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ANOTHER TRIAL

Another year has passed into eternity : all our mistakes and failures have been faithfully recorded in the books of heaven. No doubt there are many things that we wish we could recall, but it is too late now ; their influence for good or evil have had their effect, and just what the result will be we are unable to tell ; but we do pray that not one soul has been turned away from the truth by our wrong example. Although we are unable to call back the things of the past, which have been wrong yet there is one thing we can do, ask God to forgive us, and grant us another trial, and this He is willing to do. This new year that the Lord has permitted us to see, will give us another opportunity to redeem the time. Our influence should always be a savour of life. "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous." As it is only through the grace of Christ that we can make a right use of our influence, let us draw near unto Him with a true heart and a steadfast purpose, and make an advance step toward the kingdom of heaven this year. Let us not be deceived by the enemy, that there will be a more favourable time in the future to take a decided stand to put away all evil. The man who takes a fix stand to-day and overcomes, will be stimulated for a greater trial that may come to-morrow. The admonition of the Holy Ghost is, to-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Life is so uncertain that a to-morrow

may not come. May God in his love and mercy keep us all this year from anything that would balance a soul in the wrong direction.

W. W. MILLER.

BANGALORE.

DEAR brothers and sisters : --

The outlook is bright down in Mysore. One elderly brother meets with us on the Sabbath and seems to be convinced in regard to this truth and he is studying other truths. We thank God for this brother as he is a man of deep Christian experience.

Sometime ago I was asked to take a meeting that is held in a home in Cleveland Town each week. This meeting was conducted by the M. E. Minister but as he was called away to Madras for about ten days, I was asked to take it. When the Minister returned the people had become so much interested in the Bible studies that they wanted me to continue the meetings on Wednesday evenings, as the other meeting was on Tuesday. These good people were willing to throw open their house two evenings and as the attendance increased they threw open the dining room as well as the little front room that all who would come might be comfortably seated. They seem to appreciate our workers that come down and are desirous of meeting each one and hearing them, and being instructed by them. From what I have heard, I think they have been warned as to the final outcome of all this. However, they

are not willing to miss *our* meeting. The Minister, finding them bent on having the Adventists to teach them, has removed his meeting from the house, giving as a reason that some people found the house too warm and that the street smelt badly. The street is really as clean a little one as you would generally find, and I heard nothing of its unsavory smell until after our meetings were established there. A gentleman who attends our studies told me the other day that he had noticed that the attendance was steadily increasing and after attending our study on Wednesday night and the one at the M. E. church on Tuesday he noticed that we had the larger attendance.

Bro. Meyers will, I believe, commence a study of prophecy with them tomorrow evening. Bro. Miller stopped here on his return from Colombo and they enjoyed hearing him to speak to them.

Another very interesting meeting that God has opened is with some native women. I really wish you could see how attentive they are and how anxious to learn. They told me the last time I was with them that if I would teach them right along that they would support me. I don't know that they could do this, but it showed a real desire to be taught. The people who attend the first mentioned meeting also show a spirit of sacrifice. One evening not long since when they thought I was looking tired and had heard that I had been sick, they hired a carriage and had it waiting at the door for me when I came out to go home. Also two ladies whose means are very limited pressed ten rupees into my hand in spite of all my protests.

There are other things that I might mention, but I will not occupy more

space at this time as I fear I have already taken more than my share.

Yours in the Blessed Hope, A. ORR.

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A WORD FROM THE OUT POSTS.

Dear Friends and Fellow Workers, Greetings ;—I shall read with deep interest the experience of each worker in our "Tidings," and it is only just that I should add mine to the rest to make the circle a little more complete.

It has been a little over a month since I entered the cavassing work, and I can truly say—"All the way my Saviour leads me"—The service of the Lord never seemed more precious—" 'Tis sweet to work for heaven !"

There are many things along the way which show that the coming of the Lord is indeed near, and "It is high time for us to awake for *now* is our salvation nearer than when we believed."

It has been my privilege, in company with Miss Haegert, to work over the territory in Rajputana, which has not been worked since brother and sister Ellery Robinson worked it in the winter of 1901 and 1902. I can assure you it is refreshing to meet with people who met them, who still remember the words of truth, kindness, and good cheer, which those faithful workers spoke along the way. Some who took the paper from them have been taking it ever since ; others had lost connection with the office, through moving from place to place, but still remembered the name of the paper, and as soon as they saw it exclaimed—"O yes, I know this paper; a gentleman, Mr. Robinson, used to bring it around. Yes, put me down for a year. I like it very much"—How good such words sound ! I am indeed thankful to have the privi-

lege of going forth, bearing the precious seed and to sow beside all waters.

