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## LOVE AMONG BRETHREN.

“FINALLY, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report ; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”

The dealings of God with his people often appear mysterious. His ways are not our ways, nor His thoughts, our thoughts. Many times His way of dealing is so contrary to our plans and expectations that we are amazed and confounded. We do not understand our perverse natures ; and often when we are gratifying self, following our own inclinations, we flatter ourselves that we are carrying out the mind of God. And so we need to search the Scriptures, and be much in prayer, that, according to His promise, the Lord may give us wisdom.

Brethren sometimes associate together for years, and think they can trust those they know so well, just as they would trust members of their own family. There is freedom and confidence in this association which could not exist among those not of the same faith. This is very pleasant while brotherly love continues ; but let the accuser of the brethren gain admittance to the heart of one of these men, controlling the mind and imaginations, and jealousies are created, suspicion and envy are harboured ; and he who supposed himself secure in the love and friendship of his brother, finds himself mistrusted, and his motives misjudged. The false brother forgets his own human frailties, forgets his obligation to think and speak no evil lest he dishonour God and wound Christ in the person of his saints ; and every defect that can be thought of or imagined is commented upon unmercifully, and the character of a brother is represented as dark and questionable.

There is betrayal of sacred trust. The things spoken in brotherly confidence are repeated and

misrepresented ; and every word, every action however innocent and well meaning, is scrutinized by the cold, jealous criticism of those who were thought noble, too honourable to take the least advantage of friendly association or brotherly trust. Hearts are closed to mercy, judgment and the love of God ; and the cold sneering, contemptuous spirit which Satan manifests towards his victim is revealed

Floating rumours are often the destroyers of unity among brethren. There are some who watch with open mind and ears to catch flying scandal. They gather up little incidents which may be trifling in themselves, but which are repeated and exaggerated until a man is made an offender for a word. Their motto seems to be, “ Report, and we will report it.”

These talebearers are doing Satan’s work with surprising fidelity, little knowing how offensive this course is to God. If they would spend half the energy and zeal that is given to this unholy work in examining their own hearts, they would find so much to do to cleanse their souls from impurity that they would have no time or disposition to criticise their brethren, and they would not fall under the power of this temptation. The door of the mind should be closed against. “ They say ” or “ I have heard. ” Why should we not instead of allowing jealousy or evil surmising to come into our hearts as to our brethren, after frankly but kindly setting before them the things we have heard detrimental to their character and influence, pray with and for them ? While we cannot fellowship those who are the bitter enemies of Christ, we should cultivate that spirit of meekness and love that characterized our Master,—a love that thinketh no evil, and is not easily provoked.

We are living amid the perils of the last days, and we should guard every avenue by which Satan can approach us with his temptations

A fatal delusion seizes those who have had great light and precious opportunities, but who have not walked in the light nor improved the opportunities which God has given them. Darkness comes upon them and they fail to

make Christ their strength, and fall an easy prey to the snares of the deceiver. A mere assent to the truth will never save a soul from death. We must be sanctified through the truth; every defect of character must be overcome, or it will overcome us and become a controlling power for evil.

Let us diligently cultivate the pure principles of the gospel of Christ,—the religion not of self-esteem but of love, meekness, and lowliness of heart. Then we shall love our brethren: and esteem them better than ourselves. Our minds will not dwell on the dark side of their character; we shall not feast on scandal and flying reports. But "whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue and if there be any praise," we shall think on these things."

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

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#### OUR WORK.

Not until the Gospel of the Kingdom has been preached to all the world for a witness can we lay down our armour. The warfare must continue until we can say with Paul, "Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world;" and "The gospel has been preached to every creature which is under heaven."

How many different specimens of the human family we meet every day. There is the poor blind beggar sitting on the road-side hoping that some passerby will drop a pice into his hand. He hears their footsteps as they approach and wonders in his mind if this pedestrian will take pity on him and give. The day wears away and small is the amount he has received. Do you pass by and forget that this beggar is one of the number who are to hear the last call?

There is the poor leper with most of her fingers and feet gone. Do you listen to her cry for help, and do you ever think that she is to hear of the Prince of Peace, or do you pass by on the other side?

How about the coolie and the gharry man? Do you pay them an anna or more less than they deserve, and then because they wait around hoping you will pay the price they want, do you get angry and tell them to "Jao?"

or do you remember that they too are among the number who must hear; and seek an opportunity to tell them of the Saviour's love?

We must ever remember that the Lord is keeping a daily record of the way we treat these poor natives. I know that some say, if we treat these servants half way right they will take advantage, but the Bible says "Love worketh no ill to his neighbour."

We are in this world not only to preach the Gospel but to represent its effects in the daily life. Paul said that God had called him by his grace to reveal his Son in him, that he might preach him among the heathen. The most effectual way to preach Christ is to live Christ.

