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General

BY THE WAY

OUR Indian mail reached Caterham this morning, and we have much enjoyed the encouraging letters that have come from different parts of the field. We had a very pleasant trip from Bombay to London; though our boat was small, she was very steady, and the food service and accommodation were the best of any line I have travelled on from India. Our fellow passengers, however, had little or no interest in things religious, and though sociable, there was lacking that interest in the Word of God which makes possible a study of the truth.

Our trip across the continent was delightful. We travelled for half a day down the river Rhine, which, upon a bright sunny day in April, with the abrupt hillsides coming down to the river on either side, terraced and cultivated like gardens, broken here and there with huge rocks, and occasionally ancient castles in sight, some of them in ruins and others as complete as in the feudal days when guarding the river Rhine, presented a scene I shall not attempt to describe.

We have been made welcome, as ever, at the Catherham Sanitarium. The Sanitarium has made many improvements. It is growing into a very well equipped institution, and has an increasing patronage. One night recently, every bed in the main building and villas was occupied. A large amount of charity work is done, and still a small surplus accrues each year. The Stanborough Park Sani-

tarium is also developing well. With a good equipment and excellent location, the prospect for its growth is encouraging. There is an earnest class of young people at the school at Watford. When I spoke to the students about India, Prof. Lacey asked how many were ready to consecrate themselves to God and go whenever the Lord might call, and every student rose to his feet. Each time I see the estate at Watford, it has taken on new buildings and improvements.

Workers from India and Burma *en-route* to conference all reached England safely. Brethren James and Burgess and their wives and Sister Burroway have already sailed for New York, and Brother and Sister Beckner will sail soon. Mrs. Shaw and the children are remaining at the Caterham Sanitarium. I sail with the English and European delegation May 4, on the S. S. *George Washington* of the Norddeuther Lloyd Line. There will be about thirty or thirty-five upon the boat; so we shall have a small conference on the sea. It is marvellous how the work in Europe, especially in Germany, is growing. The cause of present truth outside of America is now stronger than was the work all over the world when I passed out of college twenty years ago. I know our believers and workers in India are praying that the message the world over may be given new power at the coming conference at Washington. From the signs fulfilling in the world, it is reasonable to suppose that it will; and yet the possibilities of the future are more largely with those who are in the field than those who attend the conference. In-

dia and other mission fields are as near the throne of power as is Washington; and it is the power of the Holy Spirit that is needed more than any other person or thing in the culmination of the glorious advent movement. The early acts of the apostles were the out-working of the Holy Spirit; and the latter acts of the believers and teachers of the three angels' messages can be no less, but, rather, more. So let us pray. J. L. SHAW.

The Sabbath-school

MRS. EDITH BRUCE, - SECRETARY

SPECIAL COLLECTION, JUNE 28

THE next special offering world-wide in its extent is to be for the medical work in India. Surely, this is indeed a worthy cause, and should have the united co-operation of the loyal believers in the soon coming of Christ. The medical work affords a great opportunity to reach the masses with the truth, rich or poor, high or low, free or bond.

Every quarter a special day is set aside for our people to "Make an offering to the Lord!" We expect about Rs. 80,000 to be given for the work in India. Many will give until they feel it, and it will be an offering to the Lord, one made by sacrifice.

What will you give? What will your Sabbath-school give? What will your church give? Ask the Lord to show you; and if self stands in the way, ask him to help you crucify self. Possibly that pride of yours, which you are fostering in the wearing of jewellery, will keep back from you and your family the blessing he has in store for you at this time, when all should be laid on the altar. If you have an extra ring, bracelet, or other jewellery that you are not willing to part with, remember you are settling the question of your destiny.

Let our labourers call the attention of all those who believe the message, to this call of God to strengthen the work in India. May God add his blessing to our offerings; and, let us who are to be blessed by this offering pray God to greatly bless every donor.

G. W. PETTIT.

THE SPECIAL OFFERING

JUNE 28 will be the day for our next thirteenth Sabbath offering. One year ago we made the first of these offerings, and the proceeds went toward building up the city work in India. That donation amounted to \$7,674.33, or more than Rs. 23,022. This enabled us to put workers in two of our largest cities, Bombay and Calcutta, and God is greatly blessing the work being done.

Again our people are giving this special offering to India, this time to help build up the medical department. I need not urge the importance of this work, for I believe we all realize the necessity for this branch.

Our people at home are very enthusiastic over this donation, and many are making great sacrifices so that it may be the largest donation of the kind yet given. Shall we not also make this our banner day for the Sabbath-schools in India? Wherever it is possible, it would be very fitting to have a special programme for that day, and consider the various mission work which has been helped by our Sabbath-schools.

God has greatly blessed us as workers in this field; let us show our appreciation by joining in making this offering a large one. I am glad for the good reports that are coming in from the Sabbath-schools throughout India; especially from the vernacular schools. May many precious souls be won for Christ's kingdom.

