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WHAT SOUND IS THIS?

WHAT sound is this salutes my ear?
'Tis Michael's trump methinks I hear,
Th'expected day has come.
Behold, the heaven, the earth, the sea,
Proclaim the year of Jubilee,
Return, ye exiles, home.

Behold, the fair Jerusalem,
Illuminated by the Lamb,
In glory doth appear.
Fair Zion rising from the tomb,
To meet the Bridegroom: lo! he comes,
And hails the festive year,

My soul is striving to be there;
I long to rise and wing the air,
And trace the sacred road.
Adieu, adieu, all earthly things;
O that I had an angel's wings!
I'd quickly see my God.

Fly, lingering moments, fly, O fly!
I thirst, I pant, I long to try
Angelic joys to prove!
Soon I'll receive from Christ my Lord
Eternal life, the great reward,
And shout redeeming love.

—Anon.

THE PRESENT CRISIS

Nor since the beginning of this message, has the world faced such a crisis as the present one. If the church had done its work, how easily this great European war could become the world's Armageddon. Never has the fulfillment of any prophecy brought us so visibly face to face with the time of trouble. "And the nations were angry, for thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged."

To the nations of the world, it is a time of great perplexity; to the church, it is a time of solemn responsibility. Everywhere men are asking, "What do these things mean?" Let us study the

events in the light of God's Word, that his Spirit may bring conviction as we show them that the hours of probation are well-nigh spent. There can be but little time to work for souls. In this great India Mission field, the task seems almost impossible, but because of the magnitude of our task we must all work with the greater earnestness. Let every labourer supported by the Lord's tithe carefully study his work, and ask himself the question, Am I giving full and honest service to the Master? Do I see definite results from my work, or am I content to go on day after day drawing support from God's treasury but seeing no one taking his stand for the truth?

At this time we should all, workers and lay members, seek God most earnestly for a deeper work of grace in our lives. Everything that binds us to the earth should be severed. Whatever there is in our hearts that prevents the Holy Spirit from dwelling there should be cast out.

Just now are applicable the words of Sister White in "Early Writings," under the heading "Duty in View of the Time of Trouble":—

"The Lord has shown me the danger of letting our minds be filled with wordly thoughts and cares. I saw that some minds are led away from present truth and the love of the Holy Bible, by reading exciting books; others are filled with perplexity and care for what they shall eat, drink, and wear. Some are looking too far off for the coming of the Lord. Time has continued a few years longer than they expected, therefore they think it may continue a few years more, and

in this way their minds are being led from present truth out after the world. In these things I saw great danger; for if the mind is filled with other things, present truth is shut out, and there is no place in our foreheads for the seal of the living God. I saw that the time for Jesus to be in the most holy place was nearly finished, and that time can last but a very little longer. What leisure time we have should be spent in searching the Bible, which is to judge us in the last day.

"My dear brethren and sisters, let the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ be in your minds continually, and let them crowd out worldly thoughts and cares. When you lie down and when you rise up, let them be your meditation. Live and act wholly with reference to the coming of the Son of man. The sealing time is very short and will soon be over. Now is the time, while the four angels are holding the four winds, to make our calling and election sure."

We should at this time pray earnestly for our brethren in Europe. They are in the midst of war, with all its devastation. Many of them have been forced into the armies of their countries.

These are dark days, but we have known they were coming, and now as they approach, let us enter the final struggle with strong faith and solemn joy, for our redemption draweth nigh.

"O Jesus, my loving Redemer,
Thou knowest I cherish as dear
The hope that mine eyes shall behold thee,
That I shall thine own welcome hear!
If to some as a Judge thou appearest,
Who forth from thy presence would flee,
A friend most beloved I'll greet thee,
I'm waiting and watching for thee."

H. R. SALISBURY.

"PERSISTENCE often accomplishes greater results than genius."

