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The Lucknow Conference

THE Lucknow conference, toward which we looked for many weeks, has come and gone. There was a general representation of our workers in India and Burma in attendance, and it was quite evident that our staff of workers had materially increased during the last two years. We felt quite a feeling of satisfaction that so goodly a company of workers could be called together as labourers in the India Mission Field. It is a tangible evidence that the truth is making headway in this part of the Lord's vineyard, and a still more marked evidence was the cheering and encouraging reports from various missions given by the different workers showing that God is going before us, and that workers are getting a better hold of the languages of the people for whom they are working. Doors once shut are now opening, and souls from the darkness of heathenism are being converted to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

One very important feature of the conference was Professor Prescott's Bible studies. They were a source of great spiritual profit to all who were present. Christ the central theme of the gospel, Christ both in the messages of truth in the past

and in the warning messages of prophecy for the immediate future, was clearly presented. It is only as Christ is presented in doctrinal teaching that the Word has life and power.

Our space is too limited to give at length the full meetings of the conference; but important resolutions pertaining to general interests of the field are published. In harmony with resolutions passed by the General Conference Committee, India, Burma, and Ceylon were organized as a separate mission field apart from China and the far East, hereafter to be known as the India Union Mission. This was divided into five districts, Bengal, North India, West India, South India, and Burma. The object of this further organization was to prepare the way for stronger development of the work in the field as a whole.

A very touching memorial service was held near the close of the meeting in memory of Elder J. C. Little, who died of cholera at Khulna, August 10. It was with great sadness that our workers paid a final tribute of esteem, love, and affection to our comrade who fell while courageously standing at his post. We all were very glad to welcome Brother and Sister French from the homeland to take Brother Little's work in Bengal. It was but little more than two months after the death of Brother Little that Brother French arrived in the field ready for service. So soon does the Lord of the harvest answer calls in the rapid advancement of present truth that in sixty-four

days the cable was sent home, an appointment made, and the worker brought safely ten thousand miles to take the work. This is only one small evidence among many that the great Leader in mission movements has his eye upon his work.

Personally, the Lucknow conference was a great inspiration to me. To be back in the field again and to be associated with so many earnest men and women having the love of souls closely upon their hearts, gives inspiration and courage. When we look back ten years and see the changes, we can not but say, "What hath God wrought?" We are glad for another privilege of working in India.

J. L. SHAW.

Conference Proceedings

THE following plans and recommendations were adopted at the recent biennial conference held in Lucknow:—

1. Recognizing the blessings of God that have attended the effort of our workers along the different lines of operation the last two years and the opening providences of God for the better prosecution of the work in the future, we hereby express our gratitude to God for his care for our work and workers.

In harmony with an action of the General Conference Committee on August 10 of this year,

1. *We recommend,*

That the countries of India, Burma, and Ceylon be organized into a union mission field under the direction of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists to be known as the India Union Mission of Seventh-day Adventists.

That the membership of this union mission consist of such local missions as shall be properly organized within the territory of the India Union Mission.

That the voters of this union mission be (a) All persons regularly employed by the Mission who are in attendance at the regular sessions; (b) Such other persons as shall hold credentials from the executive committee.

That the officers of this union mission be a superintendent, assistant superintendent, secretary, treasurer, medical secretary, Sabbath-school secretary, and general canvassing agent,

and that these officers together with the superintendents of the local missions be chosen by the delegates at the regular biennial sessions of the Mission.

That the executive committee consist of the superintendent, assistant superintendent, medical secretary, general canvassing agent, two other persons to be chosen by the delegates at the regular sessions, and the superintendents of the local mission fields, which shall carry forward the work of the Mission between regular sessions.

That such corporations be authorized and departments created as the development of the work requires.

That at each regular session of this union mission the delegates elect the trustees of all corporate bodies connected with this organization.

