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"OUR PRIEST AND KING"

THE "Prince of Peace" from heaven
Once walked on earth with man;
He came, the revelation
Of God's eternal Plan;
He wept with human sorrow,
He drank life's cup of gall;
And when the suffering thronged his steps,
He paused and "healed them all."
But now he lives above us,
Our Saviour, Brother, Friend;
The High Priest of a fallen race,
Whose mercy has no end.
Within his deep compassion
Each sorrow has a part,
And still in tenderness he bears
Our names upon his heart.
Sometime he'll come in splendor!
Then through eternal day,
The earth shall own in gladness
His universal sway.
Bound by love's chain forever,
The ransomed host shall fall
Before his throne adoring,
To crowd him Lord of all!

—R. Hare.

PRAYER THE KEY OF SUCCESS

IN that interesting little volume "The Printing Press and the Gospel," just from the press, we find among the many good things which it contains, two statements regarding prayer which I quote. Brother Palmer has done the cause of Present Truth a real service in the preparation of this book, and no one can read it who loves God's message for to-day without a

greater desire to hurry on by means of the printed page the gospel to all lands.

"Prayer is the slender nerve that moveth the muscles of Omnipotence." "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

"Prayer can obtain everything; can open the windows of heaven and shut the gates of hell; can detain an angel till he leaves a blessing; can open the treasures of rain, and soften the iron ribs of rocks till they melt into a flowing river; can arrest the sun in his course, and send the winds upon our errands.

"It draws gifts from heaven. It fills the empty soul. It brings strength to the weak, true riches to the poor, grace to the feeble. It is a bank of wealth, a mine of mercies, a store of blessings. It flies where the eagle never flew. It travels farther than the light. Well might Mary, queen of Scotland, say, I fear John Knox's prayers more than an army of ten thousand men."—*Bishop Taylor*.

"Prayer has divided seas, rolled up flowing rivers, made flinty rocks gush into fountains, quenched flames of fire, muzzled lions, disarmed vipers and poisons, marshaled the stars against the wicked, stopped the course of the moon, arrested the sun in its rapid race, burst open iron gates, recalled souls from eternity, conquered the strongest devils, commanded legions of angels down from heaven. Prayer has bridled and chained the raging passions of man, and routed and destroyed vast armies of proud, daring, blustering atheists. Prayer has brought one man from the bottom of the sea, and carried another in a chariot of fire to heaven!"—*Dr. Ryland*.

"All the promises in the Bible are so many bills of exchange drawn by God the Father in heaven upon his son Jesus Christ, and payable to every pious bearer,—to every one that comes to the mercy-seat, and offers the promise and bill for acceptance, and pleads in the way of obedient faith and prayer. Jesus, the High Treasurer of Heaven, knows every letter of his Father's handwriting, and can never be imposed upon by any forged note. He will honour his Father's bills; he accepts them all. It is for his Father's honour that his bills never fail

of acceptance and payment."—*J. Beaumont.*

How prayer binds together God's servants in his work! It helps us to appreciate the service of our fellow workers and to esteem them as fellow helpers in the Master's service. There is no better antidote for coldness and criticism among missionaries than continuous and habitual prayer for one another. He who talks little of the failures and faults of his associates and prays much and continually for them, develops that spirit of large heartedness so necessary in the mission field.

J. L. S.

The Worker at Work

EAST BENGAL

FOR a long time much of this province has lain wholly unworked, so that to-day the canvasser finds almost virgin territory for our health and message-filled literature. As measured by cash receipts, December was my best month in more than three years' experience in India and Ceylon. I took in Rs. 609-3; my banner week for the same period brought in cash Rs. 174.

I find that recent developments in the near East have aroused an interest in our books and papers treating of the signs of the times. It has been easy to sell "Heralds of the Morning" and secure subscriptions to *Oriental Watchman* from Armenians and others; even Hindus, Mohammedans, and Greeks have purchased.

In Dacca and vicinity I took special pains to look up the Christians of all classes, and with very encouraging results. I found that the Armenian church of one hundred members has communication with the two thousand Armenian Christians of Ispahan, Persia. The Lord grant that some of these may learn the truth in India and take it to their friends

in Persia. One is calling for literature in his native language, and others have freely taken our English books and papers. Dacca being the great educational centre of East Bengal and Assam, there are twelve or more schools and public libraries, nearly all of which now have "School of Health," and four of them have "Heralds of the Morning" or "Christ's Object Lessons." The Roman Catholic priest took "Object Lessons" for his high school.

