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ON OUR HOMEWARD JOURNEY.

DEAR friends in India :—

Our worthy boat "Mombassa" is nearing Aden; we shall, if all goes well, reach there to-morrow evening, which will be the sixteenth day out from Calcutta. We were detained two full days in Madras, receiving and discharging cargo and stopped about eight hours in Colombo.

At Madras we went ashore and had the pleasure of riding by tram through this large, spacious city. There are many things to impress one favourably of Madras. The beautiful sea-beach, the bracing sea breeze, the spacious bungalows, the large public buildings, and excellent and extended tramway system, together with the many intelligent and interesting natives to be seen on every hand, go far to make Madras a very desirable place to labour.

A great work is yet to be done in the Indian Empire. A worker can do much in the native work without knowing either Tamil or Telugu for all, or at any rate, a large share of the educated natives can speak English; and many, very many of the poorer class even coolies, understand the Anglo-Saxon tongue. We took occasion to speak to several on the tramcars and among them were bearers, cooks and clerks and all could speak and express themselves well in English. How much we wish a worker could be permanently located there. Roman Catholicism has been, for years, quietly drawing hundreds and even thousands of Madrasses into her net. Do you not believe that we should do all we can to early lift the banner of truth in this large and populous city? For a long time education and learning have probably done more for this part of India than any other, and should we not do more to further enlighten these more enlightened people of India?

On the eighth day out, our boat cast anchor in the roomy harbour of Colombo, and our party went ashore and found Elder Armstrong and Aubrey waiting on the pier to take us to their home, some two miles distant. We

were all soon seated, each in a comfortable rikasha and quickly drawn along the sea beach, on one of the most beautiful drives, probably in the world; and reached the quiet, cozy, and comfortable house of Bro. Armstrong about nine o'clock. We had a good breakfast and I am sure our haste would bear evidence that we did justice to it. Seafarers, especially vegetarians are not always satisfied with their fare; though we should not complain.

Bro. Armstrong has moved to a house well located for their work and he and Sr. Armstrong are doing what they can until the tent arrives, in holding services in their house and Bible readings at the houses of the people. A number of friends were invited in the evening of the day we arrived, but our Captain gave orders to be on Board at four P. M. and we were disappointed in not seeing these friends of the truth, and Bro. Tuissant, whom we wished very much to see.

After breakfast, we went with Bro. and Sr. Armstrong on a long beautiful ride through the Cinnamon gardens. Undoubtedly Ceylon is one of the most beautiful spots in the world. Mr. Thomas Lipton the famous tea-king, who had been on the Island touring in a motor-car just before we arrived, used, so the Colombo papers reported, many adjectives of the superlative degree in expressing his impressions of the Island and thought it the best place in the world to rest and recuperate.

After visiting other places of interest and purchasing some stereoptican slides, our company chartered three catamarans and went to the boat; and as Bro. and Sr. Armstrong were not allowed on board, we had to say good bye and they returned with their catamarans to the pier and our boat soon let go her moorings and we breathed the sea once more. We were loath to say good bye to these dear friends. These with the little company who stood on the banks of the Hooghly the morning our little launch steamed down the river will long remain in our minds; and God grant, when the victories are all gained in India we may

as a united company, stand upon the sea of glass. We are looking forward to the time that the gospel tent arrives in Colombo and Eld. Armstrong has a strong force to make a united effort in that city.

J. L. SHAW.

COURAGE IN THE WORK.

To all the Sabbath keepers throughout India, Ceylon, and Burma greeting:—

I feel very thankful to our kind Heavenly Father for bringing seven more of us to this field to join you in proclaiming the last message of mercy to this world. I was very much refreshed at our general meeting in January as I listened to the reports of work being done in the different languages. It was a stimulus to me to hear the good courage expressed by all.

It was intensely interesting to hear those of another tongue talk about the love of God, how the message came to them, and how thankful they were that the Lord ever deigned to notice them. I wish that every Seventh Day Adventist in India, Burmah and Ceylon could have been present with us and taken a part. I am sure it would have done your souls good.