E. E. BRUCE,

The Medical Work

V. L. MANN, M. D., - SECRETARY

ON THE WEST SIDE

I was pleased to find our work on the Bombay Side forging right ahead. The spirit of activity possessed in the work at our Kalyan Dispensary makes us feel that the results from there will be considerably increased. By extending the facilities at Kalyan, a fair-sized little hospital and training school could be operated with the dispensary, and quite a substantial medical work built up.

Kalyan is located one hour's run from Bombay and two from Igatpuri and Lonavla. This makes it a very important centre. There are great opportunities for a broad-minded, enterprising physician, who would settle there and make this strip of territory his field of labour. During our stay in India I have not been so busy from a medical standpoint as during my two weeks's visit to the West Coast. The time was fully occupied with operative work at Kalyan and consultations at Bombay, Igatpuri, and Lonavla. The labours of an efficient physician in this territory would be rewarded with success. An office and treatment rooms in Bombay; hospital, dispensary, and training school for nurses at Kalyan; and a consulting work at Igatpuri and Lonavla would be a work that any progressive physician would be proud of.

At first our operative work at Kalyan was looked upon with more or less suspicion. They thought that the "daktar sahib" kept a knife up his sleeve. One poor man no sooner put his head inside the door, than he turned about and ran down the bazaar, clearing the way as he went. We never saw him again. We were able to conclude from his speed that he was not blind from a double cataract, at least. After we turned night into day

for several of these poor souls, the attitude toward our work took on a very different aspect. Many came to us and begged that we restore their sight, but some we had to put off until another time.

We thank God for the right arm of the third angel's message, the entering wedge to the homes and hearts of the people. Think of the influence of this branch of our work, when one dispensary comes in touch with fourteen hundred souls in one month, or sixteen thousand, eight hundred souls in one year. Let us drive the entering wedge home, and let it accomplish the work that God intended it should.

V. L. MANN, M. D.

Bengal Mission

W. R. FRENCH, - SUPERINTENDENT

ACCEPTING THE TRUTH

As far back as 1902 I received pamphlets and the *Oriental Watchman*, which were sent me by my brother, who had just accepted the Sabbath. I found that in reading these papers and tracts I became considerably stirred, and so to solve the difficulty, stopped reading them. My brother, however, did not despair, but kept sending me reading matter, which I systematically shelved without reading. In the meantime, my eldest brother had accepted the truth, and I used to sit down and argue against what I considered his foolishness, until words failed me.

But, after wandering about in Assam and Southern India for five or six years, I came back to Bengal and Calcutta, and at first used to study with Brother Mookerjee and Sister Bruce. However, later the studies were discontinued. But a year or two afterward I happened to be putting up at a friend's place preparatory to settling down in Calcutta,

when one evening the lady of the house told us that she had been to hear a powerful speaker and thought that perhaps I, too, would like to hear him. That began my surrender to God. My wife and I went to the next meeting and rather liked it and continued going, till I found myself remaining away from my work to hear the truth preached. Eventually, after considerable fencing and dodging to get away from it, we found ourselves faced by a mighty problem, the world or our Saviour. I am glad to say that we decided in favour of the latter, whose blessings we have already experienced; and we are able to cite many instances of his marvellous love and tender care.

There are one or two more testimonies I should like to give before writing of the work I have done along missionary lines and the experiences I have had in connection with the same. In closing for this time, I would request the prayers of my brethren and sisters.

CHAS. A. DUFF.

KARMATAR

KARMATAR is one of our oldest stations in India. Different methods have been adopted to evangelize the villagers around us. Medical work at one time was the chief factor of our work. Lately, educational work has been added with advantage. We have four village schools within a radius of four miles, where from twenty to ninety heathen boys are taught daily. A Middle English school is also being conducted, which has an enrollment of forty boys. This school teaches up to the sixth standard, and has four teachers on the staff. In order to do effective work, a boarding arrangement should be provided whereby the boys could be continually under Christian influence. The same would be desirable for our dispensary, that hospital work might be operated in connection with it.

There is always latent energy lying dormant in workers, and to develop this, Bible classes are held daily with them. Educational classes are conducted for teachers, when our denominational system of education is studied. Instruction is given from "Education," "Church School Manual," "Christian Education," and other of our educational books. The World Missionary Conference held in Edinburgh and its Continuation Committee in India uphold the idea of indigenous leadership. To this end, we are depending more on our workers, giving them margin to develop and putting more responsibilities upon them. This will make them more efficient workers to draw the villagers into the gospel net.

The village Sabbath-schools are being conducted entirely by the workers. More students are being brought by their efforts. Heathen boys are learning gospel stories, Bible texts, and Christian songs. Arrangements have been made for our village teachers to conduct night schools for the benefit of grown-up boys and the parents of our day scholars. The idea is greatly appreciated by the villagers. We hope this will be the means of giving the gospel to old and young.

There are many difficulties in the way, and much to discourage; but we intend to climb, though the rocks be rugged.

L. G. MOOKERJEE.

JAGADISHPUR

WE arrived at Jagadishpur April 29, and after some delay on account of repairing the bungalow we are now quite nicely settled. We will have a school room in a few days now, as the building is about finished. The dispensary work will be easier, too, when we can move into a room. It is quite hard to treat patients under a tree, especially when it is raining. I believe the medical work will be a good entering wedge for

our work; the field is ripe for the harvest, and we see evidences that the Lord is drawing souls to himself. It is our prayer that we may receive wisdom to be able to work for these people in the right way.

