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TRIALS.

The work of pruning and purifying to fit us for heaven, is a great work and will cost us much suffering and trial, because our will is not subjected to the will of Christ. We must go through the furnace till the fires have consumed the dross, and we are purified and reflect the divine image. Those who follow their inclinations and are governed by appearances, are not good judges of what God is doing. They are filled with discontent.

They see failure where there is indeed triumph, a great loss where there is gain; and like Jacob, they are ready to exclaim, "all these things are against me," when the very things whereof they complain are all working together for their good.

No cross, no crown! How can one be strong in the Lord without trials? To have strength we must have exercise. To have strong faith we must be placed in circumstances where our faith will be tried.

The apostle Paul, just before his martyrdom, exhorted Timothy, "Be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God." It is through much tribulation that we are to enter the kingdom of heaven. Our Saviour was tried in every possible way, and yet he triumphed in God continually. It is our privilege to be strong in the strength of God under all circumstances, and to glory in the cross of Christ. The very trials that test our faith most severely, and make it seem that God has forsaken us, are designed to lead us nearer to Christ, that we may lay all our burdens at his feet and receive the peace he will give us in exchange.

When you surrender yourself entirely to God, when you fall all broken upon Jesus, you will be rewarded by a victory the joy of which you have never yet realized.

As you review the past with a clear vision, you will see that the very time when life seemed to you only a perplexity and a burden. Jesus himself was near you, seeking to lead you into

the light. Your Father was by your side, bending over with unutterable love, afflicting you for your good, as the purifier purifies the precious ore. When you have thought yourself forsaken, he has been near to comfort and sustain. We seldom view Jesus as he is and are never so ready to receive his help as he is to help us.

What a victory you will gain when you learn to follow the opening providences of God with a grateful heart and a determination to live with an eye single to his glory, in sickness or health in abundance or want. Self is alive and quivering at every touch. Self must be crucified before you have overcome in the name of Jesus, and receive the reward of the faithful.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

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AN APPEAL FOR OUR WORK.

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

I am interested in the canvassing work in the South and I want to ask your help in a matter I will lay before you.

Willie Meyers will finish his Ministerial Course at Avondale next month. He is desirous of coming to India and entering the field as a Canvasser. This would be a great help, as I believe he has ability in this line. However, the mission funds are so low that they can't send him out at present. Rs. 125 would land him in Colombo, third-class passage. Here he would have two months, or more Canvassing and then hard by, is Galle, the second city in Ceylon, which we have never canvassed. Then here lies Madras. It will soon be two years since this large city and its suburbs have been canvassed. Bro. Willie Meyers could find from three to four months' canvassing in Madras. These cities should be worked from Nov. to March. Miss Jewett and I canvassed in Colombo during April. We worked one month and were both run down, and went up country not having finished the city. We got along nicely the first year, and went back to Colombo looking well. We had started out the first of Nov. whereas the last

year it was Jan. We got down to steady work, I had had fever and we did not leave Calcutta until the middle of Oct.

Why need we wait on the Mission Board? If each member would give Rs. 5 we could make up the money. I thought we might make up Rs. 150 so that he would have a little beside his passage. Bro. and Sr. Meyers will help and some others will be asked for a donation. All who will help in this please send their donation to the I. T. Socy.

We have 28 Bible readings weekly in the City.

I now have fourteen on this side. Other doors are open but I don't feel that I can do justice to more at present.

Yours in the "Blessed Hope"
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OUR TRAINING SCHOOL.

A little over a year ago when listening to Eld. Spicer's talk on the Karmatar Orphanage it never occurred to me that we would be in that very work in a few short months. We do thank our heavenly Father that He has led us here to have a part in this work.

We feel sure that among our twenty six students some will take part in giving this message to the millions of India. Some are even now taking part in the work. Three of our students set up the matter for *The Oriental Watchman* and *Eastern Tidings* and three others are learning.