That this union employ such committees, secretaries, agents, missionaries, and other persons, and make such distribution of its labourers as may be necessary to effectively execute its work.

That this union mission hold biennial sessions at such time and place as the executive committee shall designate.

That any three members of the executive committee including the superintendent be empowered to transact such executive business as shall be in harmony with the general plans outlined by the committee; but the concurrence of all three members shall be necessary to pass any measure.

That the executive committee hold annual sessions at such time and place as shall be deemed advisable—other sessions may be called by the superintendent of the field.

That the labourers employed by the Mission make such regular reports of their work to the superintendent as shall be required by the executive committee, and that such reports be audited annually by the executive committee.

That the accounts of this union mission and the local missions and institutions be audited annually and the report of the same made to the Mission at its regular sessions.

That the organization of the following missions be affected: (a) North India, to comprise the Hindi, Bihari, Rajasthani, Punjabi, and Sindhi language areas; (b) Bengali, to comprise the Bengali, Oriya, Santali, and Assamese language areas; (c) South India, to comprise the Tamil, Telegu, Kanarese, Malayalam, and Singhalese areas, including Ceylon; (d) Wes-

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tern India, to comprise the Marathi and Gujarati language areas; (e) Burma, to include the country of Burma.

3. *Resolved*, That in harmony with the action of the General Conference at its last session providing for our missionaries' children, we authorize the executive committee to take steps to establish a school for our European children in India; and that the school be organized and taught according to the plans adopted by the General Conference Educational Department, with such adaptations to local conditions as are necessary.

Whereas, The Sabbath-school is recognized by our denomination as one of the most efficient means of teaching the truths of the third angel's message, not only to the children and young people, but to new believers; therefore,

4. *We recommend*, (a) That Sabbath-schools be organized wherever there are two or more believers, either European or Indian; (b) That, as our Indian work is now becoming more thoroughly organized in the different tongues, appropriate lessons be prepared for vernacular Sabbath-schools upon subjects that will be suited to their needs and languages; (c) That as far as possible some person who is acquainted with the language of his respective field be appointed as secretary of that field to correspond with and encourage the Indian Sabbath-schools to report to the general secretary at the end of each quarter; (d) That the Indian Sabbath-schools be provided with such helps as may seem necessary to make them instructive and interesting; (e) That each member of this conference do his utmost to establish the home department of our Sabbath-school, that those who are isolated may be kept in touch with the message.

5. *Resolved*, That steps be taken for the establishment of a sanitarium in a property of its own with necessary equipment in harmony with the resolution passed at the last bi-ennial conference, and that a committee consisting of Brethren Prescott and Shaw and Doctor Menkel, with power to add to their number, be deputed to look up and recommend to the Advisory Board a location for the same.

6. *We recommend*, That the proceedings of this conference be published in the EASTERN TIDINGS.

Whereas, The *Oriental Watchman* is an im-

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SISTER GRACE KELLOGG-MOOKERJEE was born Feb. 1, 1869, in Ripon, Wisconsin, at which place she accepted present truth under the labours of Brother J. N. Anderson in the year 1895. She afterwards became a Bible worker in her home state, labouring in that capacity until 1903, when she came to India to do self supporting missionary work. While serving faithfully at her post of duty in India, she met Mr. Mookerjee, to whom she was married Feb. 9, 1904.

Sister Mookerjee suffered much from repeated attacks of tropical diseases, on account of which she with her husband returned to the States. After spending about two years in America they returned to India to once more assume the duties previously abandoned.

She died Nov. 12th, 1910, of cerebral meningitis and ~~effusion~~ of the brain, leaving a little four year old son and the husband to mourn their loss. She also has three sisters in America. Funeral services were conducted by the writer, words of comfort being spoken from *Juo. 11:25* and *Rev. 14:13*.

Brother Mookerjee's friends will join in feelings of sympathy for his great loss and in wishing him God's choicest blessing as he again assumes his work of giving the message to his people of Bengal.