EN ROUTE HOMEWARD

WE are glad to send back word to the TIDINGS of a most favourable and prosperous journey thus far. We were fortunate in our choice of boats, and have had good service. None of us have been seasick a moment, and Mrs. Enoch and I have gained more than ten pounds each. We still have almost three weeks of sea voyage before us, and it now appears that we would be physically fit for our return journey soon after landing.

Our first stop was Colombo. Brother Townend was somewhere in the island, just finishing a canvas for our books, and Brother and Sister Mattison were on the way to Ceylon to canvas for our English periodicals. Our experience in West India has clearly demonstrated the great value of our literature in pioneering. Had it not been for the faithful preliminary work of the gospel canvasser, we should not have seen so much fruit as we have. My prayer in Ceylon was that these faithful literature workers might be blessed abundantly of God in scattering the seed, and their work quickly followed by the living preacher to reap the harvest from the seed sown. How good it would be to see a permanent work begun in Ceylon before the expiration of the subscriptions Brother Mattison is now taking.

We arrived in Singapore May 22, and remained in port over the Sabbath. This was a treat for us. In the Sabbath-school, the lesson was taught in five languages,—English, Tamil, and three Chinese dialects. I spoke four times that day, twice to English congregations, and, through an interpreter, once to Hakka and once to Swatow believers. Our people have a very neat church building there, and a nice company of new workers to join the older ones and help push the message in the Malay Peninsula, Sumatra, Java, Borneo, and the other

islands. We have baptized believers in all these places. Just now it is of interest to note that quite a number are being baptized in Borneo.

May 29, we landed in Hong Kong, and were privileged to spend Sabbath with the believers there. We had one week before our boat sailed, so took a trip to Canton and Fat Shan, in both of which places we have thriving mission stations. Two bungalows and a large building for a girls' school and dormitory are just finished at Canton. This is a great blessing, for heretofore our work has been carried on in quarters that left much to be desired from a sanitary and health standpoint. The work is chiefly educational and evangelistic. Dr. Law Keem, who opened a dispensary at Fat Shan, had gone up the West River, and is opening a new province. He reports very favourably as to the prospects of medical work in China. South China has a thrifty, intelligent population, and the work is making excellent progress. Good, substantial converts are coming to us, and the prospects for this field are good.

June 10, we arrived at Shanghai. Some of the brethren came down the river to Woo Sung to meet us, and Elder and Mrs. Porter met us at the docks. They planned a busy day for us. I first spoke to the school. The new buildings for the central training school were just finished, and my heart was stirred as I spoke to the sixty bright young men and women being trained here, some of whom will be leaders in finishing the work in China. It will be a happy day for our work in India when we have such a school.

At Shanghai there are three buildings, in which are located the school, dispensary, and printing office. The printing office is about the size of our Lucknow office, and has editorial rooms in the second story. They also have seven bungalows for our workers. Behind each

bungalow is a little garden, from which our workers supply their tables with vegetables and fruit. The Lord is richly blessing the work in China, and scores are being converted in the various mission stations.

We have also had six days in Japan. It has been most interesting to see the progress of the work in this difficult field. Little companies are now found scattered from one end of the empire to the other. A nice company of young workers are giving their whole time to the language. The great mistake we seem to have made in all these Eastern fields is that of not settling down to serious language study as soon as arriving from the homeland. But this mistake is now being rectified.

We leave Yokohama to-day, and are of good courage, particularly because of the evidences we have seen of the substantial progress of this message all along the line.

GEO. F. ENOCH.

IN THE HOMELAND

SINCE writing last, I have attended camp-meetings at Roseburg, Forest Grove, and Milton, Oregon, and Weiser, Idaho. At all these places I met many people who enquired of workers in India. Near relatives of some, and friends of others, pressed round about for some word about loved ones in far-away India. Many were the messages given me to carry back.