Sr. Whiteis' numerous patients made it necessary for her to have an assistant; and as that would be the best way for our young people to get a training to work for the people one of the girls dropped her school studies to take up the nursing work under Sr. Whiteis. As eleven of our twenty six students are in the Bengali school that gives opportunity for training in that branch of the work. This work is also done by one of our students.

We try to make the motto of the school; "Do with thy might what thy hands find to do." We feel that the Lord has specially blessed in that the students have done willingly and cheerfully any task assigned them. In the early morning and late afternoon the compound presents rather a lively appearance, as Mr. Little with the boys plants, transplants or digs in the garden. Some of the girls are

much interested in the flower garden, and they also go out in the evening to work.

The recitation hours are from nine o'clock to one thirty. The older students have taken up the study of Bengali this year under Bro. Mitter. The school is divided into two classes for this, and when not reciting English they pass to their Bengali study.

After dinner the girls have sewing class with Miss Burroway as teacher. At the same time Sr. Marion Belchambers teaches the five little boys, preparing them to do their own mending in time to come.

The report would not seem complete if no mention were made of our Prayer meeting and Sabbath meetings. Wednesday afternoon from four to five the boys join Mr. Little in the prayer meeting in the primary school room, while some of the other workers gather with the girls in the assembly room. We feel that this meeting is a spiritual help to us as well as to our students. Some who have been timid about praying or speaking of the Lord before others have been able to begin in the prayer meeting. A few weeks ago it was decided to have a Sabbath School secretary so one of our boys was appointed for that work. Although having had no experience in that kind of work, he is doing it very nicely. The kindergarten has been organised with its eleven little folks, and two of our own girls take keen interest in this. The *Sabbath School Worker* is eagerly studied for any suggestions that may be helpful.

After holding the afternoon meeting, Mr. Little, Bro. Mitter, and the boys go to the surrounding villages to speak,

This is our weekly life at Karmatar. The medical, publishing, and educational work make Karmatar a busy little centre of its own. Satan is working everywhere so we see his efforts here, but we do see the Lord's Spirit working, and we do thank the Lord for His blessing. When we see some of our students overcoming temptation and pulling away from wrong habits we feel that we can explain with the Psalmist: "O Give thanks unto the Lord! call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people."

MRS. J. C. LITTLE.

"FAITH is the spiritual hand that touches infinity."

MY CONVERSION AND CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE.

I was born of Hindu parents and had been a Hindu myself of the orthodox type till two years ago. I hated the religion of Christ and was a bitter enemy to those missionaries who used to preach the Gospel of Jesus. Very often the Spirit of God, even when I was hostile towards any servant of Christ, whispered to me and pointed me as a worse sinner and that Jesus is the only Saviour of mankind and that the religion of Jesus is true. The repeated whisperings of the Holy Spirit led me to procure a copy of the New Testament, which I read. The Gospel of John, opened my eyes, and after a while I publicly received Christ as my Saviour, being baptized by a Baptist missionary two years ago.

After my baptism, I became a diligent student of the Word of God, and discovered many things not followed by any follower of the Word. How was it I enquired? many tried to explain to me, but their instructions failed to reach my heart. I could not compromise. Now I began to meet Christians of other denominations here in Calcutta and in Eastern Bengal. I found no one caring for the many truths in the Bible.

It was a rainy day and a holiday too; there was a Christian teacher of the mission school, where I was a teacher too, who came on a visit. In a few minutes the subject of our conversation was—how is it, that the Christians do not follow the Sabbath of the Fourth commandment but keep holy Sunday instead? Just at that moment a Christian preacher of the same mission came in, perhaps he having overheard our discussion on the subject, and informed us of a certain sect of Christians, who keep the Saturday Sabbath of the Bible; but he said: Unfortunately this sect does not believe in the resurrection of Christ, nor in portions of the New Testament. These people have also some curious thoughts and notions and indulge in unscriptural doctrines and most of the members are immoral. On my asking further particulars of this sect, I was told of the mission in Calcutta and also of the address of Bro. Mookerjee whose moral character was very severely impeached. Such a slander coming out of the mouth of a Christian preacher with whom another Christian joined, led me to see this gentleman and inquire of him the doc-

trines of his faith, or of the mission he is attached to which keeps the Sabbath of the Bible.