The above obituary has been sent to me by Elder French. It was with great sadness we learned of Sister Mookerjee's death a few hours after it occurred. We had hoped she might recover. Her love for the cause of God in India, her remarkable faith in the face of difficulties, and her willingness to sacrifice all for the Master leave behind her a testimony that shall not be forgotten by her associate workers. We regret she did not live to see the final triumph of the message among the people for whom she gave her life. But she rests in the blessed hope, and meanwhile our sympathies reach out to Brother Mookerjee and his son, with whom we mourn her death.

J. L. SHAW.

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—BROTHER WELLMAN spent the Sabbath at Najibabad.

—AFTER accompanying Professor Prescott and Doctor Menkel to Garhwal, Brother and Sister Burgess returned to Lucknow and are now engaged in getting literature ready for publication.

—PROFESSOR PRESCOTT spent the Sabbath in Lucknow, speaking to us at the 10:00 o'clock service and drawing our attention to Matthew 24. On Sunday he started on his trip among the mission stations, going from here to Poona.

—QUITE a force of workers are now out in the interests of *Oriental Watchman* and *Herald of Health*. Brethren Weaks and Meyers leave to-night for Calcutta way, and Misses Wagner and Belchambers expect to get started in a few days. We understand that Misses Kurts and Reid are working along the O. & R.

—THE sad news was received here evening after the Sabbath of the death that day of Sister Mookerjee. Sister Mookerjee had been sick for some time, but made a strong fight for life and at times it was almost hoped that she would live. However, notwithstanding all that was done for her, she was not strong enough to rally, and passed away at 4:00 p. m. on Sabbath. The sympathies of all our workers are with Brother Mookerjee and the little boy in this hour of sorrow.

—AFTER the general meeting closed, Professor Prescott and Doctor Menkel made a trip to Mussoorie and Garhwal. They both were highly delighted with the prospects and surroundings at the latter place, and feel that the location of work in that district was most happy. The Doctor took a number of pictures which show beautiful mountain scenery along the way and a long range of everlasting snows in sight from the school. They believe that the work should be pushed out into the surrounding territory.

—WHEN Misses Gibbs and Reid left America for India it was expected that one of them would go on across the Bay and join Burma's workers. However, it appears that Burma is now to have two additional workers instead of one, Miss Gibbs having been appointed to the work in Rangoon, and Brother Beckner having operated his persuasive wiles on the Sanitarium force and convinced Miss McMoran that life in Burma under certain conditions is much to be preferred to life in India. They were married in Calcutta, Thursday, the 10th inst., and sailed for Rangoon the next morning. Cards announce that they will be "at home" at Meiktila after January 1st.

—So far as we have learned, in all the long distances travelled by our workers to and from the general meeting, only one accident occurred. On their way to the station after the meeting closed, Misses Brunson and Gibbs enjoyed the novelty of a refractory team which ran the ghari off the grade and would have overturned it but for the services of a friendly tree. While they were considerably shaken up, they were not seriously injured, and the damages were only broken boxes, etc.

—ELDER G. B. Thompson, who is attending various meetings in Australia, sent greetings to all assembled at the Lucknow conference; but as his letter arrived just too late for the meeting, we pass his words of cheer on through EASTERN TIDINGS. Brother Thompson reports good meetings in Australia. He plans to sail for America next month.

—ELDER MILLER was taken sick just at the close of the conference and has been confined to his bed since. Vigorous treatment has been given him, and he now seems to be improving.

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portant factor in keeping the message before English speaking people of the country; and,

Whereas, It is very evident that something must be done to raise the subscription list and that quickly; and,

Whereas, Our regular canvassing force is so small that it can not do the work alone; therefore,

7. We recommend, That all our workers where at all feasible be requested to assist in an effort to increase the circulation of this journal; and that the field be so divided that the workers located in the different parts of the field may work the territory in which they are situated.