There are some clouds and some barren places to be sure, but my motto is,—"On the victory side," and I am not going to look on the dark side, for we *know* this *truth is going to triumph*, and I want to triumph with it! The turning away of some from these things only makes my faith grow stronger, for the Bible tells us they will do so.

My hope and courage in the Lord are good. Let us us "Pray through."

Yours in the blessed hope and work,
ANNA KNIGHT.

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BOMBAY.

To the Eastern Tidings:—

This finds us located in the best part of Bombay, with a rent of only 60 Rs. per month while other rooms near by us rent for 100-120 Rs. We cannot but feel that it was God's will that our work should be opened up in decent quarters and be in a place that would best represent our great message. Already God has moved the hearts of the people towards us many times in kindnesses in one way or another, and we are giving readings to several nice families, and are planning on getting more each week as God leads us to them. We do not feel that we will be able to accomplish any very great things in Bombay, but we expect to do all the little things that God brings to our notice from day to day and hope that by the little drippings the stony mountains before us may be cast into the sea. We have made many friends while here, and it is our only hope that it will not be long until our Sabbath school shall have new members. "Hereby is my father glorified, that ye bear much fruit, said Christ."

We have had pleasant visits from Elder Miller, and Sr. Whiteis, Bro. and Sister Burgess, and Sister Knight, during our short stay here, and we are very thankful for the interest they have all taken in us as beginners in this strange field.

Sister Haegert has now left us for other fields and we pray success may go with her. She has placed the Oriental Watchman in many homes in Bombay which we consider a great boon to our Bible work.

We are pleased to report that Mrs. Hansen's health which was not very good at our beginning here is much improved and that she is also giving Bible studies with me. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest that quickly we may be led to the honest in heart and the jewels be gathered out from among the dross and rubbish and educated for a place among the 144,000 who shall follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. We humbly ask an interest in your prayers that God may use us as faithful servants in his vineyard.

ELD. AND MRS. C. F. HANSEN.

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CANVASSING IN CEYLON.

DEAR Brethren and Sisters,

As a result of your self-sacrifice I find myself in this needy field, engaged in spreading this final message to a perishing world.

I am at present devoting my time to the circulation of the books "Man the Masterpiece" and "Ladies Guide". We are told by the Spirit that the medical work is "the right arm of this message," and again that "health reform principles would be as an entering wedge to be followed by a religious influence." These two statements together with previous

experience in opening up the canvassing work in new fields, have led me to devote my time in pushing these works.

Ceylon is not altogether a new field. Some canvassing has been done here by the late Bro. W. W. Quantock and by some lady canvassers ; but little, if anything has been done among the native people and it is to this class that I am holding out the right arm of this gospel.

The dear Lord has been with me. This work is His, and where He is it must go forward. As the result of thirteen days canvassing, the Lord has used me as an instrument in booking over Rs. 1300 worth of orders. I am canvassing the wealthy men of the island, many of whom do not speak English so I often do a canvass through an interpreter. I have had opportunity to speak to them of the Creator and his Masterpiece, and have been invited by quite a number to come again.

The people of Colombo are getting interested in my work. They go around telling their friends to buy a book and very often I have secured orders through the recommendation of friends.

Besides my canvassing work I always carry a pocket full of tracts and when on the railway station waiting for a train, I busy myself scattering these gospel leaflets like the leaves of Autumn. I am getting so well known with my tracts that the people come and ask me for literature to read. Should any brother or sister have tracts lying on the shelf send them to Ceylon and have a share in the eternal reward. We scatter the seed not knowing which shall prosper this or that.

Our Tamil brethren come to meeting regularly. Bro. Owen and I take turns instructing them in the way of truth.

Our little company meet for a study of the Sabbath School Lesson each Sabbath, and we are enjoying the practical lessons to be drawn from the history of Esther.

We are daily praying the Lord to give success to all the workers in India and Burmah and we also claim an interest in your prayers, that the Lord may help us to be living representatives in Ceylon, of this everlasting gospel.

WILLIAM MEYERS.

Convention Papers.

THE IDEAL SABBATH SCHOOL SCHOLAR.

The ideal Sabbath school scholar will be on time, clean and tidy in appearance. Instead of remaining outside to converse with others, he will enter the school room quietly and reverently and commune with God, realising that where two or three are gathered together in the name of Jesus he will be in their midst. Instead of talking to those in his class while waiting for the exercises to begin, he will refresh his mind with the lesson he is about to recite. During the week he will not study to find something strange or to get up an argument which will divert the mind from the lesson, but will study to show himself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the Word of truth. He will dig deep in the mine of truth that he may find some hidden treasure which will be meat to him in due season, never thinking that he has exhausted all that is in the lesson.