Other interesting cases are those of the government court pleader, a Hindu, who took "Heralds" to read what it says about Christ's coming; another highly educated Hindu took the same book, as did also even a wealthy Mohammedan, personal friend of the nawab. I also had the pleasure of selling "Object Lessons" to another member of a noted Christian Parsee family, who has charge of the leading girls' school of Dacca. The Baptist Zenana mission placed the same book in its library.

"God's Two Books" will, I believe, find a ready sale among the educated of all classes. I have had some truly interesting experiences with it of late.

In almost no place have I met so little prejudice or realized so keenly how white are the fields. I am seeking to make each day count for the most, and God is abundantly blessing the effort. To him all praise belongs.

Summing up the year's records, I find my cash receipts to have been nearly Rs. 4,000; (\$1250), fully Rs. 2,000, (\$640) of which has been for our choice religious literature, and this from only ten months' actual labour and in territory not always the best. This, as compared with American records, is very modest; but it represents experiences and blessings to the worker hardly expressed in words, and, we may hope, souls of priceless worth eternally saved.

As nearly half of our present slender force of English colporteurs must very soon take up other important lines of work, it is evident that there is abundant room and pressing need for others to step in and share the trials, the present blessings, and the final reward.

F. O. RAYMOND.

SOUTH INDIA

THE month of January with me was not only a busy one, but also one of unusual interest, the time having been spent in our Tamil field. It had been more than a year since my previous trip to that field, and it was encouraging to note the progress that had been made along the various lines of work during that time. Though it has seemed unfortunate that it has been necessary for Elders James and Lowry to be absent from the station most of the time, yet God has richly blessed the efforts of our faithful company of Tamil workers, and the work has gone forward.

The school work has been strengthened by the addition of two strong young men who have accepted the truth, to the teaching force. One hundred bright boys and girls are under daily instruction, and the faithful work which is being carried on for them can not fail to bear some fruit in their lives. The first six standards are being taught, and the seventh will be added at the beginning of the next term of school, in July. Brother Thomas, who has been largely carrying the general work of the station, has also been a regular teacher in the school; but it was felt by the committee that he should have his time free for the evangelistic and general work of the station; and so that he might give time to assist in the building up of the colporteur work in that field, an effort is being made to secure additional help in the school.

A boarding school has been started,

which now contains seventeen children, nine girls and eight boys. All these, excepting a few of the smallest, have been baptised, and I believe that the time is not far distant when some of these will join our band of workers to assist in heralding the message to their own people. Several of the older boys have already gone out with our Tamil journal into the near-by villages. While we were there, the children were harvesting a crop of dahl which they have been raising to obtain money with which to obtain Bibles. In harmony with their request, their regular food allowance is cut down one-half at regular times, in order that they may have the money to give at Sabbath-school. The day pupils attending our school return to their homes at the close of each day's program, where much of the good that has been done is undone by unholy and heathen environments; but those in the boarding school are under our constant care, and the work of the school is further assisted by the close association of workers and children out of school hours. This branch of work should be strengthened and enlarged.

Our colporteurs have been at work during the six months since our last institute, so they came together at the mission station for further help and study. As it was the time of the regular school vacation, all the workers and teachers joined us, and instead of having classes alone for the canvassers, we had a workers' institute, with evening services for the general public. Four meetings were held daily. At the close of our two week's meeting, eighteen souls were buried with their Lord in baptism, fourteen men and boys, and four of the older girls from the boarding school. Several of this number were from the Hindu Christian Society, who have been holding

out on the question of pan and jewelry ever since our work began there. We were glad to see them finally make the surrender and identify themselves fully with the truth.

Our colporteurs have now returned to their fields full of hope and courage, and I believe to do better work for the Master. Pray for these workers, that they may be faithful to their sacred calling.

I returned to Calcutta last Thursday, but am leaving tonight (Sunday) for East Bengal, where I will spend some time in the interests of our Bengali literature work.