I wrote to Bro. Mookerjee at the address given which being a wrong one brought me a reply from him after ten days. The next day I came down to Calcutta, from my station 15 miles West, and saw Bro. Mookerjee. We had a quiet talk of a couple of hours, regarding some of the Present truths of the Bible; including the Sanctuary Question. My heart was overjoyed and I was delighted for getting Truth for which my heart has been longing for these last two years of my life. Bro. Mookerjee also gave me a lot of tracts, and a few copies of Watchman and Good Health. I returned home the same night and began to study this Advent literature. Owing to my sickness I took a fortnight's leave from my work; so having nothing to do, I took up the tracts one by one and read them. Praying and reading; again reading and praying I became further convinced of the Truth of the Sabbath.

Then a struggle came. There was difficulty and much opposition on my way here. What shall I do? I can not teach on the Sabbath and the college will not have me for anything in the world. I have no home of my own, no position, no one to support me. Questions like these came pouring on me from all sides. Once more on my knees and these questions were solved at once. I rose up rejoicing and saying my trust is upon the same Lord my Saviour in whose arms I plunged two years ago for I had left my parents, my home, my brothers, my sisters, all my relations and everything in this world; and my mighty Heavenly Father has been since providing me every thing. This was in the month of July: after a couple of days I came and saw Bro. Mookerjee again and told him how I have accepted the truth, and now I wish to live the truth and identify myself with you people of God—"A peculiar people zealous of good works" only. On the 23rd of August I resigned my position and the several requests, to continue my service till the end of the month were declined with much humility. I could not on any account or to please any one break the next holy Sabbath (Aug. 26) by working after the Spirit had been pleased to give me light on the subject.

On Friday August 25, I came down to Calcutta and have since resided with Bro. Mook-

erjee. Since accepting publicly the truth my former friends(!) became my worst enemies, for almost all of them have turned traitors. At first my resignation was not accepted, but God helped me stick to truth and all their efforts were fruitless. They did injustice to me regarding my dues and turned me away almost penniless. But the Lord had provided me with sufficient funds to pay for me till the end of this month. "O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good, for His mercy endureth for ever."

M. K. CHAKRAVORTI.

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ANOTHER WORD FROM KARMATAR.

Karmatar is a small thinly populated village. Several hills and hillocks loom from a distance. The paddy fields all around look like a vast sheet of green water fringed with trees and small houses, which seem to come out of it. The climate is very healthy. Many people come here for a change and live in the houses they have built. Though the people do not get good food, they are strong because of the dry fresh air they have in abundance. The people are simple and quite innocent of the vices of townsfolk.

About six years ago Elder D. A. Robinson removed the orphanage from Calcutta to this place with a view to keeping the children from the contagion of vice, leading them from nature to nature's Creator and teaching them things which would enable them to earn their livelihood and keep the true sabbath which people working in Govt. and other offices can not keep. Two months after the school had been removed he and Elder Brown died of small pox of a virulent type. He laid a good foundation on which Elders Spicer and Shaw have built and Elder Miller, Bro. and Sister Little, Srs. Knight and Whiteis are trying to improve.

The Watchman Press is doing good work under the management of Bro. Little who also has charge of the *Oriental Watchman and Eastern Tidings*. My two girls and one boy and myself have, for about two years, been working in connection with the Press. Since I joined this mission about eight years ago, I have had the privilege of translating eleven tracts and Steps to Christ into Bengali and three into Hindi two of which have already been printed. Tobacco Poison is being translated into Bengali and Hindi. Three boys of the Train-

ing school have also been working in the Press since March.