It is a great help to one to sum up, before retiring for the night, what his life has been during the day, and then to make a special effort to do better the next day. We must die daily to everything that would hinder our advancement in the Christian life or misrepresent Christ to others.

W. W. MILLER.

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#### EVERY DAY LIFE AT KARMATAR.

THERE is something about the monotony of every day life that makes us shrink from telling the little experiences that fill a large share of our time in mission work. However I shall try to give the readers of Eastern Tidings a little glimpse of every day life at Karmatar.

Every one begins to stir at about 5:30 in the morning,—the boys taking about an hour's exercise in work about the farm or garden, and the girls utilizing the early hours in preparing lessons for the day or in doing some necessary house work. At the above mentioned early hour patients begin to gather at the dispensary door, and usually from this on until midday the interested group about the door are the common spectacle from our window. These often amount to as high as twenty to thirty treated patients in one day, so it can be readily seen that Sister White is has not an unimportant part in our work here. We find this one of the most favourable means of reaching these darkened people.

Breakfast hour is at 7:30 after which the boys gather in the school room and spend the half hour before school opens at nine, in looking over the day's lessons. Mrs. Little is in charge of the school at present and she is making

some special efforts to teach present Truth along with other studies. We can speak only words of praise for the evidences of the Lord's leading thus far in this branch of the work. School is out at 1:30 P. M.

Also at 9 o'clock in the morning the Press work begins. School classes are held early for students who work here, and thus we are able to keep up this work during the school year without extra help. Our workers have all been willing and the work in this department has progressed nicely since the printing plant moved from Calcutta March 1.

We were pleased to have Sr. Burroway join us about the middle of July, and we have found her a valuable help for the work here. One faculty we seem to require in this country is the ability to adopt ourselves to varied circumstances and conditions without long months of experience, and to readily discern a situation so as to lift in unison with those already on the ground. Sr. Burroway has taken hold of the work here in a remarkably short time and has proved a real help in her branch of the work. God has certainly blessed in sending us help at a time of need.

In the afternoon, farm and garden work for the boys and the sewing class for the girls form the principal part of our domestic work. About forty bigahs of Paddy field not far from the compound are now nearly all under cultivation, and besides this we have to plant the garden most of which is put out in September and October. Thus we are trying to make our school meet the plan of the Lord regarding manual labour.

All students gather at the evening worship hour and together we sing and bow to thank the Giver of blessings for His daily care. This with our morning worship forms the leading part of our devotional exercises. The work here is not all we hope it will be by any means, but we believe the Lord is leading and that some fruits will be seen in His kingdom.

J. C. LITTLE.

#### SOWING THE SEED.

DEAR Brethren and Sisters:—

It has been sometime since I wrote to you through our little paper that we all like to read.

Our work grows more encouraging here and more and more doors open to us. There are a few who seem to be in the valley of decision.

We have spent some time preparing the soil hoping that the seed will have a better chance to germinate, grow, and bear fruit. It is too early to say yet what the harvest will be, but we hope to come rejoicing, by and by, bringing our sheaves with us.

Bro. Meyers is now with us and this strengthens our work. We have gathered some of our friends and neighbours into the house on several occasions and Bro. Meyers has conducted some profitable Bible studies.

Two little orphan Tamil girls have been turned over to us. One has been sent to Karmatar. The other girl is with Mrs. Meyers. She is a sweet girl willing to work and very anxious to learn. If she sees Mrs. Meyers is not busy she asks her to read to her. She wants to go to school. She is about twelve years old. She lost her mother from plague a short time ago.

We are of good courage. My health is much better and I am enjoying my work.

We have delightful weather here now.

Your Sister in Christ,  
A. ORR.

#### SERVICE FOR THE MASTER.

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path." Prov. 3:6.

"The Lord who never slumbers or sleeps watches over each worker choosing his sphere of labour." Test. Vol. 7.

Having faith to believe the above words I responded to a call to come to Karmatar. I have been here two months now, and feel that it was indeed the Lord who led me. There is plenty of opportunity for work here and my surroundings are much more favourable for studying the language than they were in Calcutta.

I have given a few Bible readings through an interpreter, but outside of my regular duties in the home, my first work has been to study the language, without which we can never be successful workers among these people.

I feel thankful to the Lord for leading me to one dear soul while in Calcutta who accepted all the light on Present Truth which I had time to present to her. She has formerly been in Zenana work. I ask all the brethren to remember her in prayer that she may become established on all points of the Message,

and unite with us in proclaiming it to the millions of India.

The work is onward here. We as workers have much to praise God for, having seen his working in many instances among the boys and girls. Our one object is to help these young people to a higher Christian life that they may go out and herald the last message.

DELLA BURROWAY.

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### CEYLON.