He will never make others ashamed by his rude conduct, will have the most profound respect for his teacher and the superintendent, in fact, for all connected with the school ; and will always try to

make it so pleasant for strangers that they will want to come again, instead of saying, "What a disorderly place." His influence will always be to make the school a success in every way, and never by rude conduct will he make others ashamed and cause them to leave his class.

He will labour for the unconverted in his own class, and co-operate with others for the salvation of souls in their classes realizing that he must watch for souls as they which must give account. He will not be great in his own estimation but will esteem others better than himself, and have the tenderest regard for their feelings and opinions though they may differ from his, and will be ready to say, "Come let us reason together."

He will bear record that the lessons he is studying is influencing his life in a heavenly direction. Instead of finding fault with them all the time, he will find the way the truth and the life. He will not spend his time during the week in worthless amusement or entertainments that do more harm than good, but he will search the scriptures which are able to make him wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

He will recognise that a study of the Bible is an important factor in his education, for in it is found the way to eternal life. "Search the scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life and they are they which testify of me." He will be so familiar with the lesson that if need be, he can lay aside both Bible and lesson pamphlet.

He will not be satisfied unless constantly improving for he realises that as a plant must either grow or die, so we must advance or retrograde as time goes on. He will not forget that means are needed

to carry on the work, and will therefore be liberal in his donations.

A sense of the redeeming love of Christ will cause him to embrace every opportunity to do good both in and out of the school, for he will yoke up with Christ in seeking to save that which is lost. He will be ready to assist the old and infirm finding them a place where they will be most comfortable.

His highest aim in life will be to perfect a Christian character that will fit him for the kingdom of heaven, and enable him to lead souls to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. He will be able to say, "Follow me as I follow Christ."

Therefore in order to be an ideal Sabbath school scholar one must be a follower of Christ. W. W. MILLER.

THE KIND OF SABBATH SCHOOL SCHOLAR I LIKE.

THE kind of Sabbath School scholar I like would perhaps better be described by a few negatives.

I do not like a monopolist. Each scholar has rights. The teacher has rights and where a pupil takes the position that he must talk on every point he takes time belonging to others.

Some are timid and would gladly give to others the opportunity of filling in their share of the time but often the teacher has some special spiritual lesson for that timid one as well as for others in the class which he is hindered from giving because one individual monopolises the time and so the class sustains a loss.

I do not like a hobbyist. The monopoliser is usually a person with a hobby, and the class usually know the points upon which he will raise objections and so his talk becomes monotonous.

I do not like to see or hear a conversation carried on by pupils during the recitation. How embarrassing it is for a teacher to stand before a class waiting for an opportunity to present the line of thought, carefully studied out, while his pupils are engaged in discussing some unimportant point. The kind of scholar I like is one who has respect enough for himself, respect for his teacher and others, so that by no act of his they will be robbed of their time or the lesson they are to give or to get.

I like a scholar who is studious, who is attentive, one who is sympathetic. How easily the teacher detects this characteristic in a pupil and what inspiration it gives. Christian sympathy is helpful everywhere but of special help in the Sabbath school class.

MRS. OLNEY.

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CHILDREN IN THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

CHILDREN enters the S. S. usually at a very early age when their minds and natures can most easily be impressed. The child comes to us as an opening bud full of promise, as a piece of plastic clay, which lies in the hands of an artist to be made into whatever shape or form he wishes. The result may be so beautiful that the world will gaze in wonder or so crude that it will turn away in disgust; one in which nobleness will be seen in every line of the work and when we gaze upon it, we shall be inspired with a desire to make our lives more noble and better fitting our Master's service, or it may lead our thoughts and minds downward instead of upward. A Roman Catholic priest once said, "Give me a child until he is seven years old, and I care not who has him for the remaining years. He is mine for eternity." Then how careful we should be that the tiny feet are started in

the straight and narrow path and that the eyes of the little ones are set on high ideals.

The primary teacher should know much more than she attempts to teach, and should have the lesson so thoroughly prepared that she will need neither book nor paper. The interest of the child is lost if the teacher must keep her eyes confined to a book. She must express interest in her manner as well as in her face to hold the attention of the children.

It is essential in order to make the S. S. a success that there should be co-operation between the parents and the teacher. Home teaching should be the best teaching. No teaching in school or church should take its place. The spirit of the Lord says to us, "While it is essential that wise, patient effort should be made by the teacher, the work must not be left all together to the S. S. church worker but it must find its foundation and support in the work of the home. Parents have a sacred responsibility and charge committed to them and they are called upon to keep their charge and to bear their responsibility in the fear of God, watching for the souls of their children as they who must give an account. The indifference of parents to the S. S. has led the children and youth to consider it unimportant. Poorly prepared lessons, irregularity of attendance and frequent tardiness on the part of the parents all have their effect in a marked degree upon the characters and dispositions of the child."