Sister Little has been in charge of the Training school since April. The boys and girls are making good progress. They study Bengali with me for two hours a day. Both Bro. and Sister Little are trying their utmost to make the students behave like Christians with true brotherly and sisterly feelings towards one another. If I say that it is safe to have young Bengali boys and girls in the same school or compound however large it may be, I am not speaking the truth.

Sister Whiteis is doing medical work very satisfactorily. She does not spare any pains to make her work a success. Her patience and motherly care are wonderful.

Sister Burroway is also doing a very responsible work. She manages the house in a way which affords satisfaction to all here.

Elder Miller and Bro. Barlow, during their short stay here, have inspired us with fresh zeal for preaching the gospel to the heathen all around. Bro. Barlow has preached in Hindi and Santali and the writer in Bengali and Hindi and Elder Miller and Bro. Little favoured us with their presence and singing. I consider it to be a great privilege to freely give what I have freely received but I am not free to go out between 6 A. M. and 5 P. M.

This mission has been established here for about 6 years but very little has been done towards direct evangelistic work. "The harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers are few." Brethren and sisters, pray that the good Father may raise from among the people of India men and women full of the Holy Ghost who shall devote their time, talents and energies to the Lord's work and show by their words and lives that Christianity is not a name but a power—a power which enabled St. Paul and other true followers of Jesus to do alone under the greatest disadvantages what so many preachers, both Indian and foreign, have not been able to do at a time when distance is annihilated by railroads, tramways and steamboats, when by help of the press thousands and thousands of the educated class may be reached and when the heathen all around are so friendly. If all the preachers work with a single eye to the glory of God, time will not be far distant when the banners

of Christ shall have unfurled throughout the length and breadth of benighted India, our dear native land.

B. N. MITTER.

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THE BENGALI WORK.

It is a matter of great pleasure to have a visit from you, after a long time, with the promise of your future monthly visits. We appreciate with gratitude and thankfulness to our Heavenly Father the news of the spread of the Message in all parts of India, Ceylon and British Burma. May God bless the manifold endeavours.

We have given up translating into Bengali our Sabbath School Lessons, as with the exception of a very few—mostly children—almost all those who attend the Bengali Services read English. The heads of different families have taken the plan of using the weekly Lesson in their morning and evening family worship; this Lesson is again the subject of our Sabbath morning meetings.

Since the last quarter Satan has been busily engaged in opposing the instructions regarding Tithes and Offerings. So four whole families have ceased to attend and it is conjectured that these will not identify themselves in the work of the Message. But the Spirit of God has been working in the hearts of yet a few (on an average 20 persons, both young and old attend our Sabbath Meeting) and some are bearing fruit. Last month we had an addition to our number in the person of Bro. M. K. Chakravorti. This Bro. came to hear of the Truth of the Sabbath and the Spirit worked on him through the personal talk we had, as well as the reading afterwards of our Advent Literature so that he had the strength to give up his position as teacher in one of the Missionary Colleges here. An instance of how the Lord is answering our prayers is given below.

A couple of months ago Bro. Watson and myself had a talk regarding our Bengali work. Both of us have been thinking, and asking God to give us funds to start a Bengali Paper the same as Oriental Watchman. Not only we had asked for funds but for voluntary editors as the work will be heavier than the English, for we have to translate every thing into Bengali. Now the Lord has given us an answer by giving us in advance

Bro Chakravorti to act as our Editor. Before accepting publicly by Baptism his faith towards Christ as his Saviour Bro. C. acted as Editor, Manager and Publisher of one of the respectable Hindu Weeklies in his own native country. After his baptism, he had written two Bengali books of about 150 and 16 pages respectively, called "The Daughters of Light" and "The Bible changes the human heart." Both of these books are out of print now, for within a month every copy of the 1st edition had been sold. The books will be printed again by the mission he has just left.