I feel very much encouraged about the work in this field. I am glad that the workers realize that unity of spirit is a very important factor in the Lord's work. We came strangers to all, with different ways and ideas, but the Lord who has to do with us all, unites us together for his work.

Truly the Lord has done much in the last two months for the workers who are canvassing here in India, as their reports will show.

You must remember that we who come over here from the States, will need your prayers and advice as we are not acquainted with the customs of the people and are liable to make mistakes. We will be thankful for any helpful suggestions you may offer.

I find the people here very kind and ready to help us in the work. We are all of good courage and enjoying India so much better than we expected. We find things here so different from our expectations and we feel thankful for it.

Elder Votaw and wife are in Rangoon, Burmah, Bro. Little and wife are at Karmatar with the press, Sr. Burroway has been canvassing, Mrs. Miller and myself, here in Calcutta.

I shall be pleased to hear from any of our people in regard to any interest of which they may

know in this field. If we are not able to send help we can correspond with interested ones and in this way carry forward the interest.

Praying that this may find all of good courage in the Lord, and with a determination to go forward in the work.

I remain ever your brother in hope,
W. W. MILLER.

All who read my name at the end of this short article know that I have only lately come into the truth, and since then have had the blessed privilege of canvassing for some of our papers and books. Ever since I started out in this work, God has wonderfully blessed me in putting our literature before the people. Miss Burroway and I have been travelling ever since last January, and have covered a good bit of territory. I thank our Heavenly Father for the marvellous way in which He has guided and directed, and for the rich and deep experiences that have come to me. I truly feel that so long as canvassers are needed, I am more than willing to go on in the work which has proved so blessed.

Going about from house to house in the towns we have canvassed, I have had great joy in meeting a few who were really interested. Among these were a man and his wife who were eagerly searching for truths, and were not satisfied with the church of which they were members; and when I came into their home with the Oriental Watchman, they did not wait even to examine the paper, but said at once that they would take it; and when I inquired as to whether they had been subscribers before, replied in the negative, but said they had borrowed the paper regularly every month from a neighbour who was taking it. They were intensely interested in the subjects taken up, and Miss Burroway and I had some Bible readings with them. I am sure that God will sooner or later, bring these two people out into the light of His glorious truth. They are reading and studying two of our books at present and we do earnestly pray that they will have the courage to follow their convictions. We were so sorry to leave these before more of the truth was imparted. I have indeed, had a very joyous time while canvassing out in the field, and intend with God's blessing to continue in the work that He has so clearly and distinctly led me in, and fully surrender to Him my life-long service.

FRIEDA M. HAEGERT.

BURMA.

WE are gradually becoming accustomed to this new country. The Burmans are so neat and clean that one feels quite at home among them. They are an independent and unobtrusive people, always in a cheerful and sociable mood.

A week ago we enjoyed the company of a number of brethren and friends, who took lunch with us, and studied the Bible. They seemed to enjoy themselves and expressed themselves as pleased for coming.

Bro. and Sr. Votaw are putting in heavy hours on the Burmese. Their teacher says they are doing remarkably well.

As we work among all classes, we find a fair interest in Gospel work in general, but we are glad to find here and there some who are really seeking after truth.

The visitations of the hour impressed many with the thought, that we are living in the last days. The Earthquake, the terrible war in Manchuria, the raging of the bubonic plague, these speak with solemn warning and emphasis. Over 50,000 people have left Rangoon, during this outbreak of the plague. All outgoing trains are heavily loaded with people fleeing from the city. A few days ago a single steamer carried 3,000 coolies to Southern India. The Authorities are combating by disinfectants in the markets and gutters, also are there many fires in the crowded settlements: in fact this is regarded as the most effective remedial measure employed. No sooner are the miserable huts burned than some nice tall brickblock is commenced, with modern sanitation.