The lesson should be studied throughout the entire week. It should be made a frequent topic of conversation in the home. If the instruction given by the Lord in Deut. 9:7 is carried out we know that the children will early learn to love the word of God. And these words which I command thee this day, shall be

in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down and when thou risest up. THEKLA MACKIE.

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THE S. S. TEACHER A MISSIONARY.

In beginning my subject, it might be well to ask the question—What is a missionary? One who is sent on a mission. The Sabbath school teacher, then, truly is a missionary. See Matt. 28 : 18-20. Since the *teacher* is sent by one who is all powerful; and has the blessed assurance that Jesus is ever with him, he should make the Lord his counsellor and not take worldly ideas as his criterion.

The first requisite is a spirit-filled life in one's self. We must drink deep at the well of salvation if we would water other souls. Having been filled, we should do our best to impart to our pupils the blessings God has given to us. Come close to them with a deep earnest desire to help them; carry them over the ground of knowledge.

The Lord wishes us to learn how to use the Gospel net. You will remember that Jesus said to the disciples of old, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." In order to be successful in this work, we need to have a definite aim. We must have a clear knowledge of what we are going to teach. The application of the Scriptures must be such that the meaning shall be easily understood. Then make the most of drawing in the net. Come right to the point. However great a man's knowledge it is of no avail unless he can communicate it to others.

Every teacher should teach his pupils how to come to the Lord, and how to lead others to him. Methods must be adopted,

plans must be carried out whereby the standard shall be uplifted, and people shall be taught how they may be purified and elevated by the adherence of pure and holy principles.

In order for teachers to be all that they should be in this work, it is important that they have systematic, well organised teacher's meetings, when all the teachers should meet together to help, encourage, and strengthen each other. Before going to the teacher's meeting, every teacher should carefully and prayerfully study each point in the lesson: thus they will be prepared to help add to the interest and profit of the study.

To reach the ideal we should avoid discussions in the Sabbath school, and follow our pattern—the Lord Jesus—the greatest missionary teacher the world has ever known. I would also add a few rules given by the apostle Paul, who next to Jesus, was perhaps the greatest missionary the world has ever known.

1. Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth.

2. Hold fast the form of sound words, sound speech which cannot be condemned.

3. Holding fast the faithful words, as he hath been taught that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and convince the gainsayers.

5. Avoid foolish questions and genealogies, and contentions and strivings about the law for they are unprofitable and vain.

In closing I can but say with the prophet Daniel.—"They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. A. K.

EASTERN TIDINGS.

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We have opened a transportation fund for the purpose of bringing workers to this field. All are given an opportunity to donate.

We are glad to report new Sabbath-keepers in Rangoon, Moulmein, Colombo, Bangalore and Simultala. This is very encouraging indeed.

The Calcutta Sanitarium would like to correspond with young men and women who wish to take the nurses' course. It is needing help at the present time very much.

We have just received word that Dr. Marsh and a nurse will soon arrive in Bombay. This is cheering news, as we are in need of just such help to open the Medical work in that city.

Mrs. H. B. Meyers has taken her two youngest sons to Australia to put them in the Avondale school.

W. W. Miller has returned from a visit among the workers in India, Burma, and Ceylon. He reports the work onward.

L. G. Mookerjee and his brother-in-law went to Gopalgunj to look after the interest that has been created there.

Eld. Loughborough writes that the Post Master in New York has informed him that there is a letter of advice there for him c/o Pacific Press from India, but says he has received no P. O. Order from India. If any one has sent him such order but failed to hear from him please write him at once.

Miss Knight and Haegert report good success in securing orders for the *Oriental Watchman* and *Good Health*.

WE might have filled another paper like this with Convention articles, so we are sure those who are favoured by the appearance of their articles here will not be offended if we tell them we have abridged their notes for lack of space.

WE have long needed some Hindi tracts but have not been able to print them because we have had no Hindi typesetter. Now we are arranging for one, and have three good tracts in manuscript. We hope to have them out soon.

A SCENE OF JOY.

MONDAY, FEB. 6, our hearts were made glad by seeing five of our school girls and one man from Bro. Barlow's mission at Simultala, step out on the Lord's side and identify themselves with this truth by Baptism. Eld. Miller conducted the service at a pretty spot, not far from the bungalow. The most encouraging thing of all was that these young people all asked for baptism of their own free will without being urged beforehand to take the step.

Those of us who best know these young people through acquaintance with their daily lives feel free to say that we consider them in earnest in this and welcome them as one with us. J. C. L.