I visited Miss Shryock, at the Portland Sanitarium, three days after her operation, and she was doing well. I also had the privilege of visiting Sister Little at Walla Walla College, where she is attending school to better fit herself for teaching. Ruth will attend church school there this year.

Miss White is spent last Sabbath and Sunday with me. She is nursing in a government school for Indians in Oklahoma. Wherever I have met our people at their large gatherings, I have found a

deep interest in foreign missions. In fact, a president of one of the conferences said the time had come when it was necessary to urge, "I'll stay where you want me to stay."

I have not been so well since warm weather came on, and ask an interest in your prayers, that I may be fully restored to health before going back to India.

DELA BURROWAY.

Canton, Ohio.

SHOULD WE REPORT?

WHEN asked to report missionary work, many of our people say that they do not think it is right to do this. But this idea is a mistaken one, and is not in harmony with the Bible, or with the Testimonies.

Much of the Bible consists of reports of work. The very first chapter is God's report of his work of creation. Here we have our first example of missionary work, given for the encouragement and enlightenment of human beings. Christ was the Father's agent in creation. We are told "that ye should follow his steps." 1 Pet. 2: 21. Here, then, in the very beginning of God's letter to his children, is an example for us to follow.

Moses recorded his life work in the books of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. Daniel gave a report of his life work in his book. Ezra and Nehemiah reported their work. The book of Acts is very largely made up of reports, as its name indicates. If all these reports were removed from the Bible, we would sustain an irreparable loss.

We have several records of Paul's reports of his work. Acts 14: 27; 15: 4, 12; 21: 19. When he returned from a tour, he gave to the church which sent him a report of what God had used him to do.

Some may say that these reports in the

Bible are right, because the Lord directed the writing of them by his Holy Spirit. This is true, and it is equally true that the Lord has, through the messenger he has selected in these last days, directed us to relate our experiences week by week. "Let church members, during the week, act their part faithfully, and on the Sabbath relate their experiences. The meeting will then be as meat in due season, bringing to all present new life and fresh vigour."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 7, page 19.

"Let all have a part to act. Train the young to do what is appointed them, and from week to week let them bring their reports to the missionary meeting, telling what they have experienced, and through the grace of Christ what success has been theirs. If such reports were brought in by consecrated workers, the missionary meetings would not be dull and tedious. They would be full of interest, and there would be no lack in attendance."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 6, page 436.

"Let those who gain such an experience in working for the Lord write an account of it for our papers, that others may be encouraged. . . . These reports should find a place in our papers; for they are far-reaching in their influence. They will be as sweet fragrance in the church, a savour of life unto life. Thus it is seen that God works with those who co-operate with him."—*Id.*, page 336.

These instructions are definite, and show very plainly that the Lord desires his people to report the work they do, both orally in their churches, and in writing, that such reports may appear in the papers. How, then, must the Lord regard the refusals of his people to report?

Some who refuse to report base their refusal on the text which says that we should not let our left hand know what

our right hand does. We are not, however, left in doubt in regard to just what application this text has, for through the Spirit of Prophecy, the Lord has given us his commentary on it. "With many, the left hand does not know what the right hand does, for the right hand does nothing worthy of the notice of the left hand. This lesson of Jesus to his disciples was to rebuke those who wished to receive glory of men. . . . I was shown that this scripture does not apply to those who have the cause of God at heart, and use their means humbly to advance it."—*Id.*, page 193.

"When thou doest alms," he said, 'let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth; that thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.'

"In these words Jesus did not teach that acts of kindness should always be kept secret. Paul the apostle, writing by the Holy Spirit, did not conceal the generous self-sacrifice of the Macedonia Christians, but told of the grace that Christ had wrought in them, and thus others were imbued with the same spirit. He also wrote to the Church at Corinth, and said 'Your zeal hath stirred up very many.'

"Christ's own words make his meaning plain, that in acts of charity the aim should not be to secure praise and honour of men. Real Godliness never prompts an effort at display. Those who desire words of praise and flattery, and feed upon them as a sweet morsel, are Christians in name only.