For years the home of the missionaries and also the place where the believers and friends met for worship were on Brooking St. Rangoon. And no sooner did we arrive than we could realize the perplexity in securing suitable quarters. After a time, however, the Lord opened a way to move to Insein to live. This is a country place with gardens and groves, and has a splendid Ry. service to and from the city. But to move out of the city meant to discontinue public services. No sooner did we move out than we were fortunate to secure a hall in a nice location, near the Ry. Station on the ground floor, and accomodation for a small family. In this hall both the Europeans and Burmese can meet, and there will not be the

objections that are always made to meeting in a private house. This hall has been used as church by the English Baptists for years, but they outgrew the capacity, and have recently furnished a new church.

As we get acquainted with the people in canvassing and visiting, we find many who are very friendly toward our work, and not a few who are interested in the Message for this time. Some who studied the truth with Bro. and Sr. Meyers have invited us in to show them what "these things mean." The voice of God speaking in the recent visitations have not been without effect.

This is the hottest month in Burma. The day is very hot but the night is so far quite comfortable, especially in the suburbs, and we are quite happy with our beautiful situation.

We are cheered by the good reports from Calcutta and other places in India, and rejoice with you that the message is going to the world.

Yours in the Master's Service
Mr. and Mrs. HANSEN.

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CEYLON.

We are pleased to report encouragingly regarding the opening up of our work in Ceylon. While as yet we have been unable to do much public work, we have had many blessed privileges of doing a quiet work in sowing the seed among the people in their homes.

Since returning from the Conference meeting which was held in India in January, we have moved out of the rooms which we occupied in Palmyra House, and have found a little Bungalow where we can still hold forth the Word of life. Since moving we have opened up meetings in our new house and have been much encouraged by what we have seen. Every Sunday evening at 3 and 8 o'clock we gather in our neighbours, as many as will come, and then together we study the precious truth for this time. During the past two weeks we have recognized the presence of God's Holy Spirit with us in these meetings and we are hopeful that this seed-sowing will be fruit-bearing.

Every Sabbath afternoon at 3 o'clock we have our Sabbath-school service in which our regular Sabbath School lessons are studied. A few come in each Sabbath, among these being a Tamil family who are deeply interested

in the Sabbath of the Lord and the Second Coming of Christ. We feel that this is a small begining but we rejoice that it is a begining.

Each Wednesday evening we conduct a study in the house of a neighbour who gathers her neighbours in. This little meeting is increasing in interest and attendance. We are studying the prophecies of Daniel together and rejoice in the clear revelation of God's Holy Word. On Friday evening we conduct a Bible Study in the house of another friend some distance away. We have a fair attendance and a good interest.

Aside from the meetings we are seeking to place our literature in the homes of the people and we know that since God has blessed our denomination with such a precious stock of literature which is literally weighted down with living truths, He will also bless all those who read it.

We sincerely thank God for moving upon the hearts of the Students in Healdsburg College to answer our appeal in donating us a tent for Ceylon and we look forward to its erection with much satisfaction and joy.

H. ARMSTRONG.

SIMULTALA.

"Bless the Lord O my Soul; And all that is within me bless His Holy name." I feel like praising the Lord more than ever for what He has done for us and also for what He is still doing here among the Santhali people in and around Simultala and Babolmohol Mission stations. Since our general meeting in Calcutta we have had an average of thirteen Santhal boarders in our Training School. We could take in twenty or more if funds permitted, but at present we have about Rs 50 monthly allowance which supports two S. D. A. Santhali teachers and thirteen students. One teacher works with me in the Training School at Babolmohol. The Students work very happily for several hours daily after School hours in the fruit garden cultivating papia and other Indian fruit trees. They also work in digging wells etc. They are helping to dig two new wells, one at each station. Up to date they are about twenty and twenty-five feet deep and are much needed for drinking, and for watering the fruit trees. The papia trees need plenty of water in the dry season, and we are now busy preparing to plant out a large number

of papia trees this rainy season. I think that each tree will give us about Rs. 2 per year in fruit for three years and then they need to be renewed.