As this is planting season, it is not a very favourable time to start schools; but the people are anxious for their children to be in school. In one village, a very poor village, the people are very anxious for a school, and are willing to put up a building, also a house for a teacher. But as there was no rice crop last year, they have no straw to thatch it. They say if we will furnish the straw, they will give the straw back when they cut their crop. There is another village that will build a school just as soon as they get their crop planted. We are giving Bible readings to four persons daily. Two of these are Bengali young men from Calcutta. They are on vacation from high school, and seem to be quite interested. Several village men are interested, and desire to study as soon as their crops are planted. This is a new field, and very little work has been done here, but we truly believe that the Lord is going on before. R. H. LEECH.

CALCUTTA

AFTER about six months on tour, it is a precious privilege to again visit the Calcutta church, of which I have been a member since coming to India. Most cheering are the results already appearing from the English effort. The Lord has blessed the faithful efforts of the workers. But that which gives the most promise, perhaps, of permanence and continued development, is the intelligent, thoughtful, stable character of the seventy-five or more who have been attracted to the meetings and become regular attendants. Of this number, about fifteen are now keeping the Sabbath, seven of

whom have been baptized and received into the church. God has wrought for these dear souls, and his peace and joy beam from their faces. His power has snatched one from a young, reckless life, and delivered another from strong drink and more than fifty years' bondage to the tobacco habit. Costly jewellery has been laid aside, and men have cheerfully surrendered good positions for the sake of God and his truth. Thus is demonstrated before our eyes the living, divine power of the third angel's message, which means so much to us all.

While perplexities, financial and otherwise, confront the little remnant band in Calcutta, what God has already done in healing sickness and providing ways and means, is strong assurance that in his own good way all else needful will be provided. By the blessed experiences of my brethren and sisters, my own spirit has been revived and faith greatly strengthened for future labour.

In a few days I leave for the coal fields in company with Bro. Charles Duff, whose first weeks in canvassing give promise of good success and glorious experiences in the noble work upon which he is entering. I shall not soon forget this visit to Calcutta, which has, I believe, meant more of inspiration and real encouragement than any previous one. My cash receipts for May were but Rs. 214-11, 75 per cent of which represents *Oriental Watchman* and religious books. During this month I have taken some needed rest in the hills, so as to be in fair condition for the heat of Central India, where but little has been done for a long time.

With never failing interest, I read the monthly reports of our workers, both new and old, in various parts of the great field. Let us remember each other before God in daily prayer.

F. O. RAYMOND.

CALCUTTA

THIS time of day is supposed to find me out in my territory; however, wind and clouds, a strong appeal from Elder Pettit, and a personal interview from Brother Raymond combine to justify, I believe, my keeping house this morning and writing a report to EASTERN TIDINGS.

Our little band of workers, consisting of Elder Comer, Sisters Jones, Gregory, and Owen, and myself, supported by the undivided co-operation of the church members, and urged forward by the spirit which only the third angel's message is able to infuse, can look back over a great number of blessed experiences during the last few months. The visible result expressed in figures is seven souls, who were baptized some weeks ago. The history of each one of these seven, most of whom came a long way in a very short time, is a testimony to the keeping power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Two of the brethren, upon whom wives and children look for support, have given up remunerative positions in local commercial concerns, and with their feet planted on the Word of God, are living by faith. And the Lord has, according to his Word, made provision for them. One brother has taken up a post where he can keep the Sabbath, and the other is having his first experiences in canvassing for our books. The three brethren who were baptized were all addicted to the use of tobacco, almost from childhood. Their cases seemed almost hopeless; how would a man be able to quit a habit of more than fifty years' standing? However, they placed their dependence on divine power, and from all the appetite was completely taken away.

A considerable part of our time is devoted to visiting the homes with the "Family Bible Teacher." Territory is allotted to different workers, and they are held responsible for the distribution

of this leaflet. It is not very easy to obtain entrance to all homes; but it is still more difficult to establish lasting relations. Calcutta people are very reserved, and in certain quarters the prejudice against us is high. One lady, upon being presented the first two readings, remarked that she belonged to the educated class. And that finished the interview. Another lady on being offered the second or third reading, ordered me out with a peremptory "Go away!" thundered in a tone of voice which convinced me that the frailest lady has a voice.

These are some of the reverses which are occasionally met. As a whole, however, the people are polite, if not always sincere; and in a goodly number of homes the distribution of the readings has borne fruit, inasmuch as members of the families attend our meetings, in some homes Bible studies are being held, and one reader has joined the church. I look upon this part of the work chiefly as witnessing. The homes thus visited will be without excuse in the day of reckoning.

The attendance at the meetings is very encouraging, indeed. The genuineness of the interest is evinced by regular attendance, by the number of those studying the Bible with the workers, and by the use of the question box. But fear of conviction prevents a good many from nearing our hall. Blessed hours of worship are enjoyed on Friday evening, when, just at sunset, the church assembles for prayer and praise. The Spirit of God is then near, and it is encouraging to hear the new members give their testimonies and pray with us. Of all the meetings, this service is the most cherished one.

