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## "WATCH YE THEREFORE AND PRAY ALWAYS"

"WATCH ye therefore and pray always that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Do we appreciate the security that the Lord is permitting us to enjoy in the Indian Empire? In these days of peace, he would have us see our opportunity to work to a greater advantage than ever before. While some will doubtless scoff as we show from the Scriptures that these things are a fulfilment of prophecy indicating that we are in the time of the end, many are being deeply stirred and are asking to know what the Bible says of these times. Are we telling them? Are we loaning them our books and giving them tracts and papers fully explaining these events in the light of prophecy? All of us should now keep at hand a liberal supply of our message-filled publications, that as friends come to see us, or we go to visit them, we may be able to give them to read such books or tracts as will answer their inquiries.

While our brethren in Europe are suffering from the cruel ravages of war, our prayers should not cease in their behalf. At our Sabbath services, weekly prayer meetings, and in private and family devotions, let us pray earnestly for the return of peace; and let us also entreat God that during these days of distress, our work may not be hindered in the countries which are at war.

I want to again appeal to our brethren and sisters to seek God for a deeper Christian experience. If we believe what

we teach, what manner of persons ought we to be? Is our conversation on the things of God, the eternal things which will endure, or on trifling matters, fault finding and criticism? Can we in the face of present events afford to spend our time with things that undermine our spiritual strength, when the Coming King is at the door, and this great empire lies before us unwarned.

The Lord is waiting to pour upon us the latter rain; but it will fall upon a converted, united church, upon those whose sins are forgiven, who have made a covenant with the Lord by sacrifice.

How shall we be prepared to stand when these things "shall come to pass"? "Watch and pray always." Watch as those who must give account; watch our words, our thoughts, and our actions. Spend more time in getting acquainted with God, that you may receive from him power to overcome those faults that are keeping you back from doing your best. "Acquaint now thyself with him and be at peace: whereby good shall come unto thee." H. R. SALISBURY.

## TYPHOID INOCULATION

AMONG the advance steps taken to prevent disease, antityphoid inoculation stands out pre-eminently. It is a measure that was first adopted in the armies of the different nations. In the United States army, the best record obtained by sanitary measures was noticed in the year 1908, when, among 46,316 men, there were 126 cases of typhoid, with eleven deaths. Beginning in 1909, vaccination has steadily diminished the number of

cases, until in 1913, when, among 59,608 men, there were two cases of typhoid, with death in neither case. Since 1911, vaccination against typhoid has been compulsory. Similar statistics could be cited with reference to the armies of England, Germany, and France.

This is a protective measure against disease that is now being used in a great many places other than in the army. Doctors and nurses in hospitals are being inoculated, with favourable results. Many missionary societies have adopted it with their members in India and China. In the United States, lay people are taking it up. The North Carolina State Board of Health has been providing free typhoid vaccine since early in January of this year. During the first four months, free preventative inoculation was given to 258 persons. This shows the activity that is going on in this direction.

For us who live in the mission field, exposed, in all probability, most every day to typhoid fever, it ought to be considered a serious offence not to be inoculated. Two doses confer immunity against the disease for a period of two years, three doses for three years. Very little reaction accompanies the procedure, and no complications due to the vaccine are reported.

I am planning on giving the members of our mission the opportunity of being inoculated during the coming bi-ennial conference. But in order to carry out this measure, I must know how many wish to avail themselves of the opportunity. This must be known as soon as possible, so that arrangements can be made for the required amount of vaccine. Inoculation is practised from the age of four years to sixty years. In furnishing the information, state how many adults and how many children will be treated, giving the age and weight of the chil-

dren. It will cost each adult about four or five rupees; children will be less, according to the body weight.

Also, there will be opportunity given for vaccination against small pox. Those wishing vaccination should signify their intention as soon as possible. Address me in care of the office at Lucknow.

