chhatrapati Maharaja, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., Maharaja of Kolhapur was born on the 31st July 1897 and succeeded to the Gadi on the 6th May 1922 on the sad demise of his father. He had received excellent education under Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Irwin and later for over 3 years in various schools in England.

On the 1st January 1931, His Most Gracious Majesty, the King Emperor of India was pleased to confer upon His Highness the title of a Knight Grand Commander of the (Most Exalted Order of the) Star of India.

His Highness Lt.-Col. Sir Shri Rajaram Chhatrapati Maharajasaheb, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., complected the 11th year of his rule on the 6th of May 1933 and the 36th year of his age on

the 31st July 1933. He is entitled to a hereditary salute of 19 guns.

His Highness being the fountain head of all power, authority and justice in the State has invested his Ministers with the powers of administration reserving to himself certain powers of ultimate significance.

Important matters are generally referred by His Highness for opinion to the Council of State which consists of the Judical and Revenue Ministers, Chief Secretary to His Highness and Puisne Judge presided over by the Diwan.

His Highness exercises the powers of the King in Council with respect to the appeals preferred to the Supreme Court of His Highness from any final judgment, order or decree of the High Court.

A number of departments have been formed which are under the control of the respective Ministers.

A very notable reform introduced during the regime of the present ruler in the direction of democratising the constitution was the passing of Ilakha and Village Panchayat Act in 1926 under which the management of certain P.W.D. works, primary education, village sanitation and Devasthans (temples), etc., has been transferred to the control of the Panchayats.

The Political, Feudatory, Finance, General and Legislative departments are under the control of the Dewan. The State pays no tribute. His Highness maintains a military force consisting of 550 men in Infantry and 150 in Redcoated Risala at a cost of about Rs. 2,50,000.

The State has nine feudatory Jahagirdars, viz. Vishalgad, Bavada, Kagal (senior), Kapsni, Torgal, Ichalkaranji, Kagal (junior), Himmat Bahadur and Sarlashkar Bahadur. Till recently the Jahagirs were in some degree under the supervision of the Resident at Kolhapur under the agreement of 1862. During the visit of His Excellency Lord Irwin to the Kolhapur State, in November 1929 Lord Irwin was pleased to announce that the primary exercise of the powers of supervision over the · Feudatories which the British Government had continued to retain under the agreement of 1862 would be transferred to the Government of His Highness. This announcement was later officially communicated to His Highness by His Excellency the Governor of Bombay on March 6, 1930 and the official declaration was made on May 31, 1930, in a Durbar attended by Col. Lang, the then Resident at Kolhapur, the Feudatory Jahagir dars and high officers of the State. It was a well-merited corcession given in recognition of continued good Government of the State.

The number of Medical Institutions that affords Medical Relief, inclusive of the three Hospitals in the City namely Albert Edward Hospital, Kolhapur Infantry Hospital and Central Jail Hospital is 21. Besides these, there are two dispensaries in the City, the City Homeopathic Dispensary and the Ahilyabai Deshi Davakhana. Expenses incurred on the Medical institutions except the above mentioned three Hospitals are borne by the Ilakha Panchayat.

The Educational Department is organised on the system of Public Instruction prevailing in the Bombay Presidency. Diwan is the Director of Public Instruction in the State and the Department is administered under his general supervision. Educational Institutions in the State including those in the Feudatory Jahagirs comprise of one College, 11 High Schools of which two are Girls' High Schools, 22 A. V. Schools, 5 Middle Schools, 733 Primary Schools and 10 Institutions for imparting Technical and Religious Education. The total number of Educational Institutions rose from 755 to 781 and that of students attending them rose from 43.050 to 45.045. All the Institutions of Primary and Secondary Education excepting those in the five Feudatory Jahagirs viz. Vishalgad, Bavada, Kagal (Senior), Kapshi and Ichalkaranji whose educational affairs are managed by the respective Jahagirs, are under the supervision of the Educational Inspector, Kolhapur. Principal of the Rajaram College is the Inspector of Secondary Education in the State. The Government spends every year a considerable amount of money in awarding Scholarships poor and deserving students.

Special attention is being paid to the education of Depressed Class Students. The students of this class are allowed to mix freely with the students of other classes and no separate schools have to be maintained for them except in the Jahagir of Kapshi. One of the Deputy Inspectors in this department belong to this class and depressed class students are admitted to the Training College every year. There are two Boarding Houses for this class in the Kolhapur City and a handsome sum is given every year as a grant by the Kolhapur Government. There is a Training College which prepares trained teachers for the Vernacular Schools. The college is well staffed. The students in this College are taught agriculture with a view to giving an agricultural bias to Village Schools. The expenses were borne by the Ilakha Panchayat.

The State has been conducting a Vaidic School, the object of which is to give religious training to the backward classes. Students are trained in the Hindu Rituals and have actually been doing good work as priests. The school is located in the City of Kolhapur and is wholly financed by the Kolhapur Government. The school has been sending out trained men able to preach to the masses. Subjects taught in the school are Sanskrit, Veda, Astrology, Shastras, etc.

There are eleven Libraries in the Kolhapur State proper and 6 in Feudatory Jahagirs. The largest of them is the Kolhapur General Library which has 16,400 volumes against 15,940 of the last year, thus showing an increase of 460 volumes. People of all classes and creeds avail themselves of the benefit of this Institution.

The Kolhapur City is supplied with the Kalamba Tank water and the water from the Panchaganga Pumping Station. The City had 313 public water connections and nearly 2500 private ones.

Jowari, rice. cotton, tocacco, sugarcane, ground-nut, etc. are the main products of the State while in manufactures coarse cotton cloth, woollen cloth, pottery and hardware are the mainstays. There is one Bank, viz. the Bank of Kolhapur, Limited, which is patronised by His Highness.

The State grows a superior grade of cotton and the trade in this commodity has received an impetus by the recent introduction of the Cotton Act in the State.

The co-operative movement has made very rapid progress during the course of the past two years and some of the societies are working very efficiently. One of the leading society—the Urban Co-operative Society Ltd.—works with a capital of over Rs. 2,50,000 and is doing very good business. The Durbar finances the societies with the necessary capital at a low rate of interest.

The activities of the Agricultural Department in which His Highness takes much personal interest deserve mention. The Department is doing very useful work both by way of propaganda for improving the methods of cultivation and for helping the farmers to improve the crops. A series of demonstration plots showing sugarcane varieties, rice, cotton and jowar grown by improved methods of farming are laid out in the fields of the cultivators themselves. An intensive propaganda is being carried on not only in advising the farmers but in actually working with them on the field.

There are five private-owned oil mills at Shahupri working throughout year. One is worked by electric power and the others by steam power. They also do the work of ground-nut crushing.

There are 18 ginning factories, one at Shahupuri, three at Gadhinglaj (with ground-nut crushing work), four at Jayasingpur one at Chinchali, four at Vadgaon and four at Ichalkaranji, all working for the four months of the cotton season only.

There are 33 grinding and pounding mills. 18 are worked by oil engines and 15 by electricity, 12 ground-nut crushing mills, 5 at Shahupuri, 6 at Gadhinglaj and one at Shirol, working for 4 months in a year; one Electric Power House which supplies Electric energy to the Kolhapur City; three foundries, 2 at Shirol and one at Gadhinglaj working for about 7 months by oil engines; three Cinema Film Producing Companies called, The Chhatrapati Cinetone, Prabhat Film Co. and Shayam Cinetone working for the whole year; one Ice Factory called Maharaja Ice Factory; two Workshops of fitting work at Shahupuri; two Workshops for building ferry-boats and making furniture in the City; 12 Workshops for repairs of Motors and building motor bodies.

The total mileage of Railway owned by the State and is under the management of the Madras and Southern Maratha Railway Company Limited was 29.27 (single line) and 1.89 (sidings) and the capital outlay was Rs. 23,58,766. During the year ending 31st March 1931, the Gross Earnings of the Kolhapur State Railway came to Rs. 5,10,706 against Rs. 5,37,678 of the previous year.

# ILAKHA PANCHAYAT, KOLHAPUR

With the noble object of introducing representative institutions in the State, His Highness was gracious enough to inaugurate the Ilakha Panchayat on the 14th April 1927, at the hands of His Excellency, Sir Leslie Wilson the Governor of This momentous step in the direction of Local Self-Government was generously taken by His Highness without any demand from the State subjects and for this spontaneous act the State subjects are grateful to His Highness. The Panchayats are divided into three classes:-The Ilakha Panchayat, the Taluka Panchayats and the Village Panchayats. The Ilakha Panchayat is at the head of this Panchayat system. The Ilakha Panchayat is not merely one institution but a complete net-work of Self-Governing local institutions in the villages in the State. The Ilakha Panchayat is the central authority which not only guides its subordinate counterparts in the Talukas but also guides the Village Panchayats. The Panchayats have been introduced with the object of training the people in the administration of their civic affairs through their elected representatives and in removing their local inconveniences out of the money

raised by themselves. The Panchayats are entrusted with the duties of regulating public health, medical aid, sanitation, primary education, temple charities, roads, wells and other works of public utility. The management of village temples is also placed in the hands of these Panchayats. For this purpose, separate Devasthan Mandals have been created, the Devasthan Mandals of the Ilakha Panchayat being at the head of the Mandals of the Taluka Panchayats. Devasthan The Ilaka Panchayt consists of 28 members of whom 14 are elected by the Taluka Panchayats and 14 are nominated by the Darbar. The President of the Ilaka Panchayat is an ex-officio member and Chairman of the Standing Committee in addition to the five members.

Sir R. V. Subnis, Kt.—President.

Mr. S. G. Dabholkar, B.A., LL.B., -Vice-President.

Mr. Nikam, Chief Officer.

Dr. Bhide, Health Officer.

## **MUNICIPALITIES**

The Kolhapur Municipal Act of 1925 based on the latest Municipal legislation in British India was introduced in the State proper in 1925. This measure started a new era in the civic life of the town population who now enjoy all the rights and benefits of Local Self-Government, as do the people in British India.

There are 13 Municipalities of which 8 are in the State proper and 5 in the Feudatory Jahagirs. Of all the municipalities in the State, the Kolhapur City Municipality is the most important.

The Kolhapur City Municipality which is housed in one of the magnificent buildings in the State erected at a cost of nearly two lacs of Rupees, is situated on the Bahusinji Road in the heart of the City. There are 40 Councillors of whom 25 are elected by the people while 15 are nominated by the Government. The President is elected. The financial position of the Municipalty is sound in spite of heavy expenditure on Public health, Public Works and etc. There are several Dispensaries, 6 A. V. Schools, many other Vernacular and aided Schools under the management of the Municipality. The Municipality also maintains two fine Public Gardens, one at Temblabai Hill and the other at Lakshmipuri.

V. T. Patel Esq., B.A., LL.B.,—President.

V. B. Kulkarni, Esq.,-Vice-President.

R. G. Shinde, Esq., Chief Officer.

Dr. Chattre, M.B., B.S., Health Officer.

## **MILITARY**

The Military Force of the State consists of Infantry, Cavalry and Artillery. The sanctioned strength of this force excluding the Irregulars was 712 comprising of 534 in Infantry, 156 in Cavalry and 22 in Artillery.

Lt.-Col. H. Wilberforce-Bell is the Resident at Kolhapur and Agent to the Gover-General for the Deccan States and Ex-Officio Commandant of the Kolhapur Infantry and Capt. L. T. Wilcock is 2nd in Command. The sanctioned strength of the Kolhapur Infantry is 534.

The Cavalry Department is under the control of the Diwan. Major K. S. Khanvilkar, Officer Commanding is in charge of the Lal Dagala Risala and His Highness' Body Guard. The Force is armed with lances, and swords.

The Artillery Department is under the control of the Diwan, and Meh. B. Ingle remains in charge of this section.

## FEUDATORY JAHAGIRS UNDER KOLHAPUR

VISHALGAD—Jahagirdar—Meherban Abajirao Krishna Pant Pratinidhi; Residence—Malkapur; Caste—Brahmin Madhyandin; Age—63 years; Educated at Rajaram and Elphinstone Colleges; has male heirs; his eldest son being 41 years old. Area—236 square miles; Population—33,217; Gross Revenue—Rs. 2,35,688; Service commutation in the form of Military Contribution—Rs. 5,000.

Karbhari-Rao Saheb G. V. Khandekar, B.A., LL.B.

KAPSHI—Jahagirdar—Meherban Santajirao alias Babasaheb Ghorpade, Senapati; Residence—Kapshi; Caste—Maratha; Age—29; Education at Rajkumar College, Rajkot; has a male heir aged 7 years. Area—33.1 square miles; Population—13,767; Gross Revenue—Rs. 1,52,326; Service commutation payable to the Darbar—Rs. 4301.

Karbhari—Mr. G. N. Kulkarni, B.A.,LL.B.

KAGAL (Senior)—Jahagirdar—Meherban Jayasingrao alias Abasaheb Ghatage, Sarjerao Vajarat-Ma-Ab; Caste—Maratha; Age—14 years. Area—115.1 square miles; Population—49,867; Gross Revenue—Rs. 6,83,817; Service commutation in the form of Military Contribution provisionally paid—Rs. 2,000.

1. Owing to the minority of the Jahagirdar, the administration of the Jahagir is carried on by the Darbar in consultation with the Resident at Kolhapur.

Karbhari—Raosaheb B. M. Kangralkar, B.A., LL.B.

BAVADA—Jahagirdar—Meherban Parshuramrao alias Bhausaheb Madhav Pant Amatya; Residence—Kolhapur; Caste—Brahmin Deshastha; Age—24; Educated at Bavada and Kolhapur. Area—243 square miles; Population—51,584; Gross Revenue—Rs. 1,90,830, Service commutation in the form of Military Contribution provisionally paid—Rs. 3,420.

Karbhari-Raosaheb B. A. Patil, B.A.

KAGAL (Junior)—Jahagirdar—Meherban Dattajirao alias Babasaheb Ghatage Sarjerao; Residence—Kolhapur; Caste—Maratha; Age-61; Educated in company with His Late Highness Shree Shahu Chhatrapati Maharaja Saheb, has male heirs, his eldest son being 31 years old. Area—17.3 square miles; Population—6,787; Gross Revenue—Rs. 1,28,717 Service Commutation payable to the Darbar—Rs. 2154. This amount was reduced by His Highness to Rs. 1,436 as an act of grace.

ICHALKARANJI—Jahagirdar—Meherban Narayanrao Govind alias Babasaheb Ghorpade, Pant Sachiv; Residence—Ichalkaranji Caste—Brahmin Koknastha; Age—60 years; Educated at the Rajaram and Elphinstone College; has no male heir. Area—241 square miles; Population—68567; Gross Revenue Rs. 9,72,578; Service commutation in the form of Military Contribution—Rs. 2000.

Karbhari-Mr. V. V. Rajwade.

TORGAL—Jahagirdar—Meherban Narsojirao alias Babasaheb - Shinde, Senakhaskhel; Residence—Kolhapur; Caste—Maratha; Age—21 years. Area—137.2 square miles; Population—14,728; Gross Revenue—Rs. 1,09,639. Service Commutation provisionally payable to the Darbar—Rs. 1,014.

Karbhari—Mr. S. P. Mandlik.

HIMMAT BAHADUR'S ESTATE—Jahagirdar—Meherban Udajirao alias Abasaheb Chavan, Himmat Bahadur; Residence—Kolhapur; Caste—Maratha; Age—56; has a male heir; age 12 years. Area—49.1 square miles; Population—20,401; Gross Revenue—Rs. 70,872; Service Commutation payable to the Darbar—Rs. 4,000.

Karbhari-Mr. S. R. Thanedar.

SARLASHKAR BAHADUR'S ESTATE—Jahagirdar—Meherban Babasaheb Sultanrao Nimbalkar, Sarlashkar Bahadur; Residence—Kolhapur: Caste—Maratha; Age—15. Area—21.6 square miles; Population—7,478; Gross Revenue—1,07,630; Service commutation provisionally payable to the Darbar—Rs. 2,626.

1. Owing to the minority of the Jahagirdar, the administration of the Jahagir is carried on by the Darbar in consultation with the Resident at Kolhapur.

Karbhari—Mr. S. J. Chhatre, B.A., LL.B.

## THE RAJARAM COLLEGE

The growth of the College, except for the last ten years, has been slow, but steady. It was started under happy auspices with Mr. C. H. Candy as Principal, who inaugurated a new era of education in the Kolhapur State.

The quiet tenor of its life was however severely disturbed in the year 1918 when the State Gazette announced rather unexpectedly that the College would be abolished from June first, on the ground that it was a second-grade College, and the expenditure on it was very heavy. But, fortunately, before that fatal day arrived, there was another announcement "continuing the Rajaram College as before for a period of a year and a half in order to give the public time to organise a society to conduct the Institution as a public one."

Then came a change in the management and policy of the institution by its being handed over to the Arya Samaj. The Maharaja Saheb was enthusiastically backed up in furthering the cause of higher education by the Arya Samaj which as a social reform body had an active programme to raise the backward communities to the highest level of society by education and social intercourse.

The first Principal during the new era was Prof. R. N. Apte, who was succeeded by Mr. Naipal Singh. On his leaving the service to join the I. E. S., the Samaj sent the present Principal who is being continued in the State service after the Rajaram College and High School were taken over from the Samaj by the State.

The College was affiliated for the Honours courses from June 1922 and the present Principal joined in May to make arrangements for the Honours Classes just after a week of the sudden and sad demise of Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj of revered memory. Since the College was taken up by the State in February 1926, His Highness Chhatraptai Rajaram Maharaj has most liberally espoused the cause of higher education.