Our missionary society is rallying. We meet on Wednesday. We have great hope in its future development. The interest has grown lately, and missionary work of some kind is done by nearly all our members and others who attend.

It is planned to arrange for a regular course of study on the message, with the special object in view of enabling everyone to pass on the precious truth and thus to develop teachers' qualities.

We are of good courage. Our present constituency is good, and will be of great help during the effort that is contemplated for next fall. Remember this church in your prayers. H. E. BAASCH.

WE all appreciate our family letter each month, full of the life and energy of our co-labourers scattered in the different parts of the field. We are so happy to have a part in this grand work, and to share in the struggles and victories of the family of believers.

We are glad to say the work in Calcutta is onward. When the children left us for Annfield School, we had just five little ones in our Sabbath-school. But a special effort was made to build up this department. We had screens made to divide off a class room, and have been rewarded with a children's department of twenty little ones. One little boy went home to tell his parents that Saturday was the Sabbath, and said he could prove it to them. In his childlike way he did prove it, and his mother is now a regular attendant.

I have been holding a family Sabbath-school, and it has grown until fourteen are now attending. Ten have promised to join our Sabbath-school at the hall. This will give another good increase in our number. One lady came and asked if she might send her little girl to our Sabbath-school.

At another time I shall be pleased to tell of some of my interested readers.

RACHEL JONES.

"EVEN in the life that is ordinary, the part that is done for God is enormous."

NOTES

A GOVERNMENT pensioner—a high class Hindu gentleman of Karmatar—is reading our Bengali quarterly and "God's Two Books."

A HINDU professor, teaching B. A. classes, who is taking a change in Karmatar, says he is inclined towards Christianity and has asked for Bible readings.

A YOUNG Bengali clerk of Calcutta, a subscriber to our Bengali quarterly, eulogized our expositions in *Yuga Lakshan* of the prophecies given in the Bible on the Eastern Question.

A preacher of another denomination, living forty-five miles from Karmatar, had a week's Bible study recently. He has decided to keep the Sabbath, and has given up smoking—an obnoxious habit of thirty-five years.

THE Raja of Ghati visited Karmatar and was presented with our Bengali quarterly, in which there was an article on the health work carried on by our people. He has expressed his desire to visit our Calcutta Treatment Rooms.

ANOTHER competent gospel worker has decided to identify himself and family with us. He has served a month's notice to his superintendent, informing him that he can no longer serve the mission where he is breaking the Sabbath.

THE magistrate of Jamtara Subdivision is reading our Bengali quarterly, and expresses his appreciation. Mrs. Mookerjee had the privilege of treating his wife a few days ago while they were in Karmatar. This, with Brother Mookerjee's visits to the magistrate, has given him, to use his own words, "a better knowledge of the S. D. A. denomination and its work."

North India Mission

S. A. WELLMAN, - ACTING SUPT.

ANNFIELD SCHOOL

It hardly seems possible that three months have gone from our school year. They have been very pleasant months for us, although very busy ones for every member of the school.

Since the opening of school, our band of boys has increased from eight to thirteen, while our entire school has grown from twenty-one to thirty. We are greatly encouraged by the advancement the

students are making in their studies. The test of the first term examination is over; as the students improve from day to day, we hope to see the examinations improve from term to term.

We are glad the boys and girls are taking such an interest in the other sides of true education, the spiritual and physical. We wish you could visit our Friday evening meeting, and see the interest most all take in the Bible studies, and especially to hear their testimonies of praise to God for his love and mercy.

The baptismal class conducted by Elder French numbers nine. It is interesting to see the stand they are taking for the principles of our message as they are presented. We feel that some of the many needs of India will be met by these boys and girls; and to this end we are praying. We realize that nothing can be done in our own strength. Remember the work in the school and us, as teachers, especially.

MR. AND MRS. M. M. MATTISON.

GARHWAL INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

LAST month was a busy one with us. Three or four days were spent in examinations. It was interesting and encouraging to see the zeal and earnestness the boys displayed in their work. They did well.

THE boys have returned, and the work of the school has begun again. This year we have introduced the subject of physiology in our curriculum, from the fifth to the middle class. We realize this study is very essential for the physical welfare of our boys, and trust they may receive much help from the study.

ON May 15, after the tests were over, the school was nicely decorated by the teachers and students, with the object of having a special service of thanksgiving to God for his help bestowed during the year. The meeting began at 3:00 P. M. and lasted nearly an hour; it was an impressive one, and will, we believe, not be soon forgotten. After the meeting, the boys gathered together on the campus, and enjoyed themselves much in their own peculiar games. They then left for home, for a week's vacation.

THE interest in the Sabbath-school during the first quarter of the school year has been good. We expect better times with Urdu Bibles, by which means we shall be enabled to enter more fully into the study of the Word. Our donations for last quarter amount to Rs. 5.

