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Description: This unusually large volume (7.8 cm of paper between the covers) consists of the following sections: General Conference Executive Committee and General Treasurer (78 documents); Canara District (29); Mangalore (71); Mulki (15); Udipi (30); Anandapoor (14); Mercara (3); Honowar (14); South Mahratta District (18); Dharwar (19); Hubli (19); Bettigeri (12); Guledgudd (11). Each section has an index in which each item is given a caption. Selected interesting captions taken from the section indexes: General Conference 1-12 is very much concerned with the handover of financial responsibility from G. Pfleiderer as Agent to his successor K. Rhiem. There is also discussion of Kaundinya's wealth and/or property [Vermögen] in General Conference 1 & 14, Canara District 6. General Conference 19 is concerned with the General Conference Archive in India. In the General Conference section a large proportion of the documents are about repair and renovation of missionary accommodation, and about building accommodation for catechists. General Conference 52a is about the despatch of brass figures to the Mission Museum in Basel. General Conference 68 is a response from Stoll to questions about his attitude to mission. Canara District 10, 11, 14 & 28 are part of a discussion about the need for industrial enterprises, see also Mangalore 56. Canara District 27 concerns the use of Kannada and Tulu in the elementary schools. Mangalore 3, 16, 20, 58: Fanny Würth, widowed wife of Gottlieb Würth, decides to stay in India Mangalore 9, about the Basel Mission Press Mangalore 12, on Brahma Samaj lectures in Mangalore Mangalore 19, 21, 23, 33 on a fire in Balmatta Mangalore 32, A report by Brigel in German, based on a report from Catechist Fernandez - which is not present here - about a visit to Ravenshwara Mangalore 39, the Government school system changing Mangalore 51, Daimelhuber (a new missionary) "The student of the mission academy, and the missionary [he becomes]" Mangalore 57: Kittel on "our Canarese Literature". Mangalore 59: Crisis in the Preachers' seminary. Mangalore 65 & 66 are an annual report for the Weaving Shop and an extract from its inventory. Discussions about the location of new outstations occur e.g. in Mulki 1, Mulki 3, 5, 7, 13 are about people moving into the congregation, and people moving out of it. Udipi 5, 7, movement ["Bewegung"] in Tululand. Udipi 17 about Uppuru, Udipi 19 about Gudde. Anandapoor 8 on christians in Anandapoor and a Muslim festival Anandapoor: Kaundinya on congregational land, land-owners and tenants. Merkara 2: on the age of the Kannada language Honowar 5, the Gokarna-Festival Honowar 8-10 are reports from an Indian travelling preacher, S.Aiman. No. 10 minutes some Bhuta stories. Südmahratta District 10 & 11 are statements (Referate) for a District Conference on the wearing

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of jewellery: by J. Gurushidappa and S. Bhaskar, No. 12 is on the same theme by Weigle. Dharwar 2: visiting a Hindu festival in Gamanur Dharwar 3-5 & 14 are about the position of the J. Costa in the Basel Mission; Dharwar 12 is a Quarterly Report he wrote on the drinking of spirits (and Hubli 9 is on the same theme by C. Tschinappa) Hubli 6 & 7 are about difficulties in the Hubli congregation [Gadag] Betgeri 1 on a journey to Gadshandragada, [Gadag] Betgeri 6 on a hindu festival in Shiratty Scattered through the South Mahratta sections are discussions about the reasons for the slow growth of the Basel Mission church in the district - e.g. [Gadag] Betgeri 10, where Catechist Badappa gives his analysis of this phenomenon. Guledagudda 4, a conflict between Lingayats and Weavers [sic] Guledagudda 6 & 9, Weigle on preaching to non-christians and his first preaching journey without an accompanying catechist. NB at this stage there are two Basel missionaries in India with similar names, Gottfried Weigle and Christian Weigle.

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