Not only half of the Paga building has been placed at the disposal, but additions have been made at a great cost in that building. Then Rs. 20,000 have been spent to add a hall on the second floor, while for the Science College, the whole of the O'Brien Building constructed at a cost of a lakh of rupees has been placed at the disposal of the College Principal.

All the principal communities have got their communal boarding houses here.

The ideal of the College is to widen the outlook and improve the mental calibre of its students by encouraging them to... take part in intellectual societies. There are a Debating Union, Extension Lectures, a Philosophy Study Circle, an Historical and Economic Association, a Mathematical Society, a Literary Club, Sanskrit, Marathi, and Kanarese Associations, a Music Club, and a Scientific Society. A sum of Rs. 5,000/- is being annually spent on sports, games, recreation and physical culture in this institution. The students, by having a democratic constitution for the management of their Gymkhana, enjoy many opportunities in the art of self-government.

This College was not represented in the University till 1922, when the present Principal was the first to be nominated on the . Senate, but now there are three members of the Faculty of Arts and Boards of Studies. The professors did not for long have an adequate share in the appointments of the University Examinations, but that ban too is being removed, as last year nine professors were selected for different examinations.

In Maharashtra, next to Poona, Kolhapur forms the greatest educational and cultural centre with its nine High Schools, musical institutions, learned societies, religious Maths, libraries, film companies, sports and physical culture clubs. The College, however, is the heart of all the activities, and the Rajaramians are the principal workers everywhere.

#### THE STAFF

Dr. Balkrishna, M.A., Ph.D., F.S.S., F.R.E., etc., Principal. " S. V. Shah, B.Sc., Ph.D., M.D.C.G.

Prof. H. D. Tendolkar, M.Sc. Prof. A. C. Bose, M.A. K. G. Kundangar, M.A. D. K. Sen. M.Sc. M. T. Patwardhan, M.A. N. S. Phadke, M.A. V. H. Date, M.A. N. S. Adhikari, B.A., S. A. Parandekar, M.Sc. ,, A. N. Upadhye, M.A. M.R.A.S. -S. S. Sukhtankar, M.A. Mr. A. E. Palkar, B.Sc. M. G. Kothare, M.Sc. B. N. Biswas, M.Sc. A. V. Gadre, B.Sc. N. V. Karekar, M.Sc. R. M. Mukarji, M.Sc. G. R. Kokil, M.A. ,, D. K. Sevekari. S.D. Vankudre, M.A. ,, K. V. Kulkarni, B.A.

N. G. Shinde, M.A. V. A. Desai, B.A. K. D. Nimbalkar, B.A. ,,

D. S. Pangu, M.A. B. R. Mali, B.A. þį

## O'BRIEN TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

This school was founded in 1928 in memory of the association of Col. E. O'Brien, the late Resident at Kolhapur, with the State. The building has cost in all parts a lac of rupees. The total equipment cost of the Department is over fifty thousand. The chief purpose is to impart upto date Technical and Industrial Education to students of High Schools and College and to provide compulsory manual training for certain classes in the High Schools.

Raosaheb D. R. Mahadik, D.E.E., is the Superintendent of the Institute and is assisted in his work by a large and well qualified staff.

## IRWIN CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

This School was started in the year 1915 as a Middle School by the American Presbyterian Mission and named in honour of Rev. J. M. Irwin, Ph. D., who was interested in High School works in Kolhapur. In 1919 it was recognized by the University as a High School and was affiliated to the University in the same year. The new High School building was opened in 1921 by His Highness Shri Rajaram Chhatrapati Maharaja of Kolhapur when His Highness was Yuvraj.

The main compound of the school is situated on the edge of the city, near the Iditwar bridge and possesses a unique location, for it is far enough away from the city to be free from the danger of plague and other contagious diseases and is near enough to be convenient to students from Shahupuri and the city. The main building, the largest and most beautiful high school building in the State, was erected at an expense of about Rs. 60,000. The rooms are well lighted, well ventilated and commodious, each class room accommodating about 30 students. An assembly hall, seating about 200, provides a place for the daily chapel exercise, lectures, and social gathering. Because of the high wall and protecting verandahs, the class rooms are very comfortable, even in the hot season, thus conducing to effective study and teaching.

Adjoining the school compound is a large athletic of some five or six acres which furnishes ample room for cricket, football, basket-ball, races, etc.

The Hostel is located in the main compound some five minutes' walk from the school and provides accommodation for about forty students.

The school possesses a well-equipped laboratory so that all the experiments prescribed by the University may be performed by the students themselves. The aim in this department is not merely 'to cover the course' but to acquaint the pupils, by means of experiments, with the principles of science. Mere memory work is not encouraged. In view of the new industries in India and of the need of developing many more, a good grasp of scientific methods and principles is quite essential.

#### THE STAFF

Rev. M. W. Strahler, M.A., Principal.

Mr. M. C. Gorde, B.A., B.T.; Mr. K. J. Joseph, B.A., L.T.; Mr. C. K. Koshy, B.A., S.T.C.; Mr. P. Kuruvilla, B.A., S.T.C.; S. D. Kale, B.A.; Mr. G. H. Dalvi, B.A.; Mr. K. L. Shukla; Mr. P. B. Bhilaradekar; Mr. K. L. Shinde, B.A., S.T.C.; Mr. B. I. Gaikwad; Mr. P. P. Gorde; Mr. H. G. Rukadikar.

## THE ESTHER PATTON SCHOOL, CAMP, KOLHAPUR

The Esther Patton School is situated in a large open compound near the camp in Kolhapur. Opposite to it is the Palace and on beyond lie the beautiful hilss which are a constant source of inspiration to those who "lift their eyes".

The school plant consists of seven main buildings as follows: two recitation halls, one kindergarten, two hostels, one teachers' hall, and the bungalow in which those who are in charge of the school live. The first school building was built in the year 1882 by Mr. Goheen of the American Presbyterian Mission.

The purpose of this school is to build all-round Christian character into the girls in this mission and to be an evangelistic force in Kolhapur. The purpose is better stated in the words which hang in the chapel "For God and India, for Education, Moral, Intellectual and Physical and Purity in Body and Soul, Striving after Noble Character and Righteous Influence to fulfill the Will of God".

This school is under the management of the American Presbyterian Mission of Western India. This mission has appointed an administrative committee which manages in a general way the business of the school.

There is a very small library in the school containing a very limited number of books in Marathi and English, from which the girls can obtain books at any time upon application to the Librarian.

#### **STAFF**

Miss C. Grace Deen, M.A., Principal and Teacher of English Miss M. Ruth Grierson, B.A., Supervisor of the Boarding. Miss Sarah George, B.A.; Miss Hirabai Chopade; Miss Champawatibai Khabade, B.A.; Miss Angelinabai Adhav; Miss

Ratnamalabai Gaikward; Miss Esthabai Gaikwad; Miss Bamebai Pandhre, Mrs. Malanbai Kodat; Mrs. Awadabai Baker; Miss Gracebai Gaikwad; Mr. S. D. Kulkarni B.A., Mr. D. R. Altekar, B.A., Mr. K. G. Bhagwat, Mr. J. A. Pargamkar; Mr. N. K. Bhave and Mrs. Vithabai Ranabhise, Ranabhise.

## SARDARS' SCHOOL

The Sardars' School, Kolhapur, was opened in January 1929, with the primary object of providing a good general education for the sons of Chiefs, Sardars and Indian Gentlemen. The school is conducted, as far as possible, on the lines of an English Private School. Boys are developed socially, intellectually, physically and morally so as to be equally at home in Eastern and Western surroundings.

The School is situated at Kolhapur in a central, airy, and healthy position, with spacious grounds and can accommodate about sixty boys. There are also two well-conducted Boarding Houses connected with the school.

The normal course of Instruction is arranged to cover a period of ten years:—Junior School, 3 years; Intermediate school, 4 years; and Senior School, 3 years. Pupils are prepared for the Matriculation Examinations of the Indian Universities and for Public Services Examinations. The subjects taught include English, Marathi, Sanskrit, Mathematics, History, Geography, Physiology and Hygiene, Elementary Science and Drawing. Arrangements for special tution in the above or in additional subjects, can be made by the Principal on request. Religious Instruction is given under arrangements made with the Parent or Guardian of each pupil. Boys will not ordinarily be admitted under the age of six or over the age of sixteen years. The School year is divided into three Terms:— Spring Term, January 7th to April 15th; Summer Term, June 1st to August 31st; and Winter Term, September 15th to December 20th.

Cricket is played on the Merewether and School House Grounds, and Hockey and Football on the grounds of the Kolhapur Infantry by the Senior Boys, and by the Junior Boys in the School House Grounds. Certain Boys play Tenn's, Badminton, Squash Rackets and Golf at the Kolhapur Club. Requisites for school games are supplied by the school, but students who wish to do so may bring their own. Ample provision is made for indoor games in the

Boarding Houses.

#### STAFF.

Mr. F. J. D. Thompson, B.A., (Lond.), M.R.S.T., Principal. Messrs. A. B. Deshpande, B.A., S. R. Karnik, B.A., P. W. Akolkar, B.A., N. B. Salgarkar, B.A., D. S. Konnur, B.A., B. K. Kulkarni, B.A., and H. S. Hirlekar. Dr. S. G. Chavan, M.B., B.S., Medical Officer.

# S. M. E. SOCIETY, KOLHAPUR

The City High School, Kolhapur, was founded by Messrs. Shukla, Surangikar, and Maaiskar, on the 2nd January 1893 with the intention of bringing education within the reach of backward and poorer sections of the community. In the year 1903, the School received the State In 1908, the late Shahu Chhatrapati Maharaja of Kolhapur, graciously conferred on the school the privilege of styling itself as an insitution, "under the patronage of H. H. the Maharaja Chhatrapati Saheb of Kolhapur" and of displaying His Highness' Photo and paraphernalia on the school-board. In 1914 Messrs. Dravid, K. V. Kulkarni, Rukadikar and Kabnurkar joined the school, and it was raised to the status of a full-fledged high school. In 1919 the proprietors of the City High School with a view to form the S. M. E. Society converted themselves into a body of Life-members. The object of the Society is to make education efficient and popular by starting, incorporating and affiliating at different places, schools and colleges as circumstances permit. The Society was registered under Act XXI of 1860 in 1919. In January 1926, Messrs. M. D. Joshi, V. T. Ranade. B. G. Kulkarni, S. S. Bhagwat and M. B. Moghe were admitted as Life-members. Up to October 1926, the Life-Members mainly relied on their own resources and self-sacrifice for the conduct of the school, though whenever they appealed to the public for help they received ready response. The necessity of a permanent fund for the Society was felt and the contributions which poured in from the generous public within a week at once testified to the popularity of the work carried on by the Life-Members and to the keen interest taken by the distinguished gentlemen, who became Patrons and Fellows of the Society. Shrimant Udhoji Rao Chawan Himat Bahadur Saheb is the Patron of the Society while Mr. M. D. Joshi and Mr. K. V. Kul-karni are the Superintendent and Chairman respectively.

# PRIVATE ENGLISH SCHOOL

The Private English School, Kolhapur was started by the late Mr. R. N. Kulkarni and some of his friends on the 11th of June 1883 with five pupils on the rolls teaching the first three standards. Gradually as the School rose rapidly in strength and efficiency, higher standards were opened one after another, and in the year 1897 a full high school course was introduced. The late Mr. R. N. Kulkarni single-handed conducted this school very ably for thirty-six years without any material monetary aid from outside. To secure stability and permanence to his institution by divesting it of its character as a private concern he called on the 31st of August 1919 a meeting of his friends and sympathisers and at that meeting, the Private Education Society, Kolhapur was formed, the aim and object of the Society being to

encourage education generally and to take under its control and management the Private High School, Kolhapur. Then the Education society drafted a constitution which has now been greatly revised to ensure the tone of democratic bodies. It may be said, without any fear of contradiction, that the revised consitution, the steady number of boys and the competent staff would be prolific of salubrious results in the long run. Great credit is due to the Private Education Society of Kolhapur for the efficient management of this institution which is now very much in the fore-front among the numerous other educational institutions of this place. The President of this Education Society is the Chiefsaheb of Bavda, and Mr. V. G. Kulkarni, is the Secretary.

## S. P. G. Mission, Kolhapur

The S. P. G. Mission Kolhapur was founded in 1870 and does extensive work in the villages lying to the south of Kolhapur. The staff at Kolhapur consists of two English Paders, viz. the Rev. H. H. Heaton, M.A., (Oxon.), and the Rev. J. R. Andress, M.A., B.Sc. (Manchester), two Indian Padres, the Rev. J. K. Londhe, and the Rev. P. P. Dengle: the former is in charge of the Indian congregation at Brahmapuri, and the latter in charge of the congregations at Kagal and Sangao. In connection with the Women's side of the work the following are the European workers:—Miss G. Miss S. Tollett, Miss M. E. Young, Deaconess K. Hall, Dr. H. M. Haythornthwaite, and Mrs. H. Heaton. In connection with the Mission there are two boarding schools for Christian children one for boys and the other for girls. The Mission also has a staff of village school-masters, Catechists, Bible Women, Readers etc., who do education and evangelistic work in the villages. The Missonary-in-charge is also Resident Chaplain of the English Church at the Camp Kolhapur and also Chaplain to the Anglican congregation at Miraj.

# ALBERT EDWARD HOSPITAL, KOLHAPUR

Situated in an unrivalled, position on an open ground, near the Kolhapur Town Hall in the heart of the City, the Albert Edward Hospital, a magnificent and up-to-date building with quarters for medical staff, commands a spectaculor splen-With modern facilities for all kinds of treatment, this is the only big Hospital in the Kolhapur State. One of the outstanding features of this Hospital is that all kinds of patients of any caste and creed get proper treatment with sufficient care. It is equipped with 60 beds and has ample room for out-door patients. The management is under the direct supervision of Dr. D. R. Dhanawade, M.B., B.S., who is the Chief Medical Officer and Durbar Surgeon. Dr. A. J. Patil, M.B., B.S., Asst. Darbar Surgeon is always at the premises for urgent cases and is helped by a staff of qualified Doctors and Sub-Asst. Surgeons. Allmost all the staff have their residential quarters in the adjoining Hospital Bungalows. There are several public dispensaries under the control of this hospital and all of them are maintained by the Government.

Dr. R. R. Dhanawade, M.B., B.S., Chief Medical Officer and Darbar Surgeon.

Dr. A. J. Patil, M.B., B.S., Asst. Darbar Surgeon.

Dr. S. G. Pendharkar, M.B., B.S., Physician and Surgeon. Dr. N. T. Merwade, M.B., B.S., Physician and Surgeon.

Dr. (Mrs.) C. Dhanawade, L.C.P.S., Lady Doctor.

Dr. B. R. Patil, House Surgeon.

# THE MARY E. WANLESS ZENANA HOSPITAL

(For Women and Children, Kolhapur)

The Mary E. Wanless Zenana Hospital for Women and Children was established in 1909 when the old Military Hospital was given by His Highness, the late Maharaja of Kolhapur as a memorial to the first wife of Sir William Wanless, the founder of the well known Miraj Hospital, Miraj. This Hospital is maintained under the auspices of the American Presbyterian Mission, and is affiliated to the Hospital at Miraj belonging to the same Mission. It is housed in a well-built and up-to-date building and is situated opposite the Traveller's Bungalow at the junction of the Poona-Belgaum roads. Recently it has been equipped with fifty beds. Modern facilities are provided to care for medical, surgical and obstetrical cases. A battery of the latest type of electric sterilizers has been installed in conjunction with the Operating theatre. Modern plumbing is present in 11 the buildings. There are adequate provisions for both private room and ward patients.

In the dispensary men, women and children are treated. Leprosy and venereal clinics are maintained. A well-equipped laboratory is also in operation. Prenatal and postnatal care receive special emphasis. The Hospital is under the able management and control of Dr. Norma P. Dunning, M.D., the Physician in charge. She is a well qualified Dr. and has come out from one of the American Universities. With the outstanding skill and knowledge she has, she is an extremely loyal colleague and friend. Her character, affability, scholarship and professional attainments are of the highest quality. She is assisted by qualified nurses, most of whom being graduates. The Nursing Superintendent Miss Agnes Faze, R. N. is a goodnatured Lady and takes particular care in the way of treating the patients.

## THE IRWIN AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM

The Irwin Agricultural Museum opened by His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General of India in 1929 is housed in a specially designed building surrounded by a model farm and is now open to the public. People particularly interested in Agriculture pay visits to this Museum to see the various exhibits arranged therein. It is gratifying to note that the people outside the State are also paying visits to the Museum.

This Museum has been imparting lessons to the visitors on (1) the utility of various Farm Implements and Machinery and Dairy appliances, (2) Field products grown in the Kolhapur State, (3) Crop pests and diseases with their methods of control, (4) grading farm products with a view for marketing the grain to command better prices, (5) various kind of soils and rocks, (6) the possibilities of developing various cottage industries, (7) the utility of timber grown in the Kolhapur State. In addition to this the Archæology Section puts on view various old coins of Andra, Moghul and British periods, Stone inscriptions, copper plate grants and idols of Indian Sculpture.

# KING EDWARD AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTION

The King Edward Agricultural Institute was started by H. H. the late Shahu Chhatrapati Maharaja of Kolhapur in memory of His Majesty the late King Emperor, Edward VII, in the year 1911 purely for the benefit of the farmers of the State

The Institute owns, Tractors, Boring Machines, Water finder Machine, Iron ploughs, and other agricultural implements, the use of which is given to the farmers of the State. It also supplies guaranteed Fertilisers to the Rayats and offers seeds, Seedlings and grafts, to them at concession rates. The Institute gives Scholarships to the sons of the farmers of the State so as to enable them to receive education in agriculture and in the use of agricultural machinery.