WE trust all our people will remember us in their devotions at the throne of grace.

WE have remodelled the house of the headmaster by raising it two feet higher and close boarding the roof. It presents a neat appearance, and looks very inviting.

CHAS. C. BELGRAVE.

MUSSOORIE NOTES

WE are glad to see Mrs. Perrin and Irma back to Mussoorie for the season.

THE Mussoorie Sabbath-school is preparing a special programme for June 28. The school is larger this year than ever before.

MISS BALLARD, of Lanovla, spent a few days here recently, visiting the school and her little brother and sister, who are there this year.

WE are very proud of our treatment rooms at Kirkville this year and the good work which is being done by Mr. Lake and his co-workers.

MISS SPEARS, of Rangoon, who came to Mussoorie early in the season, has just returned home, feeling benefited by the change.

ANNFIELD SCHOOL celebrated the King's birthday with suitable exercises. A number of the friends came in, and all seemed to have an enjoyable time.

NORTH INDIA

TWENTY-FOUR Urdu Bibles were sent to the Garhwal school this month to meet the needs of those of the boys who are studying the Scriptures.

A SABBATH-SCHOOL of nine members meets regularly in Simla, and the donations are so far excellent, running in the neighbourhood of Rs. 4 weekly.

JAMES PAUL, another colporteur, is working in Mussoorie, and Brother Gardner continues successful sales at the Najibabad station, each day selling four quarterlies.

RAJA RAM, a young lad from Najibabad who wanted to be a Christian, left his home at night to enter school in Garhwal in April. He returned home in May for a visit, and his parents took away both books and clothes to prevent his return. But he found a way out, and is again back studying diligently and learning to love his Saviour more daily.

LAKHAN SINGH, in spite of weakness from recently having small-pox, sold fifty-five papers, Hindi and Urdu, to the poor villagers about him in Utraula, during the month of May.

AMONG other things, the Garhwal school has been provided with grading cards this year. The boys are very pleased to have these certificates of passing as evidence of faithfulness in their studies.

MISS CHILTON is taking a well-earned and much-needed rest in Garhwal until the rains break. In the meantime her rickshaw is being repaired so as to be ready for service on her return to Lucknow.

THE work on the bungalow at Najibabad is moving along nicely, the roof arches being nearly completed and the kitchen walls at the back finished. It is hoped it will be ready for occupying in the fall.

MISS SHRYOCK spent part of May and June in Simla helping in the care of Elder Wellman's little boy, who had been suffering from a severe form of dysentery, and later taking a couple of weeks of much needed rest.

THE Hindustani Sabbath-school lessons which have been printed on the cyclostyle are very much appreciated by our Hindustani brethren, who are studying carefully this presentation of the various phases of the message.

WHILE travelling on the railway recently we fell into conversation with a mission worker from the Punjab. Although of another faith, he urged that we begin work in that province as soon as possible. Open doors are to be found in many parts of this province.

THE dispensary at the Najibabad station is having heavy work these days, forty or fifty patients being in attendance daily. This keeps Sisters Kurtz and Mitter constantly employed. Sister O'Connor in her work in the zenanas is finding a widening door of opportunity to teach among the Mohammedan women of the city. The new calls last month were more than she could fill, and she asks for additional help.

West India Mission

G. F. ENOCH, - SUPERINTENDENT

BOMBAY TEMPERANCE CONFERENCE

A VERY successful temperance conference was held in Lonavla, May 30, 31. Plans were laid for an active campaign among the masses during the coming

year. The writer was placed on a committee with Mr. E. W. Fritchley, the most active and earnest temperance worker in Bombay, for the preparation of monthly temperance programmes. These programmes will be printed, all recitations, select readings, papers, etc., appearing in full. They will be adapted into both Gujerati and Marathi, and will, we trust, be a powerful influence on the side of temperance in all West India. I hope our workers all around the field will avail themselves of this opportunity, and that in every community we shall be recognized as a power for good in the temperance cause. The programmes in full can be obtained from the undersigned.

It was encouraging to hear Mr. Fritchley's tribute to our people concerning the assistance we had been to him in the temperance campaign, particularly in the help gained from "Temperance Torchlights" and the last three Temperance *Instructors*. Mr. Fritchley publishes a splendid little temperance monthly, *Young India*; subscription, Rs. 1-4 a year. It is well worth the money.

At this conference I had the privilege of meeting the leaders in temperance and social reform among the Indians, leaders in such societies as the Poona Temperance Society, one of the strongest in India, The Servants of India Society, The Bombay Young Men's Hindu Association, The Social Service League, etc.

The sad features of the conference were first, the evidence presented which shows that the excise policy of government is actually increasing the consumption of liquor very rapidly; and, second, the very few Europeans at the conference. What a pity it is to allow the leaders in temperance reform to get the idea that Christians and a Christian government are on the side of intemperance.

Mr. Lavate, of Poona, an educated

Brahmin gentleman, and one of the leaders in temperance reform, read a most interesting paper on temperance work among the masses. He has taken a vow to go barefoot until India is for prohibition. A practical turn was given to the conference in the shape of two largely-attended temperance meetings held among the thousands of men working in Lonavla on the Tata Hydro-Electric scheme, for whom a paternal government has provided two liquor shops.