C. E. WEAKS.

BUSY DAYS IN INDIA AND BURMA

THE present cold season in India is indeed a busy one. Every department of the demand, seems to be doing its utmost. At headquarters everybody is busy. The printing department has been obliged to work overtime in order to keep pace with the demand, having never had a larger amount of work ahead, and this means extra work for all. At the close of office hours we notice the treasurer taking her books home and continuing her work in the evening. With the new Hindi and Urdu journals being launched, the editor has had some added burdens, but has not been too busy to do considerable other work, such as drawing plans for mission bungalows and making slides and maps for use at the general conference.

If the work of Brother Mattison is a sample of how the canvassers improve their time in India, they certainly are all to be admired, for he is out bright and early in the morning, and with a little time for lunch works until the shadows have gathered. Here in Lucknow he has been rewarded for his faithful and arduous labour by getting a list of 150 subscribers for *Oriental Watchman* and *Herald of Health*.

Our Zenana worker in Lucknow with

the Mahommedan women finds these days very trying, breathing the feverish air in these congested quarters where women are suffering with colds and fever; but she is rewarded by finding hearts that are touched by the simple gospel message. Two women have asked for baptism, but they have not the faith yet to have it done openly. These women need our prayers, that they may be able to receive Christ as their Saviour.

At Najibabad, building plans are bringing added work to the laborers. Brother Mead will have charge of the new dwelling house which will mean so much for our workers when completed. The plans promise a very commodious, home-like, convenient structure suitable for a family and two single workers. Brother Burgess has gone to Garhwal to finish a little building work. Our workers in Najibabad very much appreciate the time and help Dr. Mann is giving in his weekly visits to the station.

Sister Bruce is certainly not idle for a month's holiday. She made some preparation for the cold season at Annfield and has now gone to Burma in the interests of the school; she expects a number of pupils from Burma for the coming year's work.

These are also very busy days for our workers in Calcutta. The English effort is very encouraging. Elder Comer finds all the visiting that he and his wife and Miss Jones, Miss Gregory, and Brother Baasch can do. They are all very happy in the work, and certainly not slothful in business, as one of their numbers made fifty-four calls in one day. The last word from there is a postal: "Men's class last night was good; sold books Rs. 22; took subscriptions for *Watchman* and *Herald of Health* and *Protestant*. One man is keeping the Sabbath; interest fine."

The workers in the Treatment Rooms

are also busy. Brother Reagan has ten to fourteen patients a day. Miss Wagner has been out visiting physicians, and has already reaped results by having more patients. Mrs. Reagan always finishes a day's work by a ride in a motor at 8:30 to a purdah lady, to whom she gives massage.

Our workers on the west side are improving the cold season by launching a new mission station at Kalyan and starting work in the big city of Bombay, besides looking after the interest already started in Lanovla and Panvel. I know we would all enjoy accompanying Sister Wood on her medical trips. Elder Wood writes that they never saw so many native people interested in Christianity as at present.

Elder Pettit's home February 3 was the scene of a very pretty wedding, at which time Brother P. A. Rick and Miss Ruth Workes were united in marriage. All our workers on the Bombay side were present. We all welcome the bride to the circle of workers in India, and wish for her a long and useful life in this land.

Elder Votaw has been extremely busy in getting the Burmese *Watchman* through the press and in general and church work. Elder and Mrs. Hamilton have started language study. Miss Gibbs is doing some Bible work in connection with her language study, and is hoping to pass her second year examination in April or May. Brother Beckner is very successful in securing orders for the Burmese *Watchman*. He has already secured six hundred subscriptions since the general meeting, and expects to make it a thousand by the last of March. MRS. J. L. SHAW.

"PRAYER is so mighty an instrument that no one ever thoroughly mastered all its keys. They sweep along the infinite scale of man's wants and God's goodness."

Canvassing Notes

BROTHER RAYMOND writes that his sales for the year 1912 were Rs. 3,892-2. Of this, Rs. 2,054-9 was for religious literature, and the remainder for health literature. During the year, Brother Raymond was forced to take two months' change in the hills because of ill health, so that this work was actually done in ten months. This an excellent record. He is now having many rich experiences in East Bengal, and his sales are large. He is finding many who are friends to our literature.

It is encouraging to note the large number of names that are being sent in for *Oriental Watchman* from Indian gentlemen, Brethren Rick and Mattison being especially successful in getting subscriptions. There is a great field before us for the paper among this class, and it is also a field that is largely unworked, as we have always felt more or less that *Herald of Health* and our other health literature was for the Indian, and *Oriental Watchman* for the Europeans and Christians. The heathen need the message that is contained in *Oriental Watchman*. The Lord is opening up this great field for us. May we do our part.