Raob. R. P. Sawant, B.A., LL.B., Bar-at-Law., Ag. Home Minister worked as President of the Institute from December 1930 in place of Raob. A. B. Achrekar, M.A., LL.B., whilst Mr. S. S. Phatarpeker, B.A., B.Sc., Registrar, Co-operative Societies continued to work as the Hon. Secretary. Mr. P. B. Nadkarni continued to work as the Organiser of the Institute.

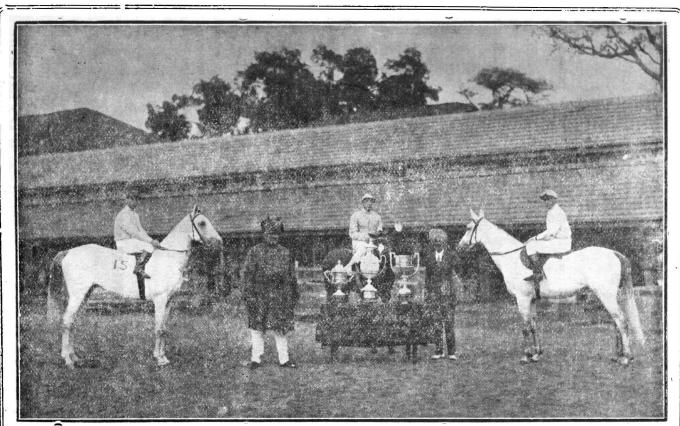
## KOLHAPUR RACE CLUB

With the races in Kolhapur yearly rising in public estimation the leading owners from Western India have begun to send their animals there during the Racing Season. The satisfactory condition of affairs is due in the greatest measure to the interest taken in racing by His Highness the Chhatrapati Maharaja of Kolhapur. The Kolhapur Race Course is considered to be one of the best of its kind in Western India next to Bombay and Poona, though it is not without its defects. Many necessary improvements have been made recently by the Executive to give all facilities to the Race-going public including Owners and Trainers. There is every reason to believe that the Kolhapur Races will in future become more and more popular and attract a large number of punters and owners. His Highness the Maharaja, Her Highness S. S. Akha Saheb Maharaj (sister of His Highness), and all the members of the Royal family are very much interested in Sports, specially Racing, Pigsticking and Cheeta Hunting. His Highness has got one of the biggest Stables in India consisting of thorough breds, Country Breds and Arabs many of them have won big Stakes and Cups for His Highness. In the Western India Racing His Highness had the credit of annexing continously for 4 times the Governor's Cup while Her Highness S. S. Akah Saheb won Governor's Cup this year.

# SCOUTING.

The lofty ideals inculcated by the Scout movement are steadily spreading. The State Scout Association has succeeded to a certain extent in bringing a new and brighter element into the village life and in inspiring confidence among the villagers. The scouts rendered very useful service on the occasions when their services were requisitioned. They have also done some village uplift work.

We are happy to note that the number of Scouts is increasing in villages. His Highness is the Chief Scout of the State. There were training camps and rallies during the year. The Chhatrapati Scout Magazine is published with the view to educate boys in ideals of self-sacrifice, good citizenship, loyalty to His Highness and duty to mother-land.



His Highness the Chhatrapati Maharaja of Kolhapur is seen with some of the Cups he has Won.

#### AMBABAI TEMPLE

The Amba Bai temple, otherwise known as Maha Lakshmi temple among those who come for worship here, is a very anicent place of worship, the oldest part of the present shrine being the work of the early Chalukyas (550-660 A. D.) During the nineth century, the Silhara rulers of Kolhapur extended and embelished it considerably. This is in the heart of Kolhapur City, just a few yards to the northwest of the old State Palace. There is a star-shaped central shrine built on the plan of the Ambernath temple near Kalvan and this is dedicated to Amba Bai or Maha Lakshmi. A shrine to the south of the central shrine is dedicated to Maha Saraswati, and another to the north is dedicated to Maha Kali. the central shrine you have a number of independent shrines dedicated to various Gods. The building of this temple is of the Chalukyan or Vesara type of Hindu architecture. The Chhatrapatis of Kolhapur, about the middle of the eighteenth century, added some more to its present towers and also restored many of the sculptures which were torn from their niches multilated by the Mahomedan invaders. The whole structure is now a harmonious combination of ancient and modern architecture. There are many proofs to show that this was a Jain temple in ancient days.

Among the many shrines within the temple area, the Garuda and the Mani Mandap are the important ones. In the Garuda Mandap a silver image of Amba Bai is installed for worship during the Navarathra celebrations in September-October. The Mani Mandap is artistically paved, and there are two Divara Palas (gate keepers) at the end walls of this Mandap. These gate keepers have been cast in moulds like the huge Buddha figures you have at the Kanheri caves. This Mandap is the Sanctum-sanctorum wherein the image of Amba Bai is enshrined. Fearing the atrocities of Moslem invaders this image was kept in hiding for over two centuries. It was replaced only in 1722. To enter into a detailed description of the other shrines would be superfluous. It's importance can be gauged by the daily worshippers that gather there and respect and awe with which Amba Bai is worshipped by the Chhatrapatis.

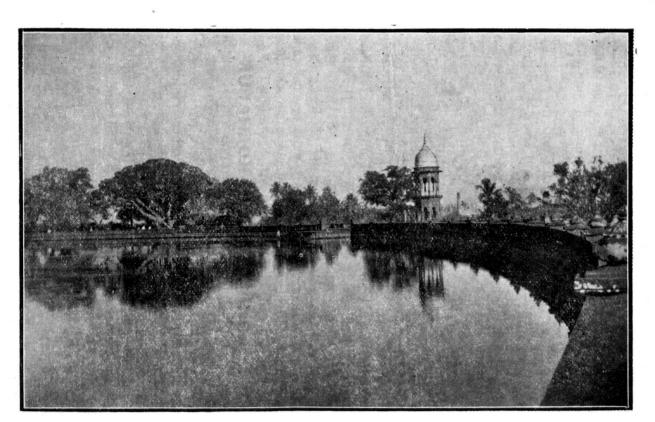
# **PANHALA FORT**

Nature has made this famous hill fort impregnable, while man's ingenuity has made it beautiful. It lies 12 miles to the north-west of Kolhapur City, at a height of about 2,772 feet above the sea level, and is situated on one of the summits of the Panhala spur of the Western Ghats. The uplands are about 700 feet above the plain and the fort itself, about 4½ miles in circumference, is 275 feet above the uplands. The building of this fort is attributed to the Silhara Bhoja Raja in the 11th century and there is a small citadel on the summit of the fort bearing his name. From the Silhara rulers of Kolhapur

it passed into the hands of Yadavas and thence to the Bhamani king-In 1701 Panhala was taken from the Mughals by Ramchandra Pant Amatya, the ancestor of the present Chief of Bayda. Tarabai the widow of Rajaram made Panhala her headquarters and it remained the seat of the Kolhapur Govt. till 1782. Panhala was made over to the British Govt. about the year 1827. In 1844 during the minority of Sivaji IV, Panhala was taken by rebels who also seized Col. Ovans, the then Resident of Satara when on tour there, and imprisoned him in Panhala. The rebels were defeated in 1884 by a British force under General De Lamottee and the fort was occupied by the British. Since the founding of the Hindu-pad-Badshahi, l'anhala has remained a cherished possession of the Chhatrapatis. I'anhala is now the headquarters of the Panhala sub-division and is the best health resort in the Kolhapur State. The fort contains a glorious plateau, second only to that on which Ootacamond is situated. Climate is very salubrious and healthy, and there is an abundant watersupply surcharged with iron, so much so it may as well be called the Spa of Kolhapur. Panhala is also noted for its rich mineral deposits of Kaolin and bauxite. There is a temple dedicated to Sambaji and there is another opposite to it dedicated to Jijabai Saheb the wife of Sambaji Maharaj (1712-60). The most important Moslem building is the shrine of Sadhoba, a Mahomedan Saint. It is surrounded by a wall and is 29 feet square and including the dome is 50 feet high. Panhala is said to have been the seat of the Rishi Parasar, whose name the Karvir Mahatmaje associates with several objects of interest in Panhala Hill. Among the objects is a rock-cut cave of the sage lying to the south of the Fort.

## RANKALA TANK KOLHAPUR

Visitors to Kolhapur have often compared this tank to the Back Bay and they have named it the Back Bay of Kolhapur. The beginning of the tank is said to have been a quarry from which stones were cut for the construction of the Jain and other temples in Kolhapur. An earthquake in the 8th or 9th century has also been the cause of this quarry getting enlarged in area. In 1883 for purposes of water supply for the town, the tank was much improved and extended, and the water was conveyed to the town by a small conduit built of brick masonary in the old primitive fashion. The Rankala water is now largely used for irrigation, and the total area irrigated is over 200 acres yielding a good revenue to the State. The tank is now fed by two streams on the southern side and it has also a natural waste weir towards the western side. It has a circumference of nearly two and a half miles and it has a depth of about 35 feet at the centre. There is a temple near by dedicated to God Rank Bhairav, an incarnation of God Shiva; and the tank is named after that God. It has now the appearance of a large artificial lake and its surrounding beauty will largely be enhanced when the Radhabhai Palace (now under construction) is completed.



RANKALA TANK, KOLHAPUR.

## JOTIBA'S HILL

This is a sacred hill in the State of Kolhapur about 9 miles northwest of the City, rising about 1000 feet from the plain in a truncated cone and, though disconnected, forms part of the Panhala Spur which stretches from the crest of the Western Ghats to Kistna. a small village on the hill top with about 1400 inhabitants, mostly priests of Jotiba. There is a group of temples in the middle of the village three of which are dedicated to Jotiba, under the names of Kedarling, Kedareshwar and Ramling. The story goes that Amba Bai of Kolhapur, being disturbed by demons, went to Kedarnath in the Himalayas, practised severe penance, and prayed for power to d stroy the demons. Her prayers were answered and Kedareshwar came to Jotiba' Hill bringing with him and setting up the present Kedar Lingam. The original temple is said to have been built by one Navji Saya. In its place Ranoji Scindia built the present temple The second temple of Kedareshwar was built by Daulat Rao Scindia in 1808. The third temple of Ramling including the dome. was built about the year 1780 by one Malji Nilam Panhalkar. Close to these temples is a shrine sacred to Chopdai built by Priti Rao Himmat Bahadur in 1760. A few yards outside the village stands a temple of Yamai, built by Ranoji Scindia. Most of the temples on Jotiba's Hill are made of a fine blue basalt which is found on the hills. The chief diety is Jotiba, who though called the son of the sage Pangand, is believed to have been Pangand himself, reincarnated to help the Ruler of the Deccan in their fights with the demons. According to tradition, Jotiba's destruction of one of the demons named Ratnasur gave the place the name of Vadi Ratnagiri. In honour of the victory over the demon, a yearly fair is held on the full moon of Chaitra (March-April) attended by 40000 or more people, some of them coming from great distances. Small fairs are also held every Sunday and full moon day and on the 6th of the bright of Shravan (August), when the image is carried round the temple in a litter in great pomp.

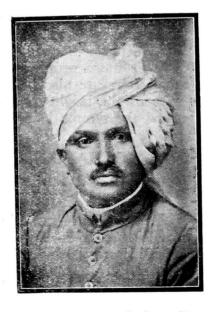
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# BAVDA JAHAGIR.

Bavda is an important Feudatory Jahagir under Kolhapur, situated on the top of the Sahyadri Mountains, 34 miles south-west of Kolhapur, between 16.33 latitude and 73.52 longitude. Bavda, otherwise known as Gagan Bavda, is the capital of the Jahagir lying 2017 feet above sea level. According to the last census (1931) the population has been computed at 10,162. The Jahagir yields a quinquennial gross revenue of Rs. 1,65,773, and is under the rule of Shrimant Parashuramrao Madhavrao alias Bhausaheb Pandit Pant Amatya, the Jahagirdarsaheb of Bavda, who completed the first year of his administration on the 16th December 1932.

# **EARLY HISTORY**

The early history of this Jahagir may be traced up to the days of Shri Shivaji the Great, the founder of the Maharatta Empire. founder of the Bavda Jahagir was one Ramchandra Nilakant, son of Nelo Sondeo, who and his brother Abaji were friends of Shivaji from early childhood and had rendered him valuable services. recognition of these services, Shivaji made Abaji his "Muzumdar" and Nelo his "Sachiv". Nelo was subsequently made "Amatya" and he died in 1672. His son Ramchandra Nilakanth was chosen to succeed him as Amatya in 1674, almost about the time of Shivaji's coronation. This Ramchandra Pant was a great statesman and had rendered very valuable services to the Maharashtra when it became unsettled after the death of Sivaji. Ramchandra Nilkanth displayed exceptional tact, undaunted valour, and conquered the well-nigh lost Maharatta Empire and administered it for some time on behalf of Shri Rajaram Chhatrapati Maharaj while he was in Jinji. cognition of these most loyal services Ramchandra Nilkanth was granted as Inam a large tract of country together with Watans and Inams by a Sannad issued in 1703 by Sivaji Maharaj, son of Raj Ram. Rajaram Maharaj was succeeded by his son Shivaji Maharaj by his wife Tarabai, the founder of the Kolhapur Royal family in 1701, Sambhaji's son Shivaji, better known as Shahu Maharaj being then in captivity. On the death of Aurangzeb in 1707 Shahu was released and a struggle ensued between Tarabai and Shahu for the throne. Though Ramchandrapant was aware of the claims of Shri Shahu to the Maharatta Empire, he kept true to his word and sided Tarabai, and spared no pains in establishing the Kolhapur Raj. His abilities as a statesman and a General were unique, and the services he rendered to the Maharatta Empire, especially to the Karvir Raj, were many and important. On his death, his son Bhagwantarao was made Pant Amatya by Shri Sambhaji Maharaja of Kolhapur in 1720. Bhagwantarao was instrumental in secretly bringing up Ramaraja, the son of Shri Shivaji Maharaj of Kolhapur, to succeed Shahu in adoption in 1749 The successors of Bhagwantarao were never wanting in loyalty to the Kolhapur Raj. With the exception of Krishnarao Bhagwant from 1750-61 and Govindrao from 1826-34 up to the time of the adoption of the illustrious father of the present Jahagirdarsahib, late lamented Shrimant Madhavrao Moreshwarrao in 1868, the Jahagir had to be continued by adoption seven times.

# THE REGIME OF THE LATE JAHAGIRDAR

Shrimant Madhavrao Moreshwarrao, thefather of the present Jahagirdar, was greatly loved by his subjects and was much respected by the Chhatrapati Maharajasaheb and the British Government. ruled the State for a period of over 45 years loyally and to the satisfaction of both the Chhatrapati Maharajasaheb and the British The grant of silver and gold meda's in 1903, 1911 and Government. 1912, the enhancement of judic al powers in 1904, the conferment of the privilege of using Bhaladar's Gold-stick hereditarily in 1911, and the raising his status to full Session's Judgeship in 1927, all bear testimony to his administrative capacity and also to his qualities of head and heart. He was fond of riding and other atheltic sports from his early boyhood. He had a wonderful knack of reading the minds of those who approached him. His love and appreciation of fine arts was well-known. His knowledge and rich experience of Avurveda and his inborn liking for Astrology and Photography were matters of common knowledge. By his uniform kindness and courtesy and by his constant solicitude for his subjects he got endeared himself to them.

# **BAVDA PRESENT**

The present Ruler had his early education in his native place at Gagan Bayda, and later on for the political Education and for the general knowledge of the world he was kept under the guardianship of Capt. Gastrell who was succeeded by Capt. M. C. Sinclair. He has travelled far and wide and as a traveller he has allowed no opportunity to slip by in gathering experience of men and manners in different countries. During his short regime of an year and a half the Jahagirdar has been responsible for the introduction of various reforms in the Jahagir. A number of nation-building departments have been organised within this short period and every one of them is working well. Chief among them is the Education department. This has been organised on the system of Public Instruction prevailing in the Bombay Presidency. The Jahagirdarsaheb is the Director of Pulic Instruction and the Karbhari is the Educational Inspector. The present Jahagirdar has introduced English Education to meet an urgent need of the public, in the old pure Vernacular School and named it after his father as "Shri Madhav A. V. School". There are 19 Primary Schools in the Jahagir and the average attendance of the students is 1000. Something like Rs. 6,000 is spent on education which is considerably more than that could be expected taking into consideration the amount of the Jahagir Local Fund. Attempts are being made for educating the Depressed Classes with success. Arrangements are made at the Capital town Bavda for freely feeding a considerable number of poor students of all castes and creeds. The Jahagirdarsaheb has under contemplation the introduction of Agricultural Education in the village schools, which is a great need of the time. Education is free in the Jahagir. The Jahagirdarsaheb has all plans ready to introduce the Co-operative movement in the Jahagir on the lines prevailing in British India and Kolhapur State. Ere long it will be introduced. There are three grinding miles in Bavda Jahagir. One is at Bavda and two are at Rashivde 15 mills from Kolhapur on the Kolhapur-Phonda Road. The principal crops are Rice, Wari, Nachani, Sugar-cane, Warna and Oil-seeds.

# SHRI MADHAV A. V. SCHOOL

This Institution, named after the late Pant Amatya in memory of his love of education and the efforts he made for the development of the same, is attended on an average by 90 students. The English education has been newly introduced and the number of students taking the benifit of the same is increasing. Head Master:—Mr. J. G. Kadam; English Teacher:—Mr. H. A. Chitnis.