V. L. MANN, *Med. Sec.*

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## Burma Mission

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### BURMA

LAST month I spent two weeks in Burma, in counsel with the workers. On my arrival in Rangoon, I found Brethren Hamilton, Beckner, Williams, Thurber, and Wyman waiting for me, and we spent two busy days in planning for the work in the different branches represented by those present. I found Brother and Sister Wyman just able to get about, after a hard attack of the dengue fever; and while I was there Sister Hamilton came down with the fever. I am glad that they have all made good recovery and are again busy in the work.

After spending Sabbath and Sunday with the church in Rangoon, I went with Brother Hamilton to visit Kawkiet, a Sgaw village on the Salween, seventy-five miles from Moulmein. The first day we went sixty miles on a fast steamer, paying two annas for our deck passage. The next day we went fifteen miles up against the swift current by river boat. I found Kawkiet situated in a healthful location, well suited for work among the Karens. There was no missionary work being done there, and no European missionary nearer than Moulmein. This locality is said to be entirely free from malaria.

We went carefully over the land; and selected a site on a hill just outside the village, with land reaching down to the river. Three weeks before, Brethren

Hamilton and Williams visited the District Commissioner of this section, and the very favourable consideration which he gave to their request, and the interest he took in their plans to establish a mission station, resulted in our taking this journey to more carefully study the situation and the surrounding country, and select a definite site to submit to the Commissioner. After choosing what seemed the most favourable location, we informed the Commissioner by letter, and I since learn that he has sent his surveyor to meet Brethren Hamilton and Williams, and they had every reason to believe that the land would be given. I hope he will do so, if this is where the Lord would have us locate, for it seems eminently suited to our needs, and it is high time that we went to the Karens with the message of Christ's soon coming. I believe they will gladly hear; for, from the time of Judson, they have responded in large numbers to the gospel's invitation.

Before leaving Burma, I also visited Meiktila, and found every one well at the school. Miss Hosie reached there the day before I arrived, to connect with the school. Miss Hosie has for several years been the head of the normal department of one of the largest mission schools in Burma. I believe her work will be a strength to the school.

Brother Beckner went with me to Meiktila, and I left him there, as he was helping some canvassers get started in that part of the field. Since Brother Votaw went to America, Brother Beckner has been editor of the Burmese quarterly, and at the present time in addition to his other duties he is busy with the translators preparing the copy for the Burmese Bible readings, which he hopes to have ready before the close of the year.

I found the English work in Ran-

goon prospering, for the Lord is richly blessing Brother Hamilton's labours in the church. There seems always to be a class preparing for baptism.

I am glad to report the opening of the new treatment rooms in Rangoon. They have an excellent location in a prominent part of the city, and have been practically but economically equipped, and I believe will be a success from the start.

I left the workers all busy and each one planning to advance the message in the place he has been appointed to work.

H. R. SALISBURY.

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## South India Mission

J. S. JAMES, - SUPERINTENDENT

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### SOUTH INDIA

ONE of our many friends to welcome us on our return from furlough, was the EASTERN TIDINGS, which just came and was read with unusual interest. We are indeed glad to be back again and take up the work we were so reluctantly compelled to lay down sixteen months ago. God has been very gracious to us during this time. By his special blessing I have recovered from a serious surgical operation, which rectified a chronic condition from which I had suffered greatly three years, and have regained much of my old time energy and strength. For awhile it was doubtful if we would be able to return; but we left it wholly with the Lord and tried to be content. He has now brought us safely back; and because of the way in which he has led us, we feel to place ourselves more fully upon the altar of service. We were glad to bring out with us two strong, new workers, Bro. and Sister E. E. Morrow, of Southern California, who will join us in the field. They left for Bangalore last night, accompanied by Mrs. James, where they

will begin their first year's study of Tamil.

Shortly after we arrived, our local committee met together for a canvass of the field's needs and a review of the work. I am especially thankful for the way in which the Lord has watched over and guided the workers while we were absent. The work has gone forward all along the line. Illness has caused some to relax their efforts, but there has been no retreat, no flag of truce, no surrender. A call had come from Pondicherry, a French settlement south of