Tracts in Hindi, Bengali, Urdu, English, and Santhali, are circulated by our two teachers and myself. Treatments are freely given to the poor, two or more Bible Readings are given to the Students daily in Santhali. They study very hard in Santhali, Hindi, and Bengali. As soon as they can read, I put a gospel into their hands in the three above-mentioned tongues and I find that God blesses them in reading His Holy Word. We have three students who are in a class for inquirers and I hope they will come forth for baptism before long. They need to be well instructed before baptism.

We have offered the two Mission properties at Simultala and Babolmohol to our S. D. A. Mission Board on certain conditions, one of the principal conditions being that more workers may be sent out to help us in the Medical, School, and general Mission work and to learn the language right away, for the Santhali harvest is plentiful, (The Santhals number about 1 million) but the labourers are few. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he may send forth labourers into his harvest." Who will respond to this urgent call for this needy part of India and say "Here am I Lord send me?"

Yours seeking the lost

W. A. BARLOW

OUR tent for Ceylon has been contributed by Healdsburg College, California. We extend our heartiest thanks to the donors. The fund is still opened for offerings to fit up the tent.

THE Sanitarium family especially, but nevertheless all the workers throughout the field, are glad to welcome Bro. and Sr. Reagan who have been for some time absent from us, and Sr. Ella McIntyre who comes from Egypt to this field. These are much needed reinforcements to our Sanitarium corps; and from the difficulty we have had to properly man this institution it is easy to see that they are help in due time. Bro. and Sr. Reagan have been for some time in the Battle Creek Sanitarium better fitting themselves for the station they are now filling; Sr. McIntyre's long experience as a nurse makes her well adapted to the work here. We always welcome new labourers to the field.

OUR KARMATAR TRAINING SCHOOL.

WE have just completed our first school year, and as we come up to its close, it is with a deep feeling of gratitude to our Heavenly Father for his loving and protecting care that has been over us. Our hearts are full of praises to the Lord for his benefits.

I am thankful to say this has been a year of *marked* progress. With two or three exceptions, there has been a steady march forward and upward.

As I have examined the records of the last year, and noted the development of the students, and made out the records, a feeling of solemn awe fills my very soul; and I remember that even at this very moment Christ, our great High Priest, is in the Heavenly Sanctuary, examining the life records of each individual, and ere long our cases shall come before Him. I feel, as never before, the great responsibility that rests upon me, as I stand day after day before these dear young people, teaching them the way of life more perfectly. Our last talk, as I gave the students their grade cards, was based upon this fact. O, friends! I am sure it would have done your hearts good, could *you* have stood before these precious Gems, and seen the earnest look on their faces while they listened to the last lesson of the year.

The progress has not attained our ideals, but we feel thankful for the degree of success thus far, and as we lay aside our school work for a few weeks, it is with a realization that it is the Lord's work; and he has blessed us abundantly during the passed year; and "not one thing of all his good promises has failed."

Five of our students go to their homes to spend their vacation, the others remain here. Three of our boys, who have been in the orphanage all along, are learning in the printing Press. One of our older boys has consented to bear some responsibility in looking after the farm and garden during vacation.

Since the removal of the Watchman Press to Karmatar, five more of our native young people have been enabled to avail themselves of the privileges of the school while they continue their work in the press.

Among the students there are three young ladies and four boys, part or all of their time

in the press, eight boys on the farm, and two younger girls assisting in the house work.

Besides the training school we have a day school of 18 to 22, five of whom are our younger children, who are too small to enter the training school, the other children from the surrounding villages.

The outlook for this branch of the work was never brighter. Our hope and courage is strong in the Lord. We see great possibilities before us, and are sure the work of the schools and orphanages is the work by which India will be most helped.

Greetings to all the household of faith, trusting that you will remember this important work and the workers at the throne of grace.

Yours in the blessed hope and work

ANNA KNIGHT.

EXPERIENCES IN WORK.