# MEDICAL DISPENSARY

This Dispensary under the able management of Dr. M. B. Savant, L.C.P.S., (Chief Medical Officer) has a good number of indoor and outdoor patients. All kinds of patients of any caste or creed get proper treatment with sufficient care. The Jahagir spends about Rs. 1,700 on free medical help.

# LIBRARIES

There are three Libraries in the Jahagir. Shri Ram Wachanalya is the largest and has a stock of nearly 1400 volumes. The library was reconstructed by the present Jahagirdarsaheb and is under his direct control. People of all castes and creeds avail themselves of the benefit of this Institution. Mr. B. H. Dhavle is the Librarian and Secretary.

# SHRI MADHAV GADANIGRAHALAYA

This is a beautiful memorial of late Shrimant Madhavrao More-shwarao alias Balasaheb Pandit Pant Amatya, the revered father of the present Jahagirdar, who was a great lover of Ayurveda and the

very embodiment of princely virtues. The present Jahagirdar opened the above Dispensary in his name and it has a large stock of Ayurvedic Medicines costing Rs. 23,000, prepared under the direct supervision of late Pant Amatyasaheb. Many poor and down-trodden people are having the benefit of the institution. Doctor-in-charge:—Mr. D. K. Karandikar.

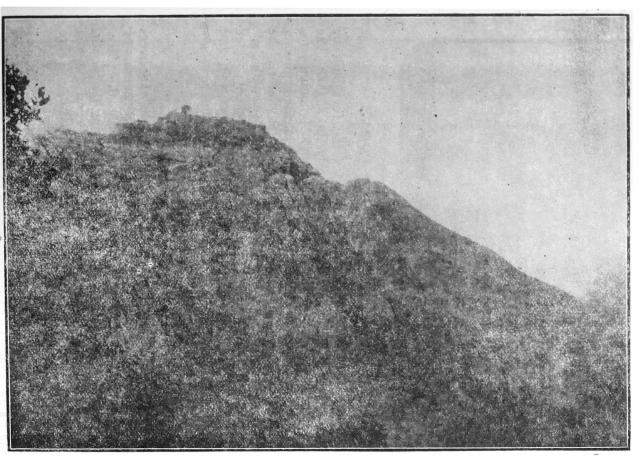
# SCOUTING

With a motive to improve the physical and moral development of the students and to make them good citizens, the Jahagirdarsaheb has introduced the Scout Movement in the Jahagir. There were early difficulties, but the villagers soon liked the training given to their boys and were convinced of its importance. The Jahagirdar is the Chief-Scout and it is due to his keen interest that the local Scout Association is controlling nearly 350 Scouts divided into 20 groups.

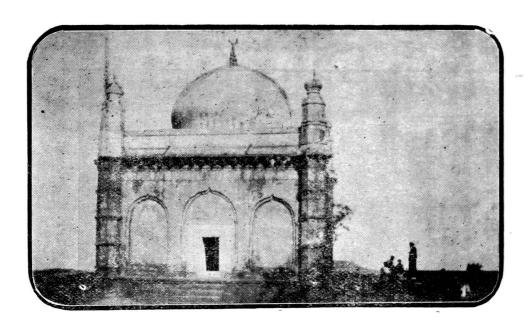
# PLACES OF INTEREST IN BAVDA

# GAGAN GAD FORT

This was one of the important forts built by Raja Bhoja of Panhala along with 15 others he built during his regime (1178-1209). The fort stands 36 miles to the south-west of Kolhapur and is 2500 feet above sea-level. It is on an absolute peak and its secluded situation has preserved it from very frequent attacks. The paths leading to the fort are very few and difficult to negotiate. From the surrounding precipices one gets an idea of its importance in the olden days. The fort is worth seeing. Shivaji the Great greatly improved the fort after he took it from Alli Adilshah-II of Bijapur in 1660. It was in the possession of the Maharattas till the end of 1680. After Sambhaji it automatically went into the hands of the Moghuls. During the reign of Shri Rajaram Maharaj (1689-1700), Ramchandra Nilkanth, the first Pant Amatya and the illustrious founder of the Bavda Jahagir, recaptured the fort from Moghuls and it was afterwards given to him by Rajaram Maharaj as a Saranjam. struggle that ensued for the throne between Tarabai and Shahu after the release of Shahu, Ramchandra Nilakanth's act of loyalty to the Maharatta throne was much appreciated by Sambhaji I of Kolhapur, who made a grant of this fort to Shri Bhagavantrao Saheb the son of that illustrious personage of revered memory. He repaired the fort about the year 1700. It was subsequently besieged by an officer of Peshwa, who was killed during the fight, and it has ever since enjoyed an undisturbed peace from foreign aggression. In 1844 along with the fort of Samangada, the Bariars (Gadakaries) declared mutiny, but with a little effort it was quelled. Then the fortifications of the old fort were partly demolished.



A DISTANT VIEW OF GAGAN GAD FORT.



THE MOSQUE AT GAGANGAD FORT.,

There is a beautiful mosque on the crest of the fort built by Subarao Saheb during his regime at a cost of nearly Rs. 75,000. The Deity in the mosque is worshipped by both Hindus and Mahommedans. Two Urus or Fairs are held on behalf of the deity, one at the beginning of the rainy season and the other at the beginning of the winter. The fair is generally attended by a large number of people from the adjoining villages. There is an abundant supply of excellent water surrounding the fort. Beautiful carvings and tunnel ways in and around are worth seeing.

# GAGAN BAVDA

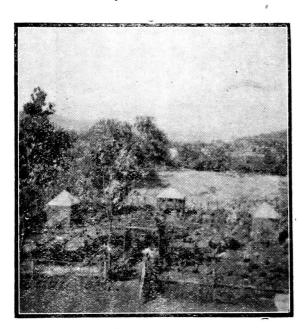
The capital of the Jahagir is situated on the crest of the Hill over-looking Konkan and at a distance of a mile from the fortifications of the old fort. The effects of the monsoon are severely felt at this place. 180 inches of rain is frequently measured as falling during the month. Shri Madhav Anglo-Vernacular School is located here and there is also a goodly domicile belonging to the present Jahagirdar. There is an abundant supply of excellent water. The temperature varies from 68 to 86. There are two seasons viz. one from the 15th of September to 15th November and the other from the 15th of March to 15th June (hot season). The beautiful scenery "Amavana Hill" which commands a picturesque view of the valley below is half a mile away from the village which has a thick jungle abounding in good

THE VALLEY VIEW OF AMAVANA HILL.

game and medicinal herbs. There is a building midway between the village and the Ambavana Hill, on Shri Ramchandra Nilkanath Club grounds, for the use of the club as well as for the travellers visiting this place to see the beautiful scenery around.

# CAMP MADHAVBAG.

This is the Jahagirdars' residence, named after his beloved father late Pant Amatyasaheb. This was established in the beginning of the



year 1931, and within a short period the Jahagirdarsaheb entirely changed all the old views and made it a healthy, comfortable and delightful residency by using his knowledge of gardening, which is one of his pet subjects. He has also made a plantation of Pine-apples with great success. The Jahagirdar has used his Engineering knowledge in the building of the residency. The garden which Jahagirdarsaheb the improved has first planned by his late revered father in the year

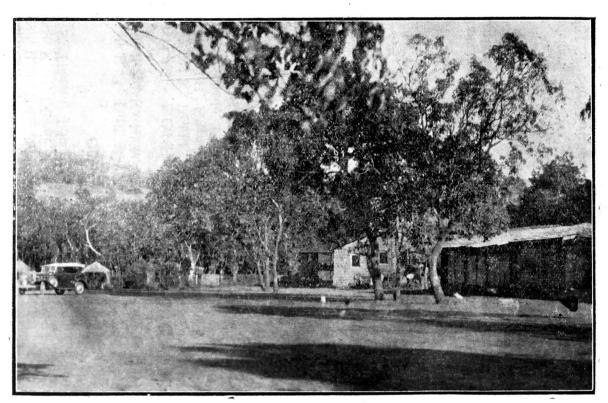
1897. Through want of attention it began to deteriorate and the present Jahagirdar has improved it and made it a delightful garden. There is a place worth seeing named Shri Ramling, one mile away from the residency. The famous ancient carvings there, it is said, have been done by the Pandavas.

# SANGSHI.

This is a village 3 miles away from Bavda on Kolhapur Bavda Road. There is a temple which according to an old inscription was a shrine of a Jain princess, who performed Sutter Sambhapur is a mile from Bavda and has a beatiful garden. This was once the Chief's summer residence.

# BAVDA JAHAGIR

Shrimant Parashuramrao Madhavrao alias Bhausaheb Pandit Pant Annatya, Hukmat-Panha of Bavda:—Ruler.



THE PLAIN IN FRONT OF PALACE, AT THE MADHAVBAG CAMP.

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Rao Saheb B. A. Palasule, Khasagi Kamagar.

Rao Saheb K. H. Dhavle, Asst. Private Secretary.

Mr. L. S. Thotam, Jahagirdars' Body-Guard.

# Officers of the State.

Rao Saheb B. A. Patil, B.A., Karbhari.

Rao Saheb R. V. Karlekar, B.A., LL.B., Secretary to the Jahagirdar Saheb.

Dr. M. B. Savant, L.C.P.S., Medical Officer and Jail Supdt.

Rao Saheb N. K. Pandit, Mamlatdar.

Rao Saheb V. H. Khandekar, Survey Mamalatdar.

Mr. N. K. Naphade, Head Clerk, Huzur Office.

Mr. S. N. Galande, Head Clerk Mamaltdar's Office.

Mr. J. G. Kadam, Asst. Educational Inspector-

Mr. G. A. Rane, Inspector of Forests.

Mr. G. V. Patkar, Sub-Inspector of Police.

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# **CLOTH MERCHANTS**

Messrs. N. D. Chiknis, and M. P. Potdar.

# **CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Shri Ramchandra Nilakanth Club, Shri Ram Natya Mandal, Shri Ramakrishna Sangh, and Boy Scouts' Local Association.

# **GENERAL MERCHANTS**

Messrs. A. M. Bagavan, M. D. Bagavan, B. M. Nanivdekar and N. R. Nanivadekar.

HOSTELS. Shri Krishna Lodge.

GOLDSMITHS. R. B. Karekar.

LIBRARIES. Shri Ram Vachanalaya.

SCHOOLS. Shri Madhav A. V. School.

TEMPLES. Shri Ram-mandir Temple, Shri Rameshwar Temple, Shri Ugwai Devi Temple, Shri Narasinha Temple and Shri Laxmi Narayan Temple.

## **ICHALKARANJI**

This State, a Feudatory Jahagir under the Chhatrapaties of Kolhapur, covers an area of 241 sq. miles and has a population of 68,567 and a quinquennial average revenue of about Five lakhs and a The Town of Ichalkaranji, the capital of the State, is about 18 miles east of Kolhapur. There is a regular Bus service between Kolhapur and Ichalkaranji, and the charge for a seat is annas 8. The town is administrated as a Municipality. The Karbhari of the State Mr. Rajwade, is also the President of the Municipality. The state is divided into two talukas, Ichalkaranji and Ajra. The Water Works at Ichalkaranji were overhauled a few years ago, and the town has now been assured of a plentiful supply of good water. dition to the stately Palace buildings, the capital town has a number of public buildings such as a High School, Library, Hospital, Vernacular Schools, Clubs, Guest House, Municipal Office and many others. The chief industry of the State is weaving and there are a good number of Mills so much so Ichalkaranji has been given the sobriquet of "Manchester of Kolhapur". There are also two metal workshops manufacturing safes, cots, buckets &c.

# Early History

The early History of this State is really interesting. The founder of the Ichalkaranji Royal Family was one Naro Mahadev, who immigrated into Deccan from Konkan in the middle of the 17th century. He started service as a Lieutenant under Santaji Ghorpade, one of the most famous Maharatta Generals of Rai Ram, and proved himself to be a very able Officer. Out of respect for his benefactor Naro Mahadev in course of time assumed the surname of "Ghorpade". Naro Mahadev alias Ghorpade died and his son Venkatarao Narayan came into prominence. He married Annubaisaheb, the daughter of Balaji Vishwanath, the first Peshwa, in 1713. He succeeded to the estates of his father which consisted of a few villages and he also got some more villages from Savantwadi, Vantmuri, and Nipani States for various useful services rendered. Venkatarao was also able to get additional villages in 1722-24 from Raja Shahu of Satara as also the Mahal of Ajra for faithful services rendered by him to Sahu in con-At first Venkatarao nection with the wars against the Portugese. was an adherent of Kolhapur in the wars (1720-45) between Kolhapur and Satara. At the battle of Warna in 1730 he was made a prisoner by Satara. Kolhapur did not take any steps to obtain his release and. he was ultimately ransomed by his brother-in-law Baji Rao I, the second Peshwa. Venkatarao thus found that Kolhapur was not to be trusted and he joined the Raja of Satara from whom he secured further honours and grants. Ichalkaranji was one of the Inam villages he had secured and he fixed his seat of Government there as an independent Ruler.

From the very beginning the Chiefs of Ichalkaranji have been the strongest adherents of the Peshwas. On the establishment of British Rule in Deccan in 1818, Kolhapur started a claim on Ichalkaranji as its Feudatory. In 1835 the British Government held that Ichalkaranji was as independent as the Patwardhan Chiefs. In 1844 after another enquiry it was decided that Ichalkaranji was a Feudatory of Kolhapur. The then Chief did not accept this decision and in 1847 an agreement was concluded between British Government and Ichalkaranji by which the latter was guaranteed an autonomous position in its internal administration. Even this agreement was unfortunately abrogated in 1876 when the present Chief was adopted to the Gadi.

# Administration

The administration is carried on by a council consisting of three members under the general supervision of the Chief Saheb. Many reforms have been introduced into the State during the present administration. The number of Schools has been more than doubled and Primary education has been made free. A pucca High School has been established. 20 per cent free scholarships are awarded to successful students from this school, half of which are reserved for backward classes. Educational facilities for women have also been increased and special classes have been opened. Great encouragement has been given to local weaving, spinning, ginning, pressing and other industrial Arts. The town is a centre of cotton trade. There are member of ginning factories and a cotton Press. Nearly 5,000 bales of cotton are pressed every year. The place is well-known for the manufacture of Indian sarees which are sent to all parts of the Deccan and even to Central Provinces. The sanitary condition of almost all the villages and towns in the State has been greatly improved. Public roads have been opened so as to make every village within reach of one another. A sum of Rs. 50,000 is spent every year on maintenance of roads. This has greatly increased the local trade. The State has been cleared of a heavy debt and the various departments of administration, such as the agricultural, educational, forest and medical departments have been infused with fresh life and vigour. Co-operative Credit Societies are in a more flourishing condition in Ichalkaranji than in any other neighbouring State in the Deccan with the result the people in general have become prosperous and thrifty to a remarkable degree. The Ichalkaranji Central Co-operative Bank and the various Co-operative Socieies numbering nearly 30 have made good and satisfactory progress. Further the people are well looked after as regards their medical needs.

The State has its own Hill station, named Madhavagiri. It is situated about ten miles east of the Sahyadri Ghats and is a popular health resort.

Shriman Narayanrao Babasaheb, Ruler.

# Principal Officers

Mr. J. Goheen, B.A., Administarator.

Mr. W. R. Rajwade, B.A., LL.B., Karbhari.

Dr. J. R. Joshi, M.B., B.S., Chief Medical Officer.

Ichalkaranji Municipality

Mr. W. R. Rajwade, B.A., LL.B., President.

Mr. V. K. Thamankar, B.Ag., Vice-President.

Dr. M. D. Joshi, M.B., B.S., Chairman, Standing Committee.

Mr. V. J. Phadnis, Chief Officer.

# **Medical Practitioners**

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Dr. B. N. Ranade, M.B., B.S., Ichalkaranji.

Dr. J. R. Joshi, M.B., B.S., Ichalkaranji.

Dr. N. A. Kulkarni, M.B., B.S., Ichalkaranji.

Dr. R. B. Bhide, L.C.P.S., Ichalkaranji.

Dr. S. G. Gokhale, Ichalkaranji.

Dr. G. M. Ketkar, Ichalkaranji.

# Weaving Mills

Narayan Weaving Mills, Ichalkaranji.
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# VISHALGAD STATE

This Feudatory Jahagir under the Chhatrapati Maharaja of Kolhapur covers an area of 236 sq. miles within the limit of Kolhapur State, and has a population, according to the Census of 1931, of 33,217. The total gross revenue on the quinqinneal average is Rs. 23,35,688. The State has to pay the Kolhapur Durbar a service commutation of Rs. 5,000 in the form of Military contribution.

Early History

According to old traditionary accounts ,Vishalgad was in early days in possession of a Hindu King named Bhopal. Mahommedan incursions began in 1453 in which year a General of Allaudin Khan Bhamini, by name Malikut-Tajar, attacked Vishalgad without success. His whole army was cut to pieces by a Maharatta Chief named Sanker Rao More. No connected account of the rulers of this country is available until we come to the year 1469 when it was conquered by another Bhamini General, Mahomed Gawan. From 1469 to 1489, Vishalgad was under the Bhamini kingdom, and with the disruption of Bhamini dynasty it came under Bijapur kingdom; and it remained so until it was taken by Sivaji in 1659. A large Bijapur army under Fazilkhan tried to take it back in 1661, but failed though the seige continued for several months. Traces of these continued attacks by the Bijapur army are still seen in the neighbouring village of Gajapur. The wells dug by them are still there, and the rocky ground occupied by the troops is still known as "Badshmal" or the Royal Vishalgad ever since it was taken by Sivaji in 1659, continued to be a portion of the Maharatta Empire; and in 1730 when Kolhapur was finally separated from Satara, the grant of Vishalgad was continued to Janardhan Pant, the Kolhapur Pradhinidhi. by a fresh sanad issued by Sambhaji..