As for funds Bro. Watson suggested not to start a Bengali paper till we have Rs. 500 to rely on. Now up at Darjeeling our little band of workers namely, my eldest son, his wife and our dear Sr. Jewett were praying on the same subject and they were planning to surprise me on their return to Calcutta, but when they heard of Bro. C. my son wrote to me all about it. I trust they have also some funds for this work. A few Sabbaths ago in connection with our S. S. Lessons we talked on the importance of having a Bengali Paper, which will be the greatest help to our labours in visiting houses and asking people to subscribe for the same. I am glad to mention here that Bro. H. C. Mookerjee M. A. one of our adherents has sent me a cheque for Rs. 40 mentioning especially to accept the amount to start the 500 fund. Are there not such among us, who do feel the necessities of the Bengali Church? let them come forward with their mite, help us to make up the 500 before the year closes. It will gladden many to learn what the Lord is doing for the Bengalees.

All donations for the Bengali Paper should be sent to The International Tract Society, Calcutta.

We need your sympathy and prayers for the Bengali Branch of our work.

I remain, Dear Eastern Tidings,
A. C. MOOKERJEE.

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"WORKERS for Christ are never to think, much less to speak, of failure in their work. The Lord Jesus is our efficiency in all things; His Spirit is to be our inspiration; and as we place ourselves in his hands, to be channels of light, our means of doing good will never be exhausted. We may draw upon His fulness and receive of that grace which has no limit."

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Unless Eld. Shaw returns and calls a general meeting, there will be none this year.

Eld. Votaw reports that three young men in Burmah have begun the observance of the Sabbath.

Sr. Samantha Whiteis has gone to Bangalore for a much needed rest. Miss Della Burroway and Moti Mala Mookerjee will care for the patients during her absence.

Eld. Armstrong writes that the tent meetings opened with over one hundred and fifty in attendance, and he feels very much encouraged over the outlook. We shall expect a report from him in November.

As the appropriation for the Karmatar orphanage is limited, we request that no children be sent there without first consulting those in charge. We would be glad to accept all who might come, but must first provide for those who are already there.

Eld. Hansen and wife were to leave New York Sept 19th. They will remain in London a few days and then sail for Bombay. Sr. D. Ella Smith and Freida Haegart will meet them there, and assist them in getting located, and in opening the work in that needy city. Bombay has waited long, but last she is to hear the final warning, and God only knows who will respond. Let us make this city a subject of prayer.

We are glad to announce that two or three new vernacular tracts are now on hand waiting our time to set them up and print them.

These we hope to have out soon. All these little silent messengers have their place in spreading the gospel to India's millions in darkness.

We would ask all our readers to examine carefully the article, "An appeal for Our Work," on the first page of this paper; and also to give means as the Lord has prospered that the appeal may be met. There is a crying need of a strong worker for our *Oriental Watchman* and also for *Good Health*. Since some of our best workers for these papers have gone home the list has shown a marked decrease until at present it is very low. We know that all our people in India are enough interested in the mission of our paper to help in this fund.

"SAY not ye, There are yet four months' and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." John 4: 35, 36.

YOUNG PEOPLE, ATTENTION!

We are authorized to announce the publication, about October 15, of a volume of "Addresses for Young People," by President Charles C. Lewis, of Union College. It will consist of ten addresses given on various occasions during the past fifteen years, principally before audiences of young people. Just the book to save young people from scepticism, and inspire them to seek an education and lead pure and noble lives. The book will contain about 300 pages and will be durably and handsomely bound. It will form an appropriate and valuable present for any young person, and may turn the current of his life into broader, deeper and purer channels. Price \$ 1. 00. (Rs 3. 4) per copy, postpaid. Orders received at once and filled with first copies from press. Send for descriptive pamphlet, giving sample pages, and telling how to secure a copy free. Address correspondence and make orders payable to Union College Press, College View, Nebraska, U. S. A.

"My son give me thine heart; and let thine eyes observe my ways."

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