"EASTERN TIDINGS" is a medium through which we, who are workers in the East, may become acquainted with each other's labours and learn of the progress of the work among the different peoples for whom we labour. We gladly use its pages this month again so that our Brethren and Sisters may know something more of how our work is progressing in the island of Ceylon.

It is now nearly three months since we received a valuable contribution of a tent, which was so kindly donated to this work by the students of Healdsburg College. The tent arrived safely and in good condition with ropes and other fixings attached. We have since that time prepared the furniture and fittings including chairs, centre pole, wall poles and stakes. We soon found that our Tent-fund allowance was not sufficient to even purchase the 200 chairs at store prices, so we arranged to purchase the wood from the timber yard and make them ourselves. Elder Owen designed a folding chair suitable for our needs and then we began a work of industry, planing and sawing, screwing and nailing, until the 200 chairs were completed. By making the chairs ourselves we have saved a sum equal to Rs. 500, and gained an experience that will serve us in any emergency.

All the furniture and fittings are now complete, and just as soon as we receive definite word about the land on which we hope to pitch, we shall go forward in our first public effort among this people. This month we have had presented to us a good organ that is just what we need for our Tent services. We believe that as we open our services to the public, the people will open their hearts to the truths and that they will also sustain the work.

We are having parlour meetings and a good interest is maintained in them. There are some here who love the truth and we hope to

see them continue in their interest. We have a class of Tamil Sabbath-keepers who meet with us every Sabbath. They have been keeping the Sabbath since 1844. God's Holy Spirit caused a great awakening among some who were specially seeking him at that time, and they saw the Sabbath truth and kept it. They were driven out of the churches and persecuted, but they have been firm and faithful even until now. They were so pleased to meet with us, and since that time they have been gathering into our Bungalow every Sabbath to learn more of the truth. We speak to them through an interpreter and they drink in the feast of good things the Lord has given to us.

We believe that the opening of the Tent services will prove a great blessing to many, and to this end we ask you to remember this work before the throne of grace. God has a people here and he will gather them out by the power of the voice of the Third Angel's message, and so work in them, that it can be said of them, "Here is the patience of the saints, here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

Brethren and Sisters let us be faithful and true, let us be strong and courageous, and "let us not be weary in well-doing; for we shall reap if we faint not."

HARRY E. ARMSTRONG.

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### BANGALORE.

We are pleased to see Eastern Tidings revive again and it is with pleasure we give our experiences in the work that God has called us to do here in Bangalore. Our work has been up-hill, preparing the hearts of the people to receive the third angel's message. We have tried to do this faithfully realising from the lesson in nature that so much depends on the condition of the soil when the seed is sown for good results. The preparatory work always needs our best efforts and perseverance and faithfulness. We are thankful for the object lesson of seed sowing God has given us in nature. We have tried to work on these lines and truly we are seeing good results. Our Heavenly Father is giving us an earnest of our labour. On our arrival the enemy worked hard to discourage us. We met the usual opposition, prejudice and indifference but we held on and to-day we rejoice in these hard experiences. The Lord has turned them all into blessings and the enemy has been defeat

ed. Praise His name. How we have felt our need of wisdom, strength and dependence on One who is Almighty and we have turned to Him and He has supplied all our needs. Truly the prospects look very encouraging. We study with nineteen families weekly besides readings in our home. The seed is sown in faith. We have the assurance that the Lord will give the increase. Eccl. 11:4-6. Kindly greetings to the workers. Pray for us, brethren.

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### ENCOURAGING EXPERIENCES.

Since I wrote last to the Eastern Tidings God has been helping and blessing our humble efforts for the salvation of precious souls, and the hastening of the Coming King. I left Simultala with my family for a month's stay at Karmatar, partly for the sake of our little baby who has been suffering from malarial fever; but up to the time of writing these few lines I am glad to say that the little fellow is very much improved, for which we thank our Heavenly Father, who tells us in His word that "I am the Lord that healeth thee." I believe this more than ever I did. May God help us to trust Him for all our sicknesses as well as for salvation from all sin through the blood of Jesus.

We arrived at Karmatar about August 16th. and found the brethren, Elder and Mrs. Miller with the baby, Brother and Sister Little, Sisters Whiteis, Burroway, and all the school students looking well and happy in their work. I have never seen so many sick cases here before. Sister Whiteis is kept very busy indeed almost night and day with the sick and suffering both at her dispensary and in visiting the villages around the mission station for several miles on all sides; and I cannot help thinking that she should be encouraged without any delay by having a good place for her medical work away from the present small room next to the school boys' rooms. It is dangerous I think for the health of Sister Whiteis and those who help her, also for the general health of all in the mission compound. I don't know of a better place than the spot which I visited yesterday about four miles from Karmatar at a place called Kora. It is nice and high and not far from one of the largest villages I ever visited during my sixteen years' village work in Ben-

gal. I hear the above plot of land has been offered to the mission for medical and girls' school work and I feel that we ought not to delay in taking over the land and raising a subscription among our Indian workers and others in our mission here to erect a building for the above mentioned purposes. The people are very anxious for our workers to make a start as soon as possible. I notice that most of the sick cases come from Koro and its surrounding villages; it contains several thousand Bengali people, there is a post office, school for boys aided by government, and a Dak Bungalow. The plot of land offered to us is near a beautiful mango grove.