The present Ruling Chief is Meherban Abajirao Krishnarao Pant Pradhinidhi. He is now 63 years of age, still hale and hearty, and is looking after the administration with care and diligence.

Till 1844 the Ruling family resided in their old mansions within the Vishalgad Fort. This is one of the historical forts of Maharatta and is situated on the top of the Gajapur Hill. It lies 45 miles Northwest of Kolhapur City, and the fort itself is 3200 feet long and 1040 feet broad. The wall towers and gateways are in a ruined condition. There is the old mansion of the Kolhapur Pradhinidhi, now in a neglected condition. In 1844 the fort was occupied by rebels and was practically dismantled by them.

The Pradhinidhi's residence and headquarters were then removed to Malkapur.

MALKAPUR

Formerly a small village on the outskirts of Vishalgad Fort, 28 miles North-West of Kolhapur City, it has now become a flourshing

trading centre. The bazzar days' Friday. Large quantities of Jaggery, Tobacco, Wheat, Jawari and Oilcakes are exported to Konkan side from this place. There is a regular motor service from this place to Kolhapur City. Malkapur has a Municipality of its own. There are also a number of Hindu temples, some of them of very ancient origin. There is a well-conducted school. There are two Mills, an oil mill and the other a Rice mill.

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# **AKALKOT STATE**

Akalkot has an area of 498 Sq. miles with a population of 92,636 according to the census of 1931. It was until recently under the Sholapur Political Agency. It has now, with its other sister States, been taken over to the Deccan States Agency. It is bounded on the North by Hyderabad; on the East by a portion of Kurundwad (Jr.) State and Hyderabad; on the South by Bijapur District and Hyderabad; and on the West by the District of Sholapur. The climate is comparatively cool and agreeable; and the rainfall averages 32 inches. The gross revenue on the average is Rs. 6,80,575. The State has to pay an annual tribute of Rs. 14,592.

Early History

This State formed previously a portion of the Musalman kingdom During the time of Shahu, it was granted to a of Ahmednagar. Maratha Sardar, the ancestor of the present Chief, on his undertaking to supply a contingent of horse. Satara was annexed by the British in 1849 and Akalkot automatically became a Feudatory of the British The then Chief was deposed in 1866 on account of Government. misrule and the State was placed under the British Government until 1891 when the deposed Chief's son attained majority. without any issue in 1896. A minor was then adopted and the State was again placed under the management of the British. Rajasaheb died in 1925. On his death a Council of Regency was constituted under the stewardship of Shrimant Tarabai Saheb Maharaj, the Regent Raneesaheb. Shrimant Vijayasinh Fattesinh Raje Bhosle, the Heir-apparent is still a minor (age 16) and has passed the final Diploma Examination at the Raikumar College, Raikote.

### Administration

Considerable progress, as is admitted on all hands has been made in various ways in the State during the Regency administration. only has a big outstanding debt been wiped off, but the Regency has also been able to build a big reserve of something like 11 to 12 lakhs. Improved condition of the roads for vehicular and motor traffic has during the last eight years stimulated the trade of Akalkot. State is now covered with a net work of very fine roads (nearly 80 miles) traversing in all directions. Among the many useful works which are in progress or are undertaken by the Regency are the Girls School, the Central Records Building, Darbar Hall extension, Townplanning and the removal of cogestion and last but not least the new Water Works scheme estimated to cost over 10 lakhs. Education has also made rapid progress during the Regency and an average 12 per cent of the land revenue is spent on this nation building Department. Primary education has been made free to pupils of the backward and Depressed Classes and to girls of all castes and creeds. At the beginning of the Regency, the Municipality of Akolkot was only

a State Department. It has since been made a Self-governing institution with a nominated Board consisting of 25 Councillors representative of all interests and castes. Akalkot Town has also been supplied with Electric lights mainly through the initiative of the Regent Ranesaheb who is anxious that the people should as far as possible be given opportunities to enjoy modern comforts and amenities of life. There is no doubt that, on the whole, the Regency of the Raneesaheb has afforded a conspicious and shining example to all other States of sound, progressive and careful administration. As has been observed by Sir Frederick Sykes the Governor of Bombay, when he visited Akalkot last year, "few minority administrations of recent years have been so completely successful as Akalkot"; and one should think the Regent Raneesaheb has every reason to be proud of the excellent work she has done and is doing for the State.

The following is a brief summary of a few salient points from the Administration Report:—The rainfall was timely, though less-Prices of agricultural produce continued to be good except for Groundnut. As regards revenue there was a surplus of Rs. 3,38,787 at the close of the year. The total conservancy charges amounted to Rs. 15,369. Expenditure on Public Works amounted to Rs. 1,25,991. Medical relief at the Charitable Dispensaries at Akalkot and Karjagi cost the State a sum of Rs. 44,129. The artisans had sufficient employment and none suffered from unemployment. Public health was satisfactory. Five Co-operative Credit Societies were started

during the year.

The only Industry in the State is the Weaving of coarse Cotton cloth, Sarees &c. The chief exports are Jawar, Wheat and Linseed. while the imports are Copper, Brass Utensils, Grocery &c. The G.I.P. Railway runs North-West and South-East for 18 miles through the State with two stations, one at Borati and the other at Karabagon which latter is 7 miles from Akalkot town. There are no places of antiquarian interest to see in Akalkot town. There is, however a small Mosque of some architectural merit. There is a fine Armoury in the Palace. There is the Public Garden with the Memorial Fountain and also there is the New and Old Palaces.

# Schools

Among the Nation-building Departments in which the Durbar is interested, Akalkot High School or Shahaji High School as it is called founded by Shrimant Rajesaheb Shahaji Maharaj of Akalkot in 1880 has the place of precedence. It was made a full-fledged High School during the time of Rao Bahadur W. G. Rale, the well-known Administrator of the Akalkot State. It received great encouragement from Shrimant Fattesingh Maharaj, the late Rajesaheb of Akalkot, who equipped the High School with sufficient means to bring about its all sided progress and spent large sums of money for a model playground.

the like of which one does not see everywhere. Shrimant Tarabaisaheb Maharaj, Regent Raneesaheb of Akalkot, is also equally interested in the development of this High School. Under the kind patronage of the Regent Raneesaheb and the young Maharaj, Shrimant Vijayasingh Maharaj, students activities such as Boy Scouts movement etc, are actively flourishing, and it is no wonder Mr. Gould, I.C.S., the Secretary to the Government of Bombay has characterised this School as "an efficient, popular and well-run institution." The strength of the High School is 280 at present. The annual income and expenditure figures respectively are Rs. 5,548-4-9 and Rs. 11,205-7-1. The special features of the High School is that it has enlisted the services of two Lady Teachers, one of whom is a graduate, and that it has successfully carried on co-education of boys and girls for a number of years.

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# **AUNDH STATE**

Until 1894, when it was taken over by the British Government, Aundh formed part of the Satara Jahagirs as a Feudatory State to the Raja of Satara. It has an area of 501 sq. miles with a population, according to the Census of 1931 of 76,507. It lies to the east of Satara District, and is divided into three Talukas—Kundal, Atpadi and Gundal—and two Thanas, Aundh and Kinhi. The gross revenue based on quinquinneal average is Rs. 4,85,179. The State pays no tribute to the British Government or to any other State. It was recently taken over to the Deccan States group.

Among the smaller States on this side it is one of the best and most vigorously administered States. The present Ruler, Shrimant Bhawanrao Shriniwasrao alias Balasaheb Pant Pratinidhi, B.A., is a Hindu of the Brahmin caste. The Ruling family is descended from one Trimbuk Krishna who was an accountant of Kinhai village in the Koregaon Taluka of Satara District. In 1690 Raja Ram, Sivaji's younger son, raised Trimbak's son, Parasuram Pant to the rank of Sardar and in 1698 he (Parasuram Pant) was made "Pradhinidhi" or Viceroy. In 1713 this title was made hereditary in the family, and thus this title of "Pant Pradhinidhi" is being continued even to-day by the Ruler of the State.

# **Administration**

The administration is conducted on modern lines, and considerable interest is taken personally by the present Ruler in the introduction of modern industries, some of which are in a very thriving condition. All departments of the State are given under the control of two Councillors—the Diwan and the High Court Judge. These two form what is called the Durbar, which does the function of an Executive Council. There is a Representative Assembly for the State and it has the privilege of discussing the annual Budget.

# Solvent Finances of the State

The Budget Session of the Aundh State Legislative Council was held in the Palace hall at Aundh in June 1933. The President, Rao Bahadur Kale of Satara, in the course of his opening speech referred to the proposed All-India Federation and urged the desirability of the State entering the Federation, and paid a tribute to the work of the Chief Saheb of Aundh for bettering the lot of the agriculturists in the State. Rao Bahadur Karandikar, Dewan of the State, then placed the budget for the year 1933-34 before the house. According to the budget estimates the total income of the State amounts to Rs. 4,41,000 and the total expenditure of Rs. 3,06,000. Approximately Rs. 46,000 are allotted to education and Rs. 14,000 to sanitation and medical relief. This year's budget makes a special provision of Rs. 1,000 and Rs. 2,500 respectively for industrial development and

village Panchayat work. Among the bills passed by the Assembly are the Child Marriage Restraint Act and the Religious and Public Endowment Bill.

# **Imports & Exports**

The chief imports are:—Rice, sugar, salt, cocoanuts, spices, coal, timber, tiles, stones, metal-pots, coke, kerosene, raw materials for making glass, soda, cast iron, medicines, chemicals, chemical apparatus, machinery, photographic materials, cloth, yarn, stationery, piece-goods and other articles of daily use. Of the imported articles, salt, coke, coal, chemicals and raw materials are mainly consumed by Messrs. Kirloskar Brothers Ltd., Ogale Glass Works Ltd., and the Aundh Soap Works.

The chief articles of export are:—Jowari, Bajri, wheat, groundnut, turmeric, jaggery, gram, Tur, linseed, safflower seed, cotton, wool, khadi, Lugadis, country blankets, cattle, tanned leather hides, globes, glass-chimneys, bangle glass, paper-weights, table dishes, electric shades, Praghakar lanterns, iron ploughs and other agricultural implements, iron decorative railings, pumps, nuts and bolts, steel chairs, Kamal crushers, power pumps, winnowers, iron-spring cots and Persian wheels.

# Manufacture & Industries

The area of cultivation is 2,84,067 acres and 30 gunthas and out of this 2,82,223 acres and 33 gunthas have been brought under cultivation during the year 1931-32. The area of reserved forest land is 3,058 acres and 8 gunthas.

On account of the scattered nature of the country, trade facilities are few and far between. The chief industries of the people are cotton spinning, weaving, wool spinning, oil pressing, tanning &c. There are 200 handlooms weaving cotton cloth and 50 looms weaving woollen blankets. There are two oil mills and two grinding mills worked with power. Two ginning factories have been opened in addition to the old ones. Among the other industries, the Glass Works at Ogalewadi, Iron Works at Kirloskarwadi and the Aundh Soap Works at Ogalewadi are the most important; in fact these three industrial concerns form a very conspicuous feature of this small State, the name of which is known all over India.

# Education

There is one High School, three Middle schools and over 75 Primary schools in the State. Primary education is free up to Marathi IV standard. Agricultural farms are attached to almost all the Primary schools with a view to promote love for agriculture among the boys. There are also three separate Girls schools. All these Institutions are working efficiently. Nearly Rs. 50,000 is spent on education annually.

# Municipalities

There are three Municipalities at Aundh, Kundal and Atpadi and they have been invested with the power to elect their President, Vice-President and Chairman. They are completely managed by the people. The principal sources of income of the Municipality are house-tax, wheel-tax &c.; and wherever the income is insufficient it is supplemented by State contribution. The sanitation is looked after by the Municipalities in their respective areas, while there are Sanitation Committees at Kinhi, Nimbavade and Dighanchi.

# Banking & Co-Operation

The State Bank is known as Aundh State Bank and it is showing considerable progress in the various sphere of its activities. The Cooperative movement has also shown good progress in the State:

# Agriculture

There is a State Farm maintained as a model to agriculturists. Encouragement is given to cattle-breeding by the State, and the Khillar breed for which the Atpadi village is famous has considerably increased.

There are three Printing Presses, two at Aundh and one at Kirloskarwadi. There is also a Litho Printing Press at Ogalewadi. In addition to these there is the State Press where all State work is done.

# Aerodrome

It is really admirable that such a small State should have an Aerodrome. This is the outcome of the interest taken by Shrimant Appasaheb Pant in aviation and gliding. A branch of the Indian Gliding Association, Bombay has also been opened at Aundh with the help and sanction of Shrimant Pantsaheb under the supervision of the well-known air-pilot Mr. P. M. Kabali, Honorary Secretary of the Association. There is an aerodrome at Aundh to serve as a landing and flying ground for aeroplanes and for giving instructions in gliding. A hangar has also been constructed at State expense on the aerodrome for housing of gliders and planes, landing at and flying from Aundh. Mr. R. G. Hivarekar, Supdt. of Police, Aundh. State is the Supdt. of the Aerodrome at Aundh and is in charge of all arrangements regarding the aerodrome.

Shrimant Bhawanrao Shriniwasrao alias Balasaheb Pant Pratinidhi, B.A., Ruler.

Principal Officers

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# **BHOR STATE**

This beautiful and compact State, which has recently been taken over to the Deccan States group, lies to the south and south-west of Poona. From the Mahadeo hills in Satara District, Bhor State stretches north-west over the Western ghats in the south-west of Poona and east of Kolaba with a breadth varying from 35 miles in the south to 15 miles in the south to 15 miles in the north. the Western ghats the Mutha river flows in the north and below the hills the Amba river flows south-west. As far as climatic conditions are concerned this State may be said to possess two distinct kinds of climate—the climate above the ghats (that is to say, the portion through which the river Mutha flows) resembles that of Poona, while the portion below has a climate very much akin to that of Kolaba, The total area of the State is 925 sq. miles, and of this 184 sq. miles Generally it is a wild and mountainous country. are under forests. The annual average rainfall is 37 inches. Expect for a few cotton weavers, the majority of the people are supported by agriculture. The State is poor in industries. It lies much nearer to the monsoon seat of the Bombay Government than any other States in the Presi-The population is 141,570 with a gross quinquinneal average revenue of seven lakhs of rupees. The principal roads running through the State are the Mahad-Phandarpur road, Poona-Belgaum Mail road and the Poona Panvel road down the Bhor ghat. Formerly the distance between Poona and the town of Bhor was 25 miles. This has been very much cut down since the building of Laxmi bridge over river Nira close to Bhor town.

Shankaraji Narayan, the founder of the State, was one of the eight hereditary ministers of Sivaji, the founder of the Maharatta empire. For his distinguished services as awarrior, he was made "Pant Sachiv". Before the British came on the scene, Bhor was one of the Feudatories of the Satara state having been bestowed on Shankaraji Narayan Pant Sanchiv in 1687 by Raj Ram, the son of Sivaji. The State became allied with the British Government by a treaty in 1820 and it pays a tribute Rs. 10,000 every year.

# Administration

The present ruler of the State is the 11th descendant from Shan-karaji Narayan, the founder, and he is responsible for modernising the administration to a great extent. There is an Executive Council consisting of 5 members with the Chief Saheb as President. There is also a Legislative Council consisting of 21 members with the Dewan as ex-officio President. This council was established in 1928 and is working satisfactorily to all intents and purposes. During the present regime the State has made considerable progress in all directions. Primary education has been completely free. Vexatious

taxes have been abolished. Service rules have been changed for the better. Special pension rules have been introduced. Nation-building departments like Public works and sanitation are being adequately attended to. The streets of Bhor town are now lighted with electricity and the water supply has been greatly improved. Funds have been alloted for the maintenance of a good Library in the town A number of new dispensaries have been opened in all important parts, in addition to the big Dispensary at the capital. The annual expenditure on Educational and Medical departments has increased by more than double during the last decade. Untouchability has been abolished in the State by a Royal proclamation. On the whole the welfare of the people has always been the paramount consideration with the present administration. The ruler enjoys a salute of nine guns. His Durbar has now been empowered to try without the consent of the Political Agent persons charged with offences punishable with death even if they are not subjects of the State.

Ruler-Shrimant Raghunath Rao alias Babasaheb Pant Sachiv.

# Principal Officers

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# JAMKHANDI STATE

The State consists of 7 towns and 80 villages occupying an area The State is divided into Jamkhandi town, Jamof 524 sq. miles. khandi and Kudgol talukas and Thane Vathar and Thane Patkhal. Iamkhandii Taluka alone contains 3 towns and 60 villages and Kudgol There are seven towns of importance. Jam-3 town and 15 villages. khandi, Banhatti, Hunur, Savalgi, Kundgol, Kamdoli and Sawashi. Of these expect Savalgi, all are Municipalities. The total population of the State according to 1931 census is 114270. Of these 98860 are Hindus, 12596 Muslims and 2889 Jains. The annual average revenue is about nine and a half lakhs. The State pays Rs.20,840-10-0 annually to the British Government in lieu of providing a contingent of horse. The gross income of the State during the past five years as per Administration report of 1931-1932 is Rs. 9,92,515. In 1932 the Government of India removed the restrictions on the criminal powers of the State under which it was required to obtain the consent of the Political Agent to the trial of the subjects of other states for capital offences committed within the boundaries of Jamkhandi. This must be considered as a considerable improvement of the Status of the Durbar.

