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**Description:** This volume consists of the following sections: District Conference and Synod (25 documents); District Conference Executive Committee (28 documents); Mangalore (42); Mulki (11); Udipi (20); Karkal (9); Basrur (8); Honowar (15); Mercara/Madikeri (22); Anadapoor (7). NB after a break of some years there is once more a special named section for Anandapur. Selection of interesting documents based on a reading of the captions in the section indexes: The minutes of a District Conference are filed in District Conference & Synod documents 1-12. One major aim was obviously to exchange experiences in preaching to non-Christians, so documents 2-9 are reports by missionaries on this from the different station areas. 10-12 are concerned with trying to make sure that Catechists continue with Bible Study after they have left the seminary. There was also discussion of a Kannada pamphlet "by a Brahmin Shastri" called Discussion on Religion. This is referred to in document 25, and a copy of the pamphlet is bound in as document 26. It is recorded in the KTC catalogue of Basel Mission Kannada printed materials as C.I.f.79-8. The minutes of the District Synod are filed in District Conference & Synod documents 13-25. This includes general reports on particular areas (documents 14-20), two of which (Furtado on Jeppu and Bhagyan on Karkal) are by Indian pastors. There is also a very substantial report on matrilineal inheritance ("Bhutala Pandya's Aleya Santana Law") by Catechist Benjamin Ponau of Ambadi near Udipi, in German translation (28 pp) with an attached document in English (documents 22-3). On the Mission workshops (District Conference Executive Committee 27) The ordination of Samuel Andrea, Jared Sowens & M. Furtado (District Conference Executive Committee 42, 50, 54). Examination and grading of Gottlob Bangera, Josef Keiranna, Abia Edapalam and Johan Amenkara (Mangalore 62) The Reserve Volunteer Corps (Mangalore 63-5) Tulu and Kannada publications (Mangalore 66, 72-3, Karkal 129e) Jeppu becomes an independent congregation (Mangalore 58) On the work of the Bible Women (Mangalore 83 & 97) Old and new Rawaneshwara (Mangalore 84); Visit to Sanur (Mangalore 87); Preaching and journeys (Mulki 103 & 106, Basrur 131, Honowar 148-9); Journey to Bhatkal & Bundur (Basrur 134); S. Bunyan (Honor 150) and B Soens (Mercara 168) on preaching journeys The life of Satyarthi Kaundinya (Mangalore 88) Indian proverbs (Mulki 102 & 105) Baptismal candidates (Udipi 117, 119) Three days at a Bhuta festival (Karkal 129g) E. Karat on different Hindu and Mohammedan beggars (Basrur 132) and on Hindu descriptions of heaven and hell (Basrur 133) An Islamic preacher (Basrur 135) Twenty years in mission a weaving workshop (Honowar 146-7) There is a well-worked out MS map of the population of Kurg/Kodagu at Mercara 165. "Aminta Balarama's experiences" (Mercara 169 & 171-2) B. Soens on house-to-house visiting, and preaching in the bazaar (Mercara 170) Visiting a

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Hindu festival in Irpu (Anandapoor 176). There are English annual reports from the catechists H. Robert and J.Mankodi at Anandapoor 180 & 181.

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