The Press is doing some good work both on the *Oriental Watchman* and tracts for free circulation. I am glad to hear that they are about to translate and print off a few thousand tracts on "Tobacco Poison" in Bengali and Hindi. I notice already about 12 or 15 Bengali and Hindi tracts have been printed by our own "Watchman Press," and I have enjoyed the work of circulating many thousands of these precious leaves of healing among India's millions. During the past month I have circulated about 5,000 papers besides a number circulated by our two Sabbath teachers at Simultala, and Baboimohol.

I have had the pleasure of partaking in the ordinances of the Lord's house here at Karmatar by Elder Miller. I think for the first time at this station. It was a blessed season.

I have been visiting the Santhal Hindi Bengali villages around Karmatar singing and preaching the gospel of God's love for sinners and giving Lantern services several times. God willing we give another Lantern service at Karmatar bazar or market place. We have promised to give Lantern services at a Bengali village about a mile from here and another at Koro the first mentioned village where we hear the Macedonian cry for medical work among the women and girls of that large village.

I am glad to see Brother and Sister Little and sister Burroway progressing in the Bengali language. If they could be spared at some future time to go out and live among the people and do village gospel work they would very soon be quite at home in the Bengali language. May God bless all the dear workers in Burma, Ceylon, India, and the world in hastening the coming of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. For His sake I hope all our brethren and sisters will write for the Eastern Tidings often

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WE are glad to announce that the work will soon open in Bombay. Eld. C. A. Hansen and wife of West Michigan, U. S. A. will soon arrive and locate there. He will need one who understands the language to connect with him, and this need should be supplied at once.

Bro. Geo. Gwyther is soliciting donations to pay for the translation and publication of tracts in the Bengali language. All who are interested in this line of work and desire to help will oblige him by sending their donations to 39-1, Free School St., in care of the International Tract Society.

Mrs. E. E. Prescott has been accepted as a self-supporting worker in this field. As she is a woman of much experience, we will appreciate her help very much.

Word comes to us through the Review that Bro. Burgess and wife are planning to leave the States for India in October. They will work for the eighty million Hindustanis.

We hope to see Eld. Shaw, his wife and Sr. Quantock among the number who will arrive this winter. I am sure all will join us in thanking the Lord for these recruits. May the good Lord give them all a safe journey and abundance of health and strength.

By the time you receive this paper, Eld. H. Armstrong and Eld. G. K. Owen will, no doubt, be engaged in the first tent effort by our people in India. We wish them both much of the blessing of the Lord.

We hope to publish "Eastern Tidings" every month in the future, so send in your articles early. Let all the workers feel that they must act a part in making this paper a success.

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I feel the loss of our not being able to receive a monthly copy of the E. T. as in former days. It is encouraging to hear from the different workers in the field to know how God is helping and blessing in the medical and Bible work, canvassing and vernacular work. I must not close without saying a word about the Kar-matar school and orphanage. Mrs. J. C. Little is at present in charge and I am much impressed with the order, progress, tidiness, gospel, singing, and Bible knowledge of the students. I am also glad to hear the older boys speaking in the villages among the heathen the wonderful words of life. Bro. Little, Bro. Mitter and a number of students went out last Sabbath after the afternoon meeting and held a good gospel meeting in a Bengali village where sister White is goes to treat the sick. We also went out with Elder W. Miller the Sabbath before and Bro. Mitter and myself spoke in Hindi to a very interesting crowd.

Yours seeking the lost ones.

W. A. BARLOW.

### A GOOD TESTIMONY.

The Secretary,  
International Tract Society,  
39-1 Free School Street,  
Calcutta.

DEAR SIR,

Yes, please send next copy of Oriental Watchman V. P. P.

The last copy was most appropriate. I had a bout with steam, not hot enough to scald, but very dangerous to breathe. It laid me up with bad lungs and I was very bad when paper arrived. The first sight of the paper was the empty tomb; I decided to get well with the help of the Lord—immediate relief was the result, the sequel is convalescence, and I hope to return to work in a day or two, cured.

All my life I have read of the resurrection of the dead near Christ's tomb, but I never knew what became of those who rose from the dead: I know now; that knowledge helped me on to recovery.

I read the Bible and understand it as a Covenantor and don't care how others interpret it. Try and get in ideas that will suit seekers like myself.

Thanking you for your good words,

I remain

Your obedient servant,

A Reader.