The nearest Railway station to Jamkhandi is Kudichi on the M. & S. M. Railway, 34 miles from the station. Introduction of regular motor service has improved the passenger traffic only. For commercial purposes a link with the Railway is claimed to be essential.

General progress has been made during the present administration in th development of the State in all directions. Both Primary and Secondary education are free in this State. Almost every village has got its school, and three of the towns in the State have Anglo-Verna-The State maintains two High Schools, one at Jamkhandi and the other at Kundgol. The Parashuram Bhau High school is one of the oldest premier institutions of the Presidency. There are 60 vernacular schools and one Patashala. Four are exclusively for girls, one for Mahomedan boys and one for the backward No distinction of caste or creed is observed in the State classes. The number of boys and girls attending school is over 5000, and the expenditure on Public Instruction has risen from about Rs. 79,000 in 1924-25 to Rs. 92,000 and odd in 1930-31. This increase works out to something like 10 per cent of the total revenue of the Since the completion of the Krishna Water scheme, Jamkhandi town enjoys a perennial supply of good water. The town of The Chief has Kundgol also will soon have its own water supply. already sanctioned a scheme of town extension, and ere long one will find a beautiful colony outside the present limits of the Jamkhandi municipality. The Chief has also started the Electric Power Supply scheme for the State. The outlay in this case has been purely personal. Apart from giving lighting factories, it has given a great impetus to the local industries of the State. The State maintains four medical institutions. There is also a Veterinary Dispensary in charge of a Veterinary graduate. A Cotton Market has also been established in the State with a view to safeguard the interests of the agriculturists, and it is every day becoming more and more popular. The establishmeint of a High Court with full powers speaks volumes about the liberal views of the Chief Saheb who does not want any exclusive powers in his hands. And very recently, that is to say on the 15th of June, the Chief Saheb has inaugurated a Representative Assembly in the State. It consists of 30 members, out of whom seven will be officials, seven nominated and 16 elected by the subjects.

# Early History

To quote the words of an ex-Governor of Bombay, Sir Leslie Wilson, Jamkhandi, which forms no inconspicuous portion of the Deccan States group, is a Southern Maharatta State "with as assuredly a prosperous future as it had a brilliant past." As regards its early history, it may be mentioned that it represents the senior branch of the Tasgaon Jahagir of the Patwardhan family and the share of Ramchandra Rao Appasaheb, the eldest son of Parashuram Bhau under whose leadership, "the Mahrattas proved to be the most important friends that fortune ever sent to their relief since the British took the field in Hindustan." Haribhat Balambhat Patwardhan, a Konkanasta Brahmin, of the village of Kotwada in the Ratnagiri dist., was the founder of this Patwardhan family. He had seven sons, three of whom had played a prominent part in Hindustan. They were Trimbak, Govind and Ramchandra and all the Ruling Patwardhan chiefs of to-day are the decendants of these three men. The chiefs of Jamkhandi are the direct descendants of Ramchandra who rose to prominence as an able and brave General under the Peshwa, especially in the Jaipur expedition of 1734 as also in the historic seige of Bessien fort. He died in 1749 leaving behind an only son Parashurambhau who, latter on, became a very conspicuous figure in Maharatta history as Chief Commandant of the armies of the Maharatta Confederacy with Scindia, Holkar and other Maharatta Sardars. He fell fighting in the victorious rally against the Rajah of Kolhapur at Patankodi near Nipani. His name is chornicled in history as one of the greatest of the Generals ever produced by the Maharashtra. This Parashrambhau made Tasgaon the capital of his Jahagir which during the next few years of his death passed through many changes and vicissitudes. Ramchandra Rao known as Appasaheb in the historic despatches of the Duke of Wellington,, was the eldest of his four sons. the Jahagir was partitioned into Tasagaon and Jamkhandi, and in 1821 Jamkhandi was divided into Jamkhandi and Chinchini. Appasaheb got Jamkhandi to his share. The Tasagaon and Chichini portions were later resumed by the British government when their last holders died without any heirs. Appasaheb was a great friend of the English.

with whom he co-operated in quelling a rebellion of Dhindia Wagh. He also ledan army against the Raja of Kolhapur who was saved from imminent subjection by the sudden death of Nana Faranavis in 1800 and the intrigues at the Poona court. At the time of the fall of the Maharatta empire, Gopal Rao, the only son of Appasaheb, was the Chief of Jamkhandi. In 1822 he was confirmed in his position as Chief by the British government and he was also given a personal Tainat of the value of Rs. 30,000. In 1827 he was also given permission to adopt a son should there be no male heir to the Gadi. Gopal Rao died in 1840 leaving as his successor an adopted son Ramchandra During the minority of Ramchandar Rao, the administration was entrusted to Radhabai, the widow of Gopal Rao assisted by the State Kharbari. Ramchandra Rao, better known as Appasaheb, was installed on the Gadi in 1853 and he ruled the State for over half a century with great success and ability introducing reforms in all departments of the State on modern and up-to-date lines. owes a good deal to Ramchandra Rao alias Appasaheb for the present prosperous position it is now occupying among the Indian states on this side of Western India. In 1861 he was also granted an adoption Sannad by Lord Canning and on the strength of this Sannad he adopted as his successor to the Gadi Parashuram Bhausaheb. Rao Appasaheb died in 1897 when Parashuram Bhausaheb was During the minority period the State was kept under British administration—that is to say till June 1903 when Parashuram Saheb was installed on the Gadi. His administration was one of the most successful periods in the history of Jamkhandi and his abilities were soon recognised by the British Government in various ways. He met with a sudden and tragic death in 1924 but he died full of honours by the Government at different periods of his life. bestowed on him.

The late Captain Sir Parashuram Rao Bhausaheb, K.C.I.E., left behind him an only son Shrimant Shankar Rao Appasaheb, the present Ruler of Jamkhandi. He was a minor at the time of his father's death and during the minority period the State was under the administration of Lady Rambhai Saheb (step-mother of Shrimant Shankar Rao Appasaheb) as Regent Ranee Saheb assisted by a council. In May 1926 the young chief was installed on the Gadi, and though even now young in years he has been brilliantly carrying on the traditions of his illustrious ancestors and the work of his respected father.

#### **Schools**

Parashuram Bhau High School, Jamkhandi. Shri Haribhat High School, Jamkkhandi. Ramchandrarao Appasaheb F. G. V. School, Jamkkhandi.

#### **JANJIRA STATE**

Formerly under the political agency of Kolaba (Bombay), this State has now been taken over to the Deccan States Agency. It is bounded on the north by the Kundalika or Roha creek in the Kolaba district; on the east by the Roha and Menagon talukas of the same district, on the south by the Bankot creek in Ratnagiri district, and on the west by the Arabian sea. Janjira is divided into two main portions, northern and southern, by the Rajapipla gulf. The coast line is 4 miles long and the area is 324 sq. miles, excluding Jaffarbad (53 sq. miles) in Kathiawar which is also subject to the Chief of Janjira. The name "Janjira" is a corruption of the Arabic word "Jazira" which means an Island. The climate is moist and relaxing but not unhealthy. The annual rainfall averages 107 inches. The population (exclusive of Jaffarbad) according to the 1931 census is 81,000. Of the resident population 80 percent are Hindus and 20 per cent Mahommedans. Among these Mahommedans there is a particular class called "Sidis" who are found only in this Island State. They are the representatives of Habshi or Absynian slaves and soldiers of fortune and are related to the Nawab inheriting State grant and allowances. It is supposed that the term "Sidi" is a corruption of the term "Syed". They numbered only 258 according to the census of 1881. These were genuine "Sidis". They have now become largely mixed up with local Mahommedans.

Over 70 percent of the population is supported by Agriculture. Seafishing is the occupation of a large portion. The manufactures include the weaving of sarees, coarse cloth, turbans and the making of coir ropes, metal work, furniture, stoneware and shoes of an inferior kind. The chief articles of import are grain, cotton, wollen stuff, sugar and molasses, ghee and oil; while pinewood, betelnuts and cocanuts from the chief articles of export. External traffic is carried almost entirely by water. In 1874 a regular Steam communication was established between Bombay and Dazagaon on the Savitri river, touching at Janjira and Srivardhan. A Ferry steamer flies between Bombay and Dharamtar. Janjira is situated 44 miles south

of Bombay while the Island itself is only 26 miles south.

# Early history of the Ruling family

As regards the origin of the Ruling family of Jinjira, the following important points may be noted. About the year 1489 an Absynnian in the service of one of the Nizam Shahi kings of Ahmednagar, disguised as a merchant, obtained permission from Ram Patil, the Koli Captain of the Island, to land 300 boxes. Each of these boxes contained a soldier and by these means the Absynnians took possession of the Janjira Island and the fort of Danda Rajapuri which latter has been described by an ancient historian as "by nature it is very strong wherein are at least four-hundred men, six great pieces

of ordnances and some sixteen or seventeen falconet and ravenet, envyroned with a wall of 18 or 10 foote towards the land and some 14 foote towards the sea roundabout with battlements and half-moones, and upon the top and middle of it a great house and by it a blockhouse". For some time Janjira was a portion of the King of Bijapur. The history of Jinjira shows that, of all the States of Western India, it is the only one that has successfully resisted the determined attacks of the Maharattas. Sivaii, the terror of the Moghuls, could not conquer Janjira. In 1733 the combined efforts of the Peshwa and the Angira made little impression on them. fact was that these Sidi generals were really able men. It will be remembered that they have made their names famous in the annals of Indian history by their bravery on land and sea as is evidenced by the campaigns of their Military leaders, Malik Ambar, Malik Yakub and Malik Kapur. It was on account of such able generals that this small Island State was able to weild an influence much greater than was warranted by its limited size and its restricted population. The Bombay authorities of those long-forgotten days dared not in anyway interfere with those Sidis; neither could they afford to treat them as enemies. They were really afraid of them, as the Sidis were at that time in a position to do great harm to the commercial interests of the East India Company at Surat other places. The British therefore kept these Sidis at elbow distance, so to say, even after they had made themselves masters of the They did not interfere with Janjira until situation in Deccan. 1868. About that time the mal-administration of the Chief of Janjira, who is always a Sunni Mahommedan, by race a Sidi or Absynnian, with the title of Nawab, became so flagrant as to compel the British Government to interfere and take over the administration out of the Nawab's hands. The British had also by that time come to a position when they could command any of these States. When the troubles were settled, the Nawab was asked to enter into a Treaty (this was in the year 1870) with the British Government accepting their suzeranity. The present relations of Janjira with the Government of India is based on this Treaty. The Nawab is entitled to a salute of eleven guns.

# Administration

The present Nawab is a minor. The State is now under the administration of his mother, the Ranee Regent. His Highness Sidi Mahomed Kan Sidi Ahmed Khan (Minor) is now 20 years of age. He has been educated at the Deccan College, Poona, and he stood first in the examination among the successful Kumars of the Rajkumar College Rajkot and won eight prizes. He has had a course of administrative training in Mysore State and should certainly make himself a successful Ruler when he is installed on the Gadi, as has now been settled, in November 1933.

It must here be mentioned that the Regency administration has been very successful and popular. The State is now in a very sound financial condition. Even though the trade has decreased to a certain extent, the revenue has been maintained at the usual prosperity level. The Ranee Regent with the assistance of her able Dewan, Rao Bahadur H. B. Kotak, has kept up the normal progress of the administration without making any undue retrenchments in works of public utility and nation-building departments.

Three fiscal divisions of the State are, Srivardhan, Murud and Mahasal. There are two Municipalities besides the one at Jaffarbad, one at Murad and the other at Srivardhan. The Survey Settlement was introduced in 1898-1899. The revenue of the State is derived mainly from land, forests, Excise and Salt and Customs. The average revenue of Janjira is 7 1/2 lakhs and that of Jaffarbad 1 1/2 lakhs.

Administrator. H. H. The Ranee Regent. Ruler. H.H. Sidi Mahomed Khan Sidi Ahmadkhan (Minor)

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#### JATH STATE

Both the States, Jath and its dependency Daphalpur, at one time formed part of the Satara Jahgirs—Jath 884 sq. miles and Daphalpur 96 sq. miles. In 1874 both these were placed in charge of the Political Agent, Kolhapur and S. M. country. Later on they were transfered to the Collector of Bijapur. And now Jath has been grouped under the Deccan States Agency.

Jath, the chief town of the State, lies about 92 miles south-east of Satara town, about 95 miles north-east of Belgaum and 150 miles south-east by south of Poona. The road from Karad to Bijapur passes through this State. The total population, according to the census of 1921, is 78,643, The average revenue is about 3 lakhs. The town is administered as a Municipality. Daphalapur which at one time was an integral part of Jath has now lapsed to that State on the demise of its last ruler Rane Bai Saheb Dafle in 1917. Total area including Daphalpur is 980 sq. miles. The climate closely resembles that of Bijapur. The chief products are Bajara, Jawar, cotton, wheat and gram. Safflower is also grown to a great extent. The land is specially suited for cattle breeding. The forests cover an area of 56 sq. miles.

As regards the early history of the State, it may be mentioned that the ruling family claims descent from one Lakhmaji, a headman of the village of Daphalpur. In 1680 Satvaji Rao, son of this headman Lakmanji, was appointed Deshmukh of the sub-division of Jath, Karraj, Bardol and Vanad by the Bijapur royal family; and in course of time Satvaji became one of the leading nobles of Bijapur On the overthrow of Bijapur kingdom, Deshmukh Satavaji Rao had to submit to Aurangazeb. On the death of Aurangazeb, Jath and other adjoining states had to pass through a number of vicissitude until atlast in 1820 the British Government entered into an agreement with the then ancestor of the Chief confirming him in the estates he then held as Chief of Jath. In 1827 the State was annexed by the Raja of Satara. It was restored in 1841. On the final annexation of Satara in 1849 by the British, Jath became a Feudatory of the British Government. Pecuniary affairs of Jath were never in order and the British has had to interfere more than once and adjust Things were allowed to go on as smoothly as possible, but in 1874 the then Chief's acts of oppression became so flagrant that there was no other alternative for the British than to take up the direct management into their own hands. It was restored to the Chief in 1885 and to-day it remains one of the progressive States in Western India. The Chief belongs to the Maharatta caste and is styled Deshmukh and ranks as a First Class Sardar. He holds a Sannad of Adoption and succession is maintained on the law of primogenture. The State pays to the British Government every year a sum of Rs. 6,400/- as tribute and Rs. 4,840/- on account of Sardeshmukh rights.

# KURUNDVAD STATE, SENIOR

Kurundvad State (Sr.) belonging to the Senior Ruler of Kurundvad, comprises of the town of Kurundvad (the headquarters of the State) and 37 villages. Of these villages, Tikota and Wategaon, the former in Bijapur and the latter in Satara district, are quite isolated from the main Jahagir of which 25 villages lie close to and south of the town of Belgaum while the remaining 10 lie in the valley of the Krishna intermixed with British territory and with the territory of Sangli, Kolhapur and Miraj states.

Early History

The ruling chiefs of Kurundvad are the descendants of the family of Patwardhans of the days of the Peshwas who made a grant of the State on condition of military service. In 1811 the State was divided into two parts, one of which was called Kurundvad and the other Shedbal. Owing to the latter having become intesate it was taken over by the British government in 1857. Troubles in regard to succession arose in Kurundvad and the British government had to interfere in 1855 and make a further division of the State between Ragunatha Rao and Ganpat Rao, Vinayaka Rao and Trimbak Rao. When Trimbak Rao died in 1869 without male issue, the whole of his share of the Jahagir was given to Ganpat Rao and Vinayak Rao with the exception of the share he possessed in the Inam estate which reverted to the senior chief Ragunath Rao. The above in brief is early history.

The Senior Chief is estate contains 182½ sq. miles with a population (according to the census of 1931) of 44204. Hindus 36493, Muslims 4572 and Jains 3060. The annual revenue from the Estate is on the average 3½ lakhs. The crops are millet, rice, wheat, gram and cotton. Coarse cotton cloth and sarees form the principal manufactures. A tribute of Rs. 9619 is paid to the British government for the whole state by Senior Chief, who is ranked as First Class Sardar in the Southern Maharatta country, and has powers to try his own subjects for capital offences. The senior family holds a sannad for adoption, and succession in this family is regulated by the rule of primogeniture.

The headquarters of the State is Kurundvad town, situated on the right bank of the Panchanganga river close to its junction with the river Krishna. Both the Ruling families have their residences in the town. Formerly it was protected, but the defences now are mostly in ruins. There are no public buildings of any importance except the palaces of the Chiefs and a Vishnu temple. At a distance of a mile outside the town is a fine masonary ghat on the Kistna. The watersupply is dependent on the Panchaganga. It must be mentioned that the town of Kurundvad does not form part of the Jahagir. It is an Inam property given to an ancestor of the Chiefs by the Raja of Kolhapur.

Shrimant Chintamanrao Bhalchandrarao alias Balasaheb Patwardhan:

Ruler.

#### Schools

Sitabai Patwardhan High School, Kurandwad. The A. V. School, Tikota. Bhalchandra Memorial School, Tikota. The A. V. School for Girls', Kurandwad.