I found these leaders in the temperance movement very much interested in our stand on temperance, especially as we go quite to the root of the matter, even to the regulation of the diet. The kindly interest manifested in our work by Indians whose names are well known in all parts of India, and the encouragement they are offering us, will be an asset for us as our work begins to spread among the masses. GEO. F. ENOCH.

A VILLAGE TRIP

ONE day as we were closing up our work at the dispensary, some Mohammedan men came and urged Mrs. Wood to go with them at once to see a sick woman in a distant village. Although this village was only twelve miles distant, yet on account of the roads, the quickest way to reach it was to go about twenty-five miles by railway to another town and take a tonga from there. We had a long drive through the hot part of the day.

Before leaving the station at Kalyan, a railway official, a friend of Mrs. Woods, came up and spoke to her. In the course of the conversation, we learned that he was a firm believer in hydrotherapy. A member of years ago his wife was a patient in the Calcutta Treatment Rooms, and, being benefited by the treatments, purchased a "Home Hand Book." They have studied this book,

and use the simple water treatments; since then they have also lived chiefly on a vegetarian diet. This little visit encouraged us, and we went on, arriving at the patient's house just as she was breathing her last. This poor woman had suffered untold agonies. A physician had been consulted and prescribed for her without seeing her. Had she had proper medical assistance, she might have been relieved and her life spared.

While we were wondering if our long trip was altogether in vain, we were taken to another man's home to rest while waiting. This man wanted us to see his wife, and we found four people in this home needing medical aid. After attending them we started on our homeward trip. As we arrived at our station, Mrs. Wood espied two of her missionary friends on another train standing nearby. One of them was on a vacation, and Mrs. Wood invited her to stop and visit her, and a few days later she came. She is now with us to take up the medical work and to study the third angel's message. She is already convinced on the Sabbath truth, and is happy to be with those who are keeping it.

ELEONORA REID.

THREE NEW SABBATH-KEEPERS

I AM sure all our workers will rejoice with us because of three more Sabbath-keepers for our English church. One of these is a missionary whom we first met in Ohio. She was then on her way to India. Since then she has had one furlough. On her way home, Elder Shaw was one of her fellow passengers. We are glad to learn that she was much impressed with the kindly Christian spirit manifested by Elder Shaw, and that daily she studied the Bible with him. Since we came to Kalyan we have been in correspondence with this sister, and invited her to come and see us. Last

month she accepted the invitation and came. When we told her we now keep the Sabbath, she said, "Well, my brother said that was the day to keep, anyway, and that the Bible nowhere taught Sunday-keeping." After a few days' visit and a little study she said she was going for her things and intended to stay with us. She has now kept two Sabbaths, and is telling all her friends of her new step. Although many are rather bitter and sharp, and she receives abrupt and unkind letters, she thanks the Lord for new light. She has begun work in Kalyan, and is staying with us.

While Mrs. Wood was making a medical visit at Igatpuri, she was told of two school teachers who called themselves Seventh-day Adventists. Her interest was quite aroused, and she planned to visit them at the first opportunity. When she did this she found one a railway school teacher, and the other a government school teacher. They had no friends of like faith, and knew scarcely anything about our people. Sister Owen had loaned them "Great Controversy," and they had read themselves into the light. How glad they were to find friends. They asked all sorts of questions, and wanted more literature, also asked the privilege of visiting Kalyan. One is free to keep the Sabbath, while the other has said she is obliged to teach on that day. But she plans on sending in her resignation at once in order to keep the Sabbath. We expect to have them with us at our next quarterly meeting at Lonavla. As we listen to their story we feel that they have been gradually led by God's Holy Spirit to see his great truth. I trust all will pray earnestly for these precious souls. The enemy is already stirred, and has begun to assail them.

M. D. Wood.

KALYAN DISPENSARY.

THE force of workers at the dispensary consisting of Mrs. Wood, Misses Reid and Moss, a compounder, and two trained native nurses, is busy daily from 9:00 A. M. to 1:00 P. M. Then outside of these hours there are many outside calls. The Bible is read daily, prayer is offered, and a lesson given. The workers take turns in conducting these meetings. Hundreds of tracts are also given away.

Last month Dr. Mann spent several days with us, and rendered valuable assistance. He performed a number of operations for cataract while here, which have been very successful.

For the four months the dispensary has been in operation our report is as follows:—

February,	patients,	570,	receipts,	Rs. 19-13-3
March,	"	889	"	71- 3-6
April,	"	1,337,	"	112- 7-6
May,	"	1,329,	"	181- 9-9

M. D. Wood.

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An industrial crisis came upon us unheralded, here in Lonavla, in the shape of the recent strike. All our families were involved, and things looked dark for a little time. Very fortunately, matters have been amicably settled for the time being, at least, and the men are at work again. This is but a little foretaste of that which the future has in store for us.

THE visit of Dr. Mann to the West Side was very much appreciated, and was a source of encouragement to the work. The operations performed at Kalyan were successful, and can not but strengthen the work at that station. The question of the needs of the medical work on the West Side were very carefully considered. There is evidently a good opening for our medical work here. We visited some of the leading men of Bombay, also some of the health resorts nearby. There is a real demand for treatment rooms in Bombay. The Kalyan Dispensary promises to grow into a considerable institution if properly fostered, and there is a need of a small building on our property there for the cases that are coming to Mrs. Wood from the Europeans, principally obstetric work.

WE were glad to have Elder and Mrs. Pettit present at our first missionary meeting in Lonavla after receiving our supplies. An interesting programme was rendered, after which we knelt to ask God's blessing on the sixteen *Oriental Watchman* which the younger members of the Society had wrapped and addressed before the beginning of the meeting. These names will be followed up with letters, "Family Bible Teacher," tracts, and books, as the way opens. If any one has names on this side to send us, we will be glad to work with them.

WE are sure all the readers of TIDINGS, and especially those engaged in the circulation of our literature, will be much interested in the three new Sabbath-keepers reported this month by Elder Wood. One, a missionary, whose first contact with the truth was while a fellow passenger with Elder Shaw four years ago on his return to America, the other two, one a teacher in the government school and the other a teacher in the railway school at Igatpuri, have accepted the truth through reading "Great Controversy" received from a sister. They have been keeping the Sabbath for some time, not knowing of any others of like faith in India.

WE are finding that the earnest effort put forth in Bangalore some six years ago was not in vain. Sister Lyons, who accepted the truth at that time, has been largely out of touch with our people, but has been very faithful in living out the truth. Mr. Lyons is employed on the B. B. & C. I. Ry., and Elder and Mrs. Pettit have come in touch with Sister Lyons in Bombay. She has been in the hospital there for some time, and we ask in her behalf the prayers of God's people. It is refreshing to find one who has stood out so firmly all alone for so many years, and whose faith and courage in the message are still bright.

A MISTAKE crept into our last month's notes, which was an injustice, both to our Kalyan Dispensary, and our other dispensaries in India. We owe them both an apology. The cash receipts of the Kalyan Dispensary for April were Rs. 112-7-6, and the statement then made that we doubted if this record had been excelled in our dispensaries in India is at least now a mistake also; for the cash receipts at Kalyan during May were Rs. 181-9-9. The total for the four months of operating is Rs. 387-2. Sister Wood and her co-workers are to be congratulated. Some of us are already beginning to see a vision of a well-equipped native hospital at Kalyan.

WE were glad to have Miss Hardinge with us for a couple of days, on her way to America. She enjoyed a hurried look around Bombay before going aboard the steamer, the best accommodation of which was not very promising, owing to the usual annual rush "homeward."

South India Mission

C. E. WEAKS,

ACTING SUPT.

TRICHINOPOLY.

IN company with Elder and Mrs. James, Mrs Peugh and I came to Trichinopoly soon after the close of the biennial conference at Calcutta. The trip down here was indeed a very interesting one to us, strangers to travel in India. The vegetation was very pretty and green, and the weather quite cool. Fields of rice and large groves of palmyra and cocconut palms were to be seen on every hand.

As the train moved up to the station at Trichinopoly our hearts swelled within us, for we felt that we had at last reached our future home and field of labour. We were blessed in being able to secure as a munshi a well educated Tamil man, who has spent many years in teaching his native language to Europeans. After Brother and Sister James left on furlough the responsibility of the mission station at this place fell upon us. Our Tamil journal being printed and sent out from Trichinopoly, it has of course required quite a little of our time; but we are very fortunate in having two responsible Tamil brethren to assist us, and therefore we are able to spend several hours each day in language study.

WE are continually made to rejoice as we see the wonderful way in which the Spirit of God is working upon many hearts in this part of the field. One man who is head-master of a boarding-school, who had learned something of the truth through reading the Tamil journal, en-

gaged a man to take his place in the school and came and spent one week with us studying the message. He intended to remain longer, but because of the serious illness of his daughter had to return home. Before leaving, he told me he was determined to accept the truth, and keep the Sabbath at any cost.

Constantly we are reminded of the great evangelizing agency which our literature affords, by the many letters we are receiving from those who have become interested in the truth through the reading of our Tamil journal. Our native colporteurs are doing a good work, and we believe a rich harvest of souls will be the result of their labour.

We shall be glad when we can talk with these people in their own tongue, and be able to spend our entire time in missionary endeavour. V. E. PEUGH.

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THE next institute and workers' meeting will be held, probably at Nazareth, during the closing days of June. We find that it is time and effort well spent to call our workers together frequently for study and encouragement. Pray for this meeting.

SEVERAL of our Tamil Sabbath-keepers carry on business in Ceylon, consequently spending much of their time there. These brethren recently sent over Rs. 112 as their part in our Harvest Ingathering service reported in the last issue of TIDINGS. This liberal offering is evidence that the hearts of these brethren are still with us in the message, though they must be separated from us much of the time. This amount brings the entire sum raised to nearly Rs. 300.

OUR Tamil journal, *Present Truth*, is just finishing its first year. Many letters of appreciation are coming in from those who have read the papers, and our brethren have more than they can do in following up the openings made. There were about six hundred expirations at the close of the fourth quarter, but the subscription list now stands at nearly one thousand. This work has practically all been done by our Tamil brethren. We have just placed an order for four thousand, three hundred of the July number.

BROTHER ASIRVATHAM, who teaches the higher standards in our Nazareth school, is spending his vacation in the colporteur work. He has taken the oldest boy from the boarding school with him. Soon after beginning work he wrote: "Very glad to inform you that we reached here safely. We arrived here at night. We did not know what to do for our meals, but went to a Brahmin hotel, where Christians are not generally given meals. Somehow or other, we were able to get food there, though the clubman recognized us as Christians. That night we put our things in the hotel, and slept near the gutter. Then I remembered Christ's manger. Yesterday I took twelve subscriptions and sold an English paper. Altogether, I have sold Rs. 4 a day. This is very nice work, although we have to undergo many hardships. I enjoy it very much. While the sun is scorching me, I am burning with a desire to present the message to the people down here. Many questions are asked, but I do not give much heed to them. I am trying my best to sell our papers. I simply tell them to write their doubts and questions to the editor."

OUR school at Nazareth has closed for the mid-summer vacation. The older boys and girls from the boarding school are assisting Brother Thomas in the erection of a worker's house on the mission compound. This new building will be used next year as a dormitory for the boys, and thus we shall save the rent that we have been paying for a house out in the village. It will also bring the boys where they will be under better supervision, and avoid the necessity of their passing through the village on their way to and from school.

THE boys and girls of the boarding school at Nazareth have just harvested a crop of dahl on which they realized Rs. 25. This money was used to assist in purchasing Bibles and boxes for the children. They feel now that they have a part in furnishing these articles. We hope to develop the industrial features of our work at the school.

THESE are busy days in the southern division of our field. Progress is being made in every department of the work. It is especially encouraging to note the success that is attending the efforts of our colporteurs. Last month, eight workers sold Rs. 103-3-6 worth of literature, and three of these only worked one and one-half weeks each.

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—BRO. AND SISTER ASPEBY, of Calcutta, are rejoicing over the arrival of a little girl at their home recently.

—BROTHER AND SISTER PEUGH, also Sister Weeks, are spending these trying days in the hills of South India.

—MRS. M. M. QUANTOCK asks all to note that during June and July her address will be 17, Abbott Road, Lucknow.

—SISTER WOOD reports June 3 as the banner day so far at the Kalyan dispensary, with 81 patients and a large number of outside calls.

—ELDER WELLMAN reports an increasing interest in the public meetings at Simla. Elder Votaw writes of a man having been granted the Sabbath off whose salary is Rs. 700 a month, and that with May he expected to return the Lord the tenth.

—BROTHER BAASCH reports the monsoon weather at Calcutta as decidedly real, and calling for real monsoon weather equipment. Without rainy-day wear, it is about impossible to get out for missionary work. However, we doubt not that the temperature has been materially moderated.

—FROM the minutes of the general conference committee meeting of March 27, we quote: "Voted. That we suggest that Frank Loasby and wife, of the Foreign Mission Seminary, proceed at once to India, getting council from Elder Shaw, in England, as to the field for their summer work." Brother Shaw writes that Brother and Sister Loasby are English-born, but have been in America for some time attending the Seminary. They sailed from Trieste June 2, and are expected to reach Bombay the 22nd.

—A UNION conference president at home, closing a recommendation for a new book, writes: "The methods used are so simple as to make the work comprehensive to the ordinary intelligence. I most heartily recommend this work to all ministers and teachers." We rise to ask, Is this to be considered a shining example of rare modesty as to one's own intelligence and that of his fellow labourers in the ministry and the educational work?

—HAVING finished their work at Quetta, Brother and Sister Rick are returning to Bombay.

Burma Mission

H. H. VOTAW, - SUPERINTENDENT

WE rejoice in the good news from Calcutta.

FOUR have asked for baptism, and will join the Rangoon church in the near future.

SISTER GIBBS has successfully passed her second year's examination in Karen, with a grade above 90 per cent.

ALL are well and of good courage here. The weather has moderated a little, owing to the recent storm, but is firing up again now.

THE Meiktila Industrial School depot in Rangoon for the sale of school products is doing well. The high grade of cane furniture being made finds such a ready sale that it is difficult to keep enough on hand for display purposes in the depot. Brother Isaac is doing excellent service for the school in this way, and attention is being called to the only industrial school in Burma.

THE Burmese paper is doing good work. Recently a Buddhist man who had found a scrap of one in a bazaar, sent to the publisher asking if he could help him to get a complete copy. The letter was sent to Sister Shannon, and in reply to her letter he sent money for all the back numbers, stating that this teaching was new to him and he liked it so much he could not miss a single copy. One Burmese who takes the paper recently lent his copy to a friend, who became interested and wrote in to the office asking about the paper. In his reply he sent the money for all the back numbers and for the current year, stating that he was glad so many thousands of Burmese were reading the good news with him.

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