DEAR READERS,

We have just returned from a two months' canvassing tour, and we wish to relate a few of our experiences that the brethren may see how the Message is going in India. Although Miss Haegert was new in the work, and I new in India the Lord wonderfully blessed our efforts. Always before entering a new town we asked God to help us find a place in which to stop while canvassing; and it was wonderful the way He led. I will relate one of these experiences. We had learned the name of the family where Brother and Sister James stopped last year and we decided to ask for them hoping they could accommodate us. We entered the station and walked up to an Armenian in the booking office who knew the family and offered to take us to their home. We had almost reached the house when we told the man all we wanted was a room. We did our own cooking. He said, "I have a room," so we turned back going direct to his house. We found they were very poor. We also learned after we were there for a time that they could not read one word of English, and the wife could scarcely understand it. We believed God led us there for a purpose. Perhaps this was their opportunity to hear the warning message. We told them we would like to study God's Word with them. They were glad to have us do so. They had Armenian Bibles, we the English. It was labouring under difficulties but they seemed to understand. They did not know Sunday was the first day of the week.

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“If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin.” “That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his son Jesus Christ.”

We welcome to this field to join us in the closing work, Eld. W. W. Miller and wife, Eld. H. H. Votaw and wife, Bro. J. C. Little, and wife, and Sr. Della Burroway. May the Lord keep them in health, and give them many souls for their hire.

Good news—On Feb. 25 the students of Healdsburg College, Cal. shipped a preaching tent to Eld. H. Armstrong, Ceylon. This will be the first tent for this field. God bless the donors and those that make the first tent effort in this far away field.

We will be glad if the workers, and any others who may desire to do so, will send us reports of their work as we are anxious to make Eastern Tidings an interesting channel to keep us all in touch with the work.

The Bible Training School is full of choice matter. The lessons on the book of Esther will continue through the winter, also the valuable Bible readings on the Sanctuary Service. Elder Loughborough's series of articles are full of interest to every one who loves the truth. There are articles from Sr. E. G. White, Eld. J. N. Loughborough, Eld. S. N. Haskell, every month, together with many others.

Send 25 cents to the Bible Training School, South Lancaster, Mass., and it will visit your home every month the coming year.

EXPERIENCES IN WORK.

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They thought they were keeping the seventh day. We remained with them one week giving a reading each evening. God alone knows the result. We canvassed, “Story of Daniel the Prophet,” with the papers, and as we presented the book some would say, “I am very much interested in the prophecies taken up in the *Oriental Watchman* and will take the book to go deeper into the subject.” I canvassed one woman who has taken the *Oriental Watchman* two years. She has Christ's Object Lessons and Coming King in her home. She told me she could see the signs of Jesus' soon coming were fast fulfilling. A Hindu doctor in Nagpur who has taken the *Good Health* for two years told me he had given up his practice because he could not conscientiously give medicine. He says the *Good Health* exactly meets his views. He would have me sit down and tell him something of our manner of treating the sick. We took orders from many natives who could read English. After giving the canvass they would say, “But I am a Parsee, I am a Hindu.” We told them it made no difference what they believed, these papers and books were for all, and we were sure they would help them. It was my privilege to canvass a Y. W. C. A. Secretary. During the conversation the Sabbath was mentioned. She told me that she had charge of the work in Bombay when Elder Robinson was holding a series of meetings at that place; that some of her Y. W. C. A. members attended his meetings, and were much stirred over the Sabbath question. These young girls came to her to know what to do. She told me she read Col 2:14-17 to them which satisfied them. I took the Bible and tried to show her that it was not the Sabbath of the commandment that was nailed to the cross, but the ceremonial sabbaths. She did not acknowledge that she saw it, but if she is honest she will look into the question. In many homes we found Great Controversy, Patriarchs and Prophets, Coming King, Object Lessons and some of our smaller books. These silent messengers are doing their work. God's Word will not return unto him void.

DELLA BURROWAY.

The Watchman Press has been removed to Karmatar. All orders for Good Health, Oriental Watchman, and Eastern Tidings should be sent to Karmatar, E. I. R.