#### KURUNDVAD STATE, JUNIOR

Kurundwad State (JR.) belonging to the Junior ruler of Kurundwad consists of three towns and a number of villages—17 villages in the neighbourhood of and mostly to the south of Belgaum, a few on the borders of the Nizam's Dominions and to the east of Sholapur district and one or two within the limits of the Kolhapur State. The early history of the State is the same as that of Kurundvad State, Senior. The total area of the State is 115.84 sq. miles with a population, according to the census of 1931, of 39583. Of these, 32416 are Hindus, 4456 Muslims and 2097 Jains. There are three Municipalities— Mudhol, Mahalingapur and Lokapur. The annual revenue is on the average 3 lakhs. The family holds no sannad authorising adoption, and succession usually does not follow on the basis of the law of Primogeniture. The treaty of 1919 entered into by the Senior branch with the British Government is binding on the Junior Branch also. Shrimant Ganpatrao Madhavrao alias Bapusaheb Patwardhan: Ruler.

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# MIRAJ STATE, SENIOR

This important State in the Southern Maharatta country with an area of 343 sq. miles has within the last few years come very much into prominence. The State consists of three divisions, a group of villages on the valley of Krishna, a second group in the south of Dharwar district and a third in Sholapur district. The chief town in the State is Miraj. It is a junction Railway station and is a very important trade centre. It has a well administered municipality of its own The name of Miraj has of late become known far and wide on account of the American Presbyterian Hospital with a Radium Institute attached to it.

The portion of the State which is watered by the Krishna river is very rich in its yield; the remaining are low-laying parts and are surrounded by undulating lands and occassionally intersected by ridges of hills. The prevailing soil is black. Irrigation is carried on from rivulets, tanks and wells. As in the rest of Deccan, the climate is dry, and is oppressively hot from March to May. The principal crops are millet, wheat, gram, sugarcane and cotton. Cotton cloth and musical instruments are among the important manufactures.

Originally Miraj was a portion of Sangli, from which it was detached in 1828. In 1820 it was with the sanction of the British divided into four shares. Two of these shares lapsed in 1842 and 1845 for want of male issue; the remaining two shares form the state of Miraj. The Chief is a First Class Sardar in S. M. C. The State has now been taken over to the Deccan States Agency. The chief has power to try his own subjects for capital offences. The State pays a tribute of Rs. 12558 to the British government. The total population of the state according to 1931 census is 93938. Of these 78510 are Hindus, 10861 Muslims, 3726 Jains and 807 Christians. There are five municipalities Miraj town, Laxmeshwar, Kaveti Peran, Malgaon and Shigali.

Shrimant Gangadharrao Ganesh alias Bala Saheb Patvardhan, K.C.I.E., Ruler.

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# MIRAJ STATE, JUNIOR

The State has an area of 196,47 sq. miles. It consists of three divisions a group of villages adjoining the Bankapur taluka of Dharwar district; a second group near the Tasagon taluka of Satara district; a third near the Phandharpur taluka of Sholapur district, which also includes four Inam villages in Poona district. The soil is generally black. Indiari millet, wheat, gram and cotton are the chief crops. The principal manufacture is cotton cloth. The Chief is a First Class Sardar in the S. M. C. and has power to try his own subjects for capital offences.

The capital town of the State is Bhudagon where the chief resides permanently. The State pays a tribute of Rs. 6412 to the British government. There are five municipalities, Kavathe, Bhudgaon, Gudgeri, Deshing and Hirewadvathi. The total population according to 1931 census is 40684. Of these 36960 are Hindus, 2484 Muslims and 1232 Jains.

CHRISTIAN MEDICAL SCHOOL

The school was established in 1897 and it will be remembered that the late Sir William Wanless played a prominent part in this connection with the object of training Medical Assistants, mainly for those entering Mission service. The present accommodation is limited to fifty students. Only students who have passed the Matriculation, School Final or S. S. L. Examination with eligibility for admission to a University, are admitted. A new class is opened every second year in July. The next class will be opened in July, 1935. The school is affiliated to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Bombay for the Licentiate degree of the College and the hospital with Bombay University for the Master of Surgery degree. Students are also permitted to appear for the L. M. P. of Madras.

The school possesses an up-to-date library, museum, well-equipped laboratories and an anatomical building with anatomical preparations and models, etc. Dissection material is also adequate. Up-to-date methods of diagnosis and treatment are taught in the wards and in the operating and examining rooms of the hospital. All the work of the students is supervised by the senior members of the hospital staff, and, the classes being comparatively small, each student is given a large measure of personal instruction in practical work.

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# THE WANLESS TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIUM NEAR MIRAJ (S.M.C.)

This very useful and popular institution is situated on Miraj—Sangli road, midway between Miraj and Sangli stations. It is at a height of 1500 ft. above the sea level and possesses an agreeable climate throughout the year. The rainfall is about 28.30 inches. The institution was started in March 1931 as a Trust organization, the Trustees being authorised to raise funds by public subscription. As

regards financial assistance there has always been a ready response from the general public, and the cost of the establishment is met by subscriptions from all classes of Indians-Hindus, Parsees, Mahommedans, Christians and others. The Institution recently received a donation of Rs. 15,000 from Mr. Samaldas Prabhudas Jeevandas for the fitting up of an X-Ray apparatus as well as another amount of Rs. 50,000 as a donation from the Trustees of the late Mr. Chunlal Chakalchand of Bombay. The Managing Committee consists of ten members, and it has to look after the administrative side of the institution. The management is in the hands of a Medical Superintendent assisted by two medical Associates. The progress of the institution during the last two years has been very satisfactory, and considering the support it is now receiving from the public and the satisfaction it has already been able to create in the minds of the people, it is sure to get a head in course of time. At present the accommodation is a bit insufficient, but the management hopes that in a few months it will be possible to accommodate nearly 75 patients.

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# RADIUM INSTITUTE, MIRAJ.

This Institute was organised in 1931 as a branch of the American Presbyterian Hospital. They have in hand 107.6 milligrams Radium which they are using to treat all forms of malignancy and certain other diseases which are affected by radium. patients have been treated since they obtained the radium as a gift to the Hospital from the members of the Bryan Mawr Church in America. The radium cost them a sum of Rs. 25,000. Some of the results of the Radium treatment have been most spectacular. In the annual report of the Hospital, the Surgeon-in-chief, Dr. C. E. Vail says that after operating for 20 years on a vast number of cases of cancer it had added greatly to the pleasure of the work to be able to treat such cases with radium and see that hemorrhages cease, ulcers heal and pain relieved. Formerly there were a large number of cases which they (the Hospital authorities) used to send back to their homes with the sad news that they could do nothing, but now such cases are successfully treated with radium. On the whole the scope of the excellent work which is being carried on at the American Presbyterian Hospital at Miraj has been considerably widened by the starting of this Institute as a branch of the Hospital.

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#### PHALTAN STATE

Phaltan, one of the oldest States in the Deccan, until very recently was one of the States in the Political Agency of Satara. Under the re-grouping of the Indian States of Bombay Presidency, Phaltan has been taken over to the Deccan States Political Agency. It has an area of 397 Sq. miles forming a compact rectangular block, and is bounded on the North by the river Nira and the Poona District beyond it, on the East by the District of Sholapur, on the South by the Mahadev range of hills and on the West by a streamlet separating Phaltan from Satara District. According to the Census of 1931 the population of the State is 58,747. The gross revenue, based on the quinquennial average amounts to Rs. 4,58,095, including Alienations, Local Fund and Nira Right Bank cannal water rate collections. The State pays an annual tribute of Rs. 9,600 to the British Government in lieu of a mounted contigent.

#### Early History

The origin of this State can be traced as far back as the middle of the 13th century. As things stand at present, the Chief of Phaltan is a Maharatta of the Ponwar Clan, while his ancestors belonged to the Rajput Parmar family of Northern India. Nimbraj I, the founder of this Ruling Family, came down to the Deccan and founded a Principality for himself. He took the family name of Nimbalkar after the village of Nimbalk 9 miles East of Phaltan. His son Podakhale alias Dharapatrao had his father's Jahagir confirmed in his name by Mahomed Taghlakh, the Emperor of Delhi, in return for some valuable assistance rendered. The Emperor continued the Jahagir to Nimbraj II, Podakhala's son. This was sometime in 1327. Emperor also bestowed upon Nimbrai II the hereditary title of "Naik" and the rights of using Morchels and Gold Thodas as insigna of Royalty of a very high order. This Jahagir which forms the present Phaltan State was afterwards confirmed on various occasions by the Emperors of Bijapur and Delhi. It is interesting to note that this Nimbalkar Royal Family had a number of marital relationships with the great Bhonsle Family. Sivaji's grand-father Raja Maloji Bhonsle, to whom Bahadur Nizam II gave the estates of Poona and Supa as a grant, married a lady from this family by name Dipabai. The Great Sivaii himself married Saibai from this family; Mahadji Raje Nimbalkar of Phaltan married Sivaji's daughter Sakhubai. Many of the ancient Rulers of Phaltan were enlightened women. For instance, there was Sagunabai alias Aisaheb. Her name is still remembered by the people of Phaltan for her just administration of the State.

To come now to modern history, in 1825 the State was attached by the Raja of Satara who subsequently permitted Banaji Naik to succeed in 1827 on a payment of a succession fee of Thirty Thousand Rupees. On his death in the following year the State was again attached by the Satara Government who, however, permitted the widow

of the deceased Chief to adopt a son. The State's relation with the British begins with the Treaty of 1820, entered into between Janojirao, the grand-father of the present Chiefsaheb and the East India Company. The terms of this Treaty regarding internal Soverignity and the power of inflicting capital punishment have been fully confirmed by the British Government.

The present Ruler of this State, Shrimant Captain Malojirao Mudhojirao alias Nanasaheb Naik Nimbalkar, is a First Class Sirdar in the Deccan and is an Honorary Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency the Governor of Bombay. Since 1916 he has been ruling the State with great efficiency, giving satisfaction to his subjects by the introduction of various reforms on the British model. Even before the introduction of these reforms by the Chiefsaheb, the State was fortunate to earn the appellation of "Model State" at the hands of Sir Leslie Wilson when he visited the State in 1927 as Governor of Bombay.

Administration

The administration is under the personal supervision of the Chief-saheb assisted by the Dewan. The State has an Executive Council and a Legislative Council. The latter consists of 19 members of whom 9 are elected and 10 nominated and of whom 5 are non-officials.

The Civil Courts in the State are as under:—The High Court of Judicature, the District Judge's Court, and the First Class Sub-Judge's Court.

The main population in the State consists of agriculturists. The Sugarcane Research station started by the Government of Bombay at Padegaon in this State in 1931 should necessarily give a great impetus to the Sugarcane cultivation in the State, especially in the Canal area. A large block of land has been acquired and leased by the State to the Bombay Department of Agriculture who is in charge of the Research station. The foundation stone of the Phaltan Sugar Works building at Pimpalvadi, 10 miles from Phaltan has already been laid. The chief industries of the State are country oil presses, dyeing of rawsilk and yarn and weaving of dhoties &c. The total number of oil-presses is 51 and that of the handlooms is 99. There are several grinding mills in the State and there is also a ginning factory at Phaltan. The exports consist of agricultural produce and also of silk cloth, sarees &c. Rice, Sugar, Salt, Matches, Kerosine oil and timber are among the principal imports.

There is a British Sub-Post and Telegraph Office at Phaltan in addition to the three branch post offices in the villages of Taradgaon. Wathar and Pimprad.

The State charitable Dispensary is under the management of the Phaltan Local Board, which has also opened Dispensary centres at the villages of Taradgaon and Barad. The Shri Sagunamatha Maternity Home is a very popular institution among the people.

#### **Public Institutions**

Primary education is free throughout the State. Moderate fees are charged in the High School which is a well-equipped Institution. The High School is named Mudhoji High School in memory of the Chief Saheb's father. There are 41 Schools in the State and the total expenditure in education during 1931-32 was Rs. 23,961. There is also a Girls School at Phaltan and Female education is progressing.

There is a Reading Room at Phaltan—the Udayasingh Bal Vachanalya—named after Shrimant Rajkumar Udayasingh, the second son of the Chiefsaheb. The Victoria Diamond Jubilee Library is the only Library in the State. It is a State-Aided Institution and is used by the public with advantage. There is also a Gymkhana named Hanuman Gymkhana.

The Co-operative movement has taken a strong root in the State-The number of the Societies is on the increase every year and the Phaltan Shri Laxmi Central Co-operative Bank Ltd., established in 1926 is a very popular and useful Institute and is being worked satisfactorily by those concerned. The Bank is partly financed by the Bombay Provincial Co-operative Bank Ltd. There is also a Joint Stock Bank known as the Phaltan Bank.

On the whole the Phaltan State has a great future in store, inasmuch as it compares favourably with any other State with its progressive and constitutional administration, cheap and numerous educational facilities and its War services.

# Phaltan Municipality

Phaltan is the only town in the State and it is a Municipality, established in 1868, consisting of 16 uembers, half of whom are nominated by the Durbar. The total revenue during 1931-32 was Rs. 33,293 and expenditure Rs. 35,922. The sanitation of the town is looked after satisfactorily and the streets are well keptand clean. Dr. Ramkrishna Hari Bhadkamkar, M.A., M.D., President.

Mr. Narayan Govind Halbe, Vice-President.

" Gangadhar Sakharam Phansalkar, L.C.P.S., Chief Medical Officer. " Abdulrahim Lalmahommad Shaikh, B.A., Chairman, School Committee.

" Amarsinh Raosaheb Chavan, A.-D.-C.

" Madhav Sambhaji Ahivale.

" Hirachand Daluchand Gandhi.

" Virchand Kodarji Gandhi.

**Elected Members** 

Mr. Shankar Sadashiv Kshirsagar, High Court Vakil, Chairman Managing Committee.

- " Dattatraya Manoher Barve, L.C.P.S., Chairman, Sanitary Committee.
- " Abasaheb Rajaram Bhonsle Patil.
- ", Hiraman Balaram Teli, High Court Vakil.
  - " Bapuji Ganuji Gadhave.
  - " Govind Krishna Tatake, B.Ag.
  - " Motilal Nathuram Doshi.
  - "Krishnarao Sitaram Barsode-

#### Local Board

The Phaltan Local Board was established according to the Local Boards Amendment Act No. V of 1931 passed in May 1931. There was thus no time to hold elections to form the General Body of the Local Board, and the Durbar nominated all the members of the Board for the first 3 years consisting of 20 members, taking particular care to make the Body a fully representative one. The activities of the Board during the first year of its existence as regards Education, Medical Relief Sanitation and Vaccination have been satisfactory. The receipts of the Local Board amounted to Rs. 52,154 and the expenditure incurred during the year to Rs. 49,849.

Dr. Ramkrishna Hari Bhadkamkar, M.A., M.D., President.

Mr. Nagesh Vishwanath Bavadekar, B.A., LL.B., Vice-President.

"Keshavrao Raghunathrao Naik Nimbalkar, Phaltan.

" Amarsinh Raosaheb Chavan, A.-D.-C., Phaltan.

" Narayan Govind Hable, Mamlatdar, Phaltan.

" Shankar Keshav Kanetkar, M.A., S.T.C., Head Master, Mudhoji High School, Phaltan.

" Govind Krishna Tatakke, B.Ag., Phaltan.

" Bhargav Kondo Bhagwat, Inspector of Co-operative Societies.

" Dattatraya Manohar Barve, L.C.P.S., Phaltan.

" Motilal Nathuram Doshi, Phaltan.

" Vinayak Dhonddev Duble, Pleader, Phaltan.

" Ganesh Manohar Date, Phaltan.

" Bala Babaji Mali, Phaltan.

" Baba Maruti Kakade, Phaltan.

" Jijaba Baburao Gaikwad, Taradgaon.

" Anandrao Gopal Bhoite, Aradgaon.

" Dhondiraj Khandoji Barge, Tambave.

" Shaikh Papa Raju, Asu-

" Balasaheb Appasaheb Kadam, Mathachi Wadi (Nimblak).

" Nanasaheh Raosaheb Nimbalkar, Nimblak,

#### Phaltan Legislative Council

- Mr. Anant Vinayak Patwardhan, B.A., Poona, (Nominated), President.
- Dr. Ramkrishna Hari Bhadkamkar, M.A., M.D., Phaltan, (Elected), Vice-President.
- Mr. Keshav Vinayak Godbole, B.A., LL.B., Dewan & Home Member. " Shripad Madhav Dani, B.A., LL.B., Finance Member.
  - " Shankar Hari Kher, B.A., LL.B., Revenue Member.
- Mr. Bhalchandra Lakshman Likhite, M.A., LL.B., F. C. Sub-Judge and F. C. Magistrate, Phaltan.
  - " Amarsingh Raosaheb Chavan, A.-D.C., Phaltan-
- Mr. Talakchand Venichand Shah, Pleader, Phaltan.
  - " Hirachand Daluchand Gandhi, Phaltan.
  - " Madhav Sambhaji Ahivale, Phaltan.
  - " Dadasaheb Karimsaheb Patil, Wai.
- Mr. Motiram Nathuram Doshi, Gunavare.
  - " Mahadeo Abaji Rudrabhate, Phaltan.
  - "Govind Krishna Tatake, B.Ag., Phaltan.

  - " Malukchand Gangaram Doshi, Phaltan. " Bapusaheb Balasaheb Ranavare, Jinti.
  - " Jayawantrao Vyankatrao Nimbalkar, Kuravali Khurd.
  - "Jijaba Baburao Gaikawad, Taradgaon.
  - " Baburao Bajirao Bhagat, Pimprad-

#### Phaltan Durbar

Ruler: Shrimant Captain Maloji Mudhajirao alias Nanasheb Naik Nimbalkar.