BROTHER BECKNER has broken the record for vernacular literature,—Rs. 91 in one week and Rs. 222-15-3 in three weeks. He writes that he expects to do better on the river trip which he is soon to take.

THE good word has been received from the General Conference that two more workers are in sight for the canvassing work in India. We hope that these men can be hastened on to the field at an early date, to step in and fill the places made vacant when part of our present force take up other work.

BROTHER CARROTT writes that he is enjoying some real winter weather in England. He often thinks of India, and is anxious to return, especially to Burma. We hope to welcome him back at an early date.

C. E. WEARS.

"NO ONE is a wholesome, helpful member of society who can not be alone and be in good company. Society may well shun the man or woman who shuns the 'quiet hour.' The eternal quest for company and diversion is a sure sign of either emptiness or badness. There is not great life without meditation."

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—BRO. WM. LAKE returns this month to take up work at Mussoorie. Needed improvements and enlargements make it necessary to start work early.

—Two new quarterly magazines start on their mission this month, one in Hindi and the other in Urdu. They have the same subject matter, and we believe that in time a commendable sale for each can be obtained.

—YET once again we wish to call attention to the fact that it is absolutely necessary that all orders, etc., for the International Tract Society be addressed to the Society and not to individuals. Some bring exasperating disappointment upon themselves by failing to observe this plan.

—ELDER COMER writes very encouragingly of the work in Calcutta. He has sent a request that all our believers and workers in India and Burma make the work there at this time a subject of prayer. Important and testing truths are now being presented, and souls are in the balance. Let us as one man importune God in behalf of the effort in that great city at this time.

—WRITING concerning the coming general conference, Elder Daniells speaks encouragingly of the increase in mission funds and the extension of foreign mission work during the next four years. He writes: "We shall lay plans for the next four years. These years will be great years in our heathen mission fields. India, China, Japan, and Africa will be the centres of our foreign mission operations. Europe has already become a home field. The Australasian field does not require attention from the American home field. Australia itself has become a base of supplies and a centre of administration. Our funds are increasing most encouragingly, and from this on we can centre our gifts and endeavours from the foreign mission standpoint upon the big fields I have mentioned."

—JUST a word about the Calcutta Health Food Factory. Those who have been purchasing the foods lately express themselves as very well pleased with the class of foods the factory is turning out. The Carmel Cereal Coffee is the best we have tasted in some time. How many people are ruining their constitutions with strong tea and coffee who should be instructed and encouraged to give them up and take in their place this wholesome and nourishing drink. By the assistance of those who appreciate the benefits of the health foods, the output of the Factory could be doubled and many more people have the advantage of the products of the Health Food Factory. This can be done by showing these foods to our friends and neighbours and telling of their careful preparation and the advantages to be had in their use. Shopkeepers will sell them wherever there is a call for them.

—Too late for publication, a report of the English effort in Calcutta arrives from Brother Baasch. He writes very encouragingly of the work, and notes the acceptance of the truth by an elderly gentleman who though rather hard of hearing is very faithful in attending all the services. They are using something like four hundred copies of "Family Bible Teacher" in their work, and feel that it is a most excellent help. The prayers of the EASTERN TIDINGS family are asked especially just at present, when the testing truth, the Sabbath question, is being presented.

—THE Annfield School opens March 6th. The prospects for a larger school this year than last are encouraging. Brierwood, a building adjoining Annfield property, has been rented for the coming season, and will be used for school purposes and a boys' dormitory. Brother and Sister Mattison, who have had experience as teachers in America, are connecting with the school. The outlook this year for Annfield School is excellent.

—BRO. L. G. MOOKERJEE spent several days last month at Lucknow in the interests of the Bengali quarterly and the forthcoming Bengali Bible Reading book. The present issue of *Yuga Lakshan* is the best arranged and largest issue of the magazine. Brother Mookerjee will relieve Sister Burroway at Karnatar while she takes a furlough to America.

—WE here at headquarters were glad to meet recently a Brother Warner, of South Dakota, U. S. A., a nurse who was accompanying a patient on a trip around the world.