"By their good works, Christ's followers are to bring glory, not to themselves, but to him through whose grace and power they have wrought. It is through the Holy Spirit that every good work is accomplished: and the Spirit is given to glorify, not the receiver, but the Giver."

—*Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*, pages 120, 121.

Here we are shown that the time when acts of missionary work should not be reported is when individuals have a desire to glorify themselves by relating them. Reports given in a spirit of self-exaltation are not acceptable to God; but the reports of those who love him, and give him the glory for all they have done, come up as a sweet savour before him. The result of such reports will be "that when they heard it, they glorified the Lord" as they did when Paul related his experiences. Acts 21:20.

There are others among our people who think it is all right to report, but who also think it is a very unimportant matter, one which there is no need for them to trouble to do. But is anything unimportant about which the Lord has given definite instructions. Is it safe to disregard even the seemingly small things he tells us to do? "His lord said unto him, well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things." Matt. 25:23. "Cursed is he that doeth the work of the Lord negligently." Jer. 48:10, margin.

In the few quotations from the Testimonies we find some reasons why reporting is helpful. Reports make meetings interesting, they bring up the attendance, they give to all present new life and fresh vigour, they are far-reaching in their influence, and above all, they glorify God.

Besides the blessing these reports are to the churches, they convey much useful information to the conference officers. We are in the days of the finishing of this message. Much of the responsibility of finishing the work is laid on the church members, and of setting them to work, on the ministers and conference labourers. How are these workers to know what

progress they are making in enlisting the churchmembers in service, if the members do not report? Without reports they are in the dark as to where they most need to direct their efforts. Therefore, all members who refuse to report the work they do, or neglect to report it, are thereby delaying the finishing of the work.

Brethren and sisters, are not these reasons sufficient to cause you to be willing to work for the Lord and to report what you do to give his message? If every Sabbath-keeper would obtain a "Morning Watch Calendar" and form the habit of noting down daily, the acts performed for the Lord, the filling out of the weekly report blank would be a small matter. Will you not all do this, and glorify the Lord who has done so much for you, by reporting the work that he has done through you? E. M. GRAHAM.

Field Reports

LONAVLA

DURING the month of July the rains were very heavy here, there having been scarcely a dry day. Yet in spite of the inclemency of the weather, our little company of Sabbath-keepers met week by week and received the Sabbath blessing. Sister Wood, from Kalyan, visits us frequently, and her help is appreciated. Part of the time we study the "Family Bible Teacher" together.

We are glad that our society is becoming more formerly organized, and that its work can be carried on more systematically and more be accomplished.

After reading the telegrams in this morning's paper, July 27, telling of Europe being on the brink of war, with all armies making preparations, we feel sorry for the bloodshed that will result if war does come; but we are glad to

know from the Word that these wars and rumors of war are signs that the end is near. How thankful we ought to be to our brethren who have come across the seas and brought this knowledge of the Word to us and helped us to understand the Bible.

We pray that God may bless our little band here in Lonavla, and increase our numbers, keep us all faithful, looking forward to the culmination of the "blessed hope."
MRS. R. E. BALLARD.

BOMBAY

LAST night we had a good meeting. The folks came in from Kalyan, and after a talk by myself on "Christ's Great Commission," candidates were critically examined before a congregation of more than sixty persons. Nine were baptised, and it passed off beautifully. The two first, husband and wife, came down into the water together, and after baptising the man I baptised the woman. Then came parts of families, and last, another husband and wife. It was a spiritual meeting. A Roman Catholic lady present said that it was one of the most impressive services she ever attended, and that she would be out again next week. We are planning for another baptismal service one month from last evening. Some of the candidates desired to be baptised this time, but we held them back for further preparation.

Tithe and Sabbath-school collections are coming in very nicely. Among those who have accepted the doctrines of baptism by immersion, the ordinances of humility, and tithing, is a man of considerable influence in Bombay. He paid his first tithe to me last week. His wife was present at the time, and I asked her if she was willing for him to pay tithe, and she said, "Most surely," with emphasis, adding, "After that study you gave at the hall on tithing, if we withheld

ours we should be robbing God." Surely, such people will come all the way. Pray that they may. We study with them each Tuesday evening. Their little girl comes regularly to Sabbath-school, and takes great delight in it. She has, with the rest of the children and the older ones, learned the commandments, and is now on the books of the Bible. The parents are highly pleased.

G. W. PETTIT.

"THE law is the great standard of righteousness. It represents the character of God, and is the test of our loyalty to his government."

The Canvassing Work

COLPORTEURS' MAY SUMMARY

| | Weeks | Hours | Sales per Hr. | Total Value |
|----------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|--------------|
| per week | | | | |
| ENGLISH | | | | |
| Colporteurs, 4 | 20 | 37 | Rs. 2-1-6 | Rs. 1,565-4- |
| BURMA | | | | |
| Colporteurs, 1 | 5 | 42 | 0-9-0 | 119-9- |
| BENGAL | | | | |
| Colporteurs, 8 | | (Calcutta 2 months) | | 36-8-3 |
| NORTH INDIA | | | | |
| Colporteurs, 3 | 12 | 34 | 0-0-7 | 14 6-6 |
| SOUTH INDIA | | | | |
| Colporteurs, 9 | 41 | 42 | 0-0-11 | 103-5-3 |
| Total, | | | | Rs. 1,839-1- |

Sabbath-school Dept.

SABBATH-SCHOOL REPORT

Following is the Sabbath-school report for quarter ending June 30, 1914:—

| | Mem. | Ave. Att. | Donations. |
|------------------|------|-----------|----------------------|
| Simla, | 22 | 12 | Rs. 86 5 9 |
| Mussoorie, | 58 | 45 | 120 3 0 |
| Najibabad, | 11 | 9 | 23 2 3 |
| Garhwal, | 36 | 27 | 7 8 0 |
| Panwel, | 40 | 30 | 3 11 9 |
| Kalyan, | 74 | 54 | 7 1 0 |
| Bombay, | 25 | 22 | 77 2 6 |
| Lonavla, | 18 | 18 | 65 6 0 |
| Meiktila, | 36 | 30 | 58 5 3 |
| Trichinopoly, | 9 | 7 | 4 2 9 |
| Nazareth, | 105 | 93 | 20 7 11½ |
| Gopalgunge, | 19 | 19 | 7 1 9 |
| Karmatar, | 32 | 30 | 9 12 9 |
| Jagadishpur, | 36 | 30 | 20 1 9 |
| Calcutta (Eng.), | 40 | 40 | 139 11 3 |
| „ (Bengali), | 20 | 18 | 14 7 6 |
| Lucknow, | 9 | 9 | 43 11 3 |
| Rangoon, | .. | .. | 132 10 3 |
| Total, | | | 590 493 Rs. 841 0 8½ |

As no report was received from Rangoon, only the amount of donations can be given, this being obtained from the Mission treasurer.

MRS. S. A. WELLMAN, Sec.

MEDICAL REPORT

Following is the report for the quarter ending June 30, 1914:—

| | Patients | Returning | Women | Villages | Gospel Talks | Pages Lit. | Visits to Home | Receipts | Expense |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------|-------|----------|--------------|------------|----------------|----------|---------|
| Najibabad, | 1,429 | 64 | 450 | 73 | 103 | 4,642 | 26 | Rs. 38 | Rs. 152 |
| Kalyan, | 3,791 | 2,531 | 526 | 85 | 82 | 1,586 | 148 | 256 | 242 |
| Nazareth, | 1,174 | | 215 | 18 | 62 | | 4 | 12 | 13 |
| Gopalgunge, | 76 | 11 | 24 | 16 | 4 | | 1 | 12 | 5 |
| Jagadishpur, | 514 | 339 | 156 | 22 | 76 | 1,282 | 93 | 26 | 38 |
| Karmatar, | 825 | 230 | 217 | 55 | 140 | 2,108 | 73 | 35 | 49 |
| Kirkville treat. rooms, | 65 | 9 | 23 | | | | | 2,277 | 2,477 |
| Calcutta treat. rooms, | 279 | 148 | 79 | | | | | 7,288 | 6,146 |