#### Principal Officers

- Mr. K. V. Godbole, B.A., LL.B., Dewan.
  - " S. M. Dani, B.A., LL.B., Offg. Dewan, Finance Member.
  - " S. H. Kher, B.A., LL.B., Revenue Member.
  - "B. L. Likhite, M<sup>1</sup>A., LL.B., Home Member.
  - " B. L. Likhite, M.A., LL.B., First Class Sub-Judge and F. C. Magistrate.
  - "G. S. Phansalkar, L.C.P.S., Chief Medical Officer.
  - " V. B. Deshpande, Private Secretary.
  - " A. Chavan, A.-D.-C.
  - " C. S. Jadhavrao, Hony. A.-D.-C. and Supdt. State Mechanical and Electrical Department.
  - " S. K. Kanetkar, M.A., S.T.C., Head Master Mudhoji High School, Phaltan.
  - " N. V. Teredesai, B.A., Personal Assistant to the Dewan.
  - "G. R. Bhide, B.A., Hony. F. C. Magistrate.
  - " N. G. Halbe, Mamlatdar.
  - "G. B. Sankpal, Chief Police Officer.
  - ,, G. M. Oka, G.D.A., State Auditor,

#### SANGLI STATE

Among the many states, small and big, that go to form the Deccan States group, this State has of late been very much before the public eye largely on account of its ruler taking an active part in the movement of the entry of the Indian State into Federation with British India. This is the premier State in the Patwardhan Jahagirs in the Southern Maharatta country, and it will be remembered that at the close of the eighteenth century this family had established the reputation of being, in the words of the famous Duke of Wellington, "the most ancient friends" and "staunch allies" of the British Government in the Maharatta Empire. This family tradition of loyal devotion to the British Crown is still maintained unimpaired.

The State contains a total area of 1135.55 sq. miles of which about 93 sq. miles are under Forest. Geographically it is not compact area. It consists of separate divisions:—a group of villages near the valley of the Krishna; a second group between Kolhapur territory on the west and Jamkhandi state; a third group in Sholapur district, near the junction of the Man and Bhima rivers; a fourth in Dharwar district: a fifth just north of the town of Belgaum; and the last to the south of the Malprabha river and to the north-east of Kittur in Belgaum. The climate is the same as that of the Deccan generally, being very dry especially when East winds prevail. chief crops are millet, rice, wheat, gram and cotton and the manufactures are cotton cloth and sarees. The total revenue on the five The chief towns are Sangli, years' average is about 16 lakhs. Shahpur, Mangalvedhe, Shirahtt, Terdal and Rabakavi, and they are administered as municipalities.

# Early History

The founder of the Patwardhan family was one Haribhat, a Konkanasth Brahmin, who was the family priest of the Chief of Ichalkaranji. This Haribhat officiated as priest at the time of the marriage of Venkata Rao Narayan (son of Nareo Mahadeo, the founder of the Ichalkaranji dynasty) with the daughter of the first Peshwa, and was able to create a good impression on the mind of the Peshwa. This Jahagir which inclueded Miraj and Sangli was granted by the Peshwa to Haribhat's son Govind Rao and two grandsons. In 1772 the Jahagir came to the possession of Chintaman Rao, the grandson of Govind Rao, the original grantee. Chintaman Rao was a minor and the Jahagir was managed during his minority by his uncle Gangadhar When the minor came of age, he quarrelled with his uncle who wanted to keep him out of his rights. Eventually the Estate was divided between them, the uncle retaining Miraj and Chintaman Rao This Chintaman Rao was the first chief of Sangli. taking Sangli. He made Sangli his capital in 1799 and laid the foundation of its present prosperity by importing trades, skilled artisans, etc., from

The revenue of Sangli exceeded 6 lakhs of the neighbourhood. rupees in those days. On the downfall of the Peshwas in 1818 Sangli became a Feudatory state of the British Government. 1846 the East India company presented the Chief with a sword in testimony of their respect for his high character and in acknow-This Chief died in 1851. ledgement of his loyalty. The State does not pay any contribution on account of military service, having ceded lands to the value of 1 1/4 lakhs in lieu thereof. The family holds a sanad authorising adoption, and the rule of primogenture is followed to a certain extent in the matter of succession. The Chief ranks as a First class Sardar in the Southern Maharatta Country and has powers to try capital offences in the case of his own subjects

The immediate predecessor of the present ruler was Shrimant When he died the present ruler was a minor and the State fas placed under British administration with Capt. Burke as Administrator. Whatever may be the present progressive condition of the State, there is no doubt that it first started on its progressive career with a big bound during Capt. Burke's administration. He created the Rayat Sabha with its tributaries of Taluk and Village Sabha on the elective principle. He inaugurated the system of free primary education, introduced the elective principle in the Municipalities and Local Boards in the State, increased the non-official element in those municipalities which consisted of nominated councillors only, appointed non-official Presidents at Sangli and Rabkavi, adopted the principle of Local self-government in the management of Primary schools and did a hundred other things, too numerous to be detailed here, that contributed to broaden the basis of the administrative machinery in the State. Thus when the present ruler. Lieutenant His Highness Sir Chintaman Rao Appa Saheb K.C.I.E., assumed charge of the administration in June 1910, he had very little to do except to foster with care and intelligence the various improvements that have already been introduced. This and more the present Ruler has done. Primary education is completely free in the State. There are now 7 Anglo-Vernacular schools and 4 high All these schools have achieved splendid results schools in the State. and can now take rank in the fore-front of similar institutions affiliated to the Bombay university. The total expenditure on education has come up on the average to 2 lakhs of rupees a year. only Rs. 72,662 in 1917. A good deal of money is being spent on medical relief. In addition to a General Hospital there are six dispensaries ministering to the physical needs of the people. Vaccination has been universally provided for. There is a well-managed Maternity Home and there is also an Infant Welfare centre established in Sangli. To help Agriculture, a Demonstration Farm on well-conducted lines has been established, touring agricultural advisers have been appointed, a State Veterniary Dispensary with a touring

Veterniary graduate has been established and last but not the least a number of Co-operative Societies with a Central Co-operative Bank to finance them have been introduced. Further the opening of the Sangli State Railway has led to a great development of trade activity and the absence of any Octroi duties has principally contributed to the unhampered progress and expansion of trade. Again the present Ruler has been responsible for the building of the Irwin Bridge over the Krishna river, an undertaking destined to be of the greatest benefit to the State. The sale of the Irwin Bridge toll has brought in an income of Rs. 15,300 this year to the State. It would be difficult to go into details here in respect of the administrative improvements effected by the present ruler: all that can be said is that no rising interests of any kind are excluded from the pale of sympathy of the present Raja Saheb of Sangli. The total population of the State according to 1931 census is 258442. Of these, 226427 are Hindus, 19121 Muslims, 12117 Jains and 761 Christians.

Municipality

The Sangli Municipality was established in 1876 and was during its early days a purely official body depending mainly, if not entirely, on State aid. It was presided over by the chief Revenue officer. Non-official members or for that matter official members had little or no voice in Municipal affairs. Their opinions were never consulted and meetings were held at distant intervals according to the whim and fancies of the "Revenue Officer" President. the state of Municipal administratnon when Capt. Burke took charge of the State. Before he laid down the reins of administration in 1910 he made the Municipality to all intents and purposes a nonofficial body, with 12 out of the 16 members non-officials and a nonofficial president. He also helped the Municipality by liberal grants. He granted a free site and a substantial grant towards the construction of a Municipal office. The income of the Municipality in 1917 was about twenty-two thousand rupees. To-day it is over a lakh. There has been a complete reorganisation of its principal sources of income and the finances have consequently increased. This has enabled the Muncipality to provide the town with spacious roads, good lanes and various other amenities of life. The congested areas have been opened out and the new extensions made by the State have been handed over to the Municipality. There are now 18 members out of which nine are elected and one nominated. Out of the nominated members four are officials.

The President is even now nominated by the State. There is . one Ayurvedic Dispensary under the Municipality. The Municipality pays Rs. 2500 to the State as grant to the Civil Hospital.

Mr. K. H. Kadilkhar, B.A., LL.B., President. Mr. V. R. Rajavade, Vice-President.

Mr. B. P. Shah, Chairman, Standing Committee.

Mr. K. V. Sane, B.E., Chief Officer and Engineer.

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#### SAVANUR STATE

This State lies entirely within the Dharwar District and has an estimated area of 70 sq. miles. The population of the State has increased by almost four thousand since the 1921 Census, and its gross revenue on the quinquennial average is Rs. 2,11,546. The people live in 25 villages of which Savanur is the only Municipality. The annual rainfall averages 30 inches. Savanur Town has an area of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile and is enclosed by a ditch with 8 gates now in ruins. The town has now been greatly improved. Roads have been widened and metalled. There are a few schools and a Dispensary. The State Laws are modelled on those of British territory.

There is good trade in gram and cotton. Kumpta cotton is very largely grown. The Ginning and Pressing Factory constructed is having full work. Three Rice and Corn flour Mills are operating in the State and are working very successfully. Of the total area of 70 sq. miles, 2 sq. miles are under forest and 6 sq. miles are uncultivable. The betel leaves grown in Savanur gardens are celebrated for their superior quality and are exported in very large quantities.

The Ruling Family are Musalmans of Pathan origin. The founder of the family Abdul Kaufkhan obtained in 1680 from the Emperor Aurangzeb the grant of a Jahagir comprising Bankapur, Torgal and Azamnagar or Belgaum, with a command of 7000 horse. In 1730 the family, as deputies of the Nizam received additional territory. This was taken by the Peshwa in 1747. In 1786 Tippu Sultan with whom the then Nawab was connected by marriage, stripped him of a good portion of the territory; but the Nawab allying himself with the Maharattas regained some portions of it and obtained from the Peshwa a pension of Rs. 10,000 a month. At the close of the last Maharatta War the Nawab was confirmed in his original possessions by the British Government and received during his life an additional grant of Rs. 6000. The State pays no tribute.

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#### SAVANTWADI STATE

Bounded on the North and West by the Ratnagiri District; on the East by the Western Ghats, and on the South by the Portugese territory of Goa, the country presents a strikingly picturesque appearance right through. It has an area of 925 Sq. miles, with a population, according to the Census of 1921, of 2,06,440. The State pays no tribute to the British Government. The principal sources of income are Land Revenue, Forest and Abkari. The gross revenue in the quinquennial average is Rs. 6,83,213. There are no Railways, but there is an excellent trunk road from the sea port of Vengurala passing through the State on an easy gradient over the Western Ghats to Belgaum. The State has an area of over 54 Sq. miles of Forest lands and is rich in its teak forests near the Sahyadri hills. wood, Ain, Kher and Jambha are among the other forest trees found in abundance. Jackwood and Mango are among the important Iron Ore of good quality is found in the neighbour-Garden trees. The Aker stone, a slate coloured talcschist, hood of Ram Ghat. extremely hard, compact and heavy, is very largely found. good for building purposes for which it stands unrivalled. principal industries of the State consists of gold and silver embroidery work on both leather and cloth, fans, baskets, ornamented boxes of Kas-Kas grass, lacquered toys and playing cards. The staple agricultural produce of the country is rice. A great portion of the quantity needed for consumption has to be imported from outside. The trade as it exists now is purely local due to want of Railway communication.

The construction of a high level causeway across the river Karli, which flows on the border of Mangaon, has been undertaken by the P. W. D. of Savantwadi. The breadth of the river at the crossing is about 350 feet and the catchment area of the river at this point is nearly 78 square miles. The causeway will have 20 openings of eight feet by six feet each and will take about five months to build. It will be thrown open for vehicular traffic in the fair season.

The opening of the causeway is likely to increase commercial vehicular traffic between Savantwadi and the Deccan as the distance between Savantwadi and Kolhapur will be cut by about 25 miles.

# Early History

The Chalukyas ruled over Savantwadi between the 6th and 8th century. In the 10th century Yadavas were the masters. Chalukyas regained their power in the 13th century and in the 14th century it was under an officer of the Vijayanagar Empire. During the middle of the 15th century it formed part of the powerful Bhamini Dynasty. On the establishment of the Bijapur kingdom at the close of the 15th century, Sawantwadi became part of that State. In 1554 one Mang Savant of the Bhonsle family revolted from Bijapur and

maintained his independence till his death. His successors Khem Savant and Lekkam Savant became Feudatories of the Bijapur kings. Khem Savant Bhonsle freed the country from the Mahomedan yoke and Lekkam Savant tendered his allegiance to Shivaji the Great in For this he (Lekkam Savant) was made Sar Dessai of the whole of Southern Konkan. Lekkam was succeeded by his brother whose son was known as Khem Savant II. It was during the time of Khem's successor (1709-37) that Savantwadi first entered into Treaty relations with the British Government. The name of the Chief who ruled between 1755-1803 was Khem Savant the Great. This Khem Savant died childless in 1803. The contest for the succession was not decided till 1805 when Khem Savant's widow, Lakshmibai adopted a child named Ramchandra Savant. lived only for 3 years. It was strangled in its bed. Phont Savant a minor was then chosen to fill the place. There was considerable anarchy during these years and in 1812 Phont Savant was forced to enter into a Treaty with the British Government by which he ceded the port of Vengurla to the British and gave up all his vessels of war. Immediately after this Treaty, Phont Savant III died and he was succeeded by his son Khem Savant IV, a child of 8 years. This Chief was unable to manage the State and in 1838 he completely made over the administration to the British Government. The State was eventually restored in 1861 on the Chief undertaking to defray the cost of the previous rebellion, and to pay a succession fee of one years revenue to protect his subjects and to meet the expenses of a British Resident and his establishment.

Amboli is a sanitorium in the State of Sawantwadi 2300 feet above sea level on the edge of the Ghats, about 19 miles North-East of Wadi and commanding fine views. The climate is pleasant and the heat never oppressive. Two roads, one leading to the Ram Ghat and other to Mahadeogarah have been made. You have accommodation for travellers at this place. The Chief Saheb and the Pol. Agent have their own residences there.

Manohar is the name of an important Fort in the State. It is a solid mass of rock about 2500 feet high said to have been fortified since the time of the Pandavas. This Fort is well worth a visit.

Wadi or Savantwadi, the capital of the State is 17 miles East of Vengurla. It is also known as Sundarwadi (beautiful garden). This was founded in 1670 by Phont Savant. It is almost buried in palm grooves, and it stretches round the border of a lake. called Moti Talao covering about 31 acres with a minimum depth of 6 feet. The town contains a Library and a Clock-Tower. Water Works were constructed in the year 1895. For purposes of administration the State is divided into three Sub-Divisions, Wadi, Banda and Kundal. The Ruler is entitled to a salute of 9 guns.

#### Savantwadi Durbar

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#### RAMDURG STATE

The state has an area of 169 sq. miles, and is bounded on the north by the Torgal subdivision of Kolhapur state; on the south by Nargund in Dharwar distrtict; on the east by the Badami taluka of Bijapur district and on the west by the Navalgund taluka of the Dharwar district. There are two towns of which Ramdrug is the headquarters and 34 villages. The appearance is not very attractive. looks like a vast plain surrounded by undulating lands and occassionally intersected by small ranges of hills. The Malprabha river flowing through the state supplies water for irrigation. The staple crops are wheat, grain, Jowar and cotton. Coarse cotton cloth is the principal manufacture. The climate is the same as that of Deccan in general. From March to May the heat is very oppressive. The administration is conducted on modern lines. There are two Municipalities, one at Ramdrug (the capital of the state) and the other at Sureban. total population of the state is 3g454, Hindus 32488 and Muslims 2923. There are a number of Primary Schools. In addition, there is a Middle school and a State English School.

As regards the early history of the state, it will be remembered that the forts of Ramdrug and Nargund were occupied by the Maharatas in their early conquests, and when the Peshwas came to power the ancestors of the present Ramdrug ruling family were placed in charge of them. The estates connected with these forts yielded an income of 2½ lakhs in 1753. The only stipulation was that the Ramdrug family had to furnish the Peshwa with a contingent of 300 horsemen. Things continued like this until 1778 when that part of the country was brought under subjection by Hyder Ali. On the death of Hyder, his son and successor Tippu Sultan made further demands in 1784. These demands were resisted, and Ramdrug was immediately blockaded by Tippu. The seige continued for seven months and Venkata Rao of Narungad had to surrender himself to Tippu. Though the terms of capitulation did not permit Tippu to take Venkat Rao as a prisoner, he and his family were all the same removed to Mysore as prisoners of war. Events took a happy turn on the fall of Seringapatam in 1799. Venkat Rao was realeased. The then Peshwa immediately restored to him Nargund and lands yielding 1 1/4 lakhs. His brother Ram Rao was given the fort of Ramdrug and lands yielding Rs. 26000. Thus these two branches of the Ramdrug family continued to enjoy their respective states till 1810 when the Peshwas made a new division of their lands in equal shares between Venkat Rao and Rama Rao's son Narayana Rao. On the fall of the Peshwas in 1818, the estates were continued to these two chiefs by an agreement. Narugad subsequently became intestate and is now included in the Navalgund taluka of the Dharwar district.

The Chief of Ramdrug is a Konkanasth Brahmin, and is a First Class Sirdar in the Southern Maharatta country. For political administration the State is under the Deccan States agency. The Chief has power to try his own subjects for capital offences. The average

revenue is over 3 lakhs.

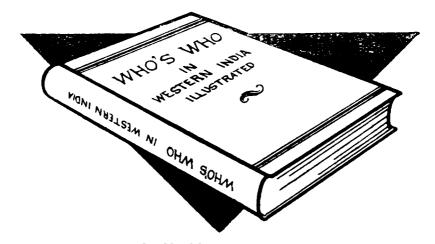
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