Kirkville treatment room report is for four months. Calcutta treatment room for six months ending June 30. Nazareth for two months.

If our medical workers will be more prompt in reporting, especially the last month of the quarter, our report will not be so late in coming out.

V. L. MANN, Sec.

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—BROTHER AND SISTER COMER left Mussoorie the 11th inst. for Calcutta, feeling refreshed from their stay in the hills and glad to return home.

—BROTHER AND SISTER WYMAN, who had a run of fever for a time, were improving at last reports, and expected to begin their work soon in the new treatment rooms in Rangoon.

—BROTHER WELLMAN recently had an attack of malaria, which hung on for several days and seemed hard to break. However, he is now better and will be able to attend office at least part of the time.

—MISS CHILTON and Miss Scholz have returned to Lucknow after their vacation spent in Almora. On her way home, Miss Scholz stopped in Najibabad and relieved Miss Kurtz while she spent a short time in Mussoorie.

—BROTHER AND SISTER WATSON passed through Lucknow last week, returning home to Calcutta. We are glad to report that the stay in Mussoorie was especially beneficial to Brother Watson, who was very much in need of a change.

—THE Fireside Correspondence School, of Takoma Park Sta., Washington, D. C., U. S. America, announces lessons in Bible, History, English, Mathematics, Language, Business, and Mother's Work. Thirty subjects are ready. Write for new booklet.

—BRO. PETER RICK writes from Australia: "We are much interested in the welcome news EASTERN TIDINGS brings us. Our prayers often ascend for the work in India, and we look forward with deep desire to the time when, if the Lord wills, we shall return, better fitted for service. School is going well, and we are glad to be here."

—MRS. QUANTOCK feels that she is now staying at home instead of rooming out, since Edna has returned from school. A school in the hills, where they can escape the heat of the plains, is a boon for the children; but parents are happy when they can return home.

—PROFESSOR SALISBURY arrived in Calcutta Thursday from Burma, where he has been spending a short time counselling with the labourers. He reports the work as moving along nicely.

BACK FROM FURLOUGH

WHILE twice this year we have been sorry to report the return to America of workers on account of sickness, we can now rejoice at the return to India of Brother and Sister James, who reached Colombo, July 25. Sixteen months ago they left for America, to attend the general conference and take a year's furlough to regain their health. At the close of general conference, they went west and placed their sons in school in the Pacific Union College in California. This location not only gave them an opportunity of being near their children while enjoying the benefits of the well-known healthful climate of California, but also the advantages of medical attention at our large Sanitarium at St. Helena. Last winter, Brother James underwent a serious operation, from which he had a most successful recovery, and we are indeed thankful to have him write that his health is now better than it has been for years. Sister James has also benefited much during their absence. Their two sons they left in Pacific Union College.

They brought with them as co-labourers, Bro. and Sister E. E. Morrow, who will take up their work in the needy field of South India.

We welcome Brother and Sister James back to the field, where they have been greatly missed during their absence; and we welcome Brother and Sister Morrow to India, and pray that they may be greatly blessed of God as they take up their new work.

H. R. SALISBURY.

"LOVING words will cost but little,
Journeying up the hill of life;
But they make the weak and weary
Stronger, braver for the strife.
Do you count them only trifles?
What to earth are sun and rain?
Never was a kind word wasted,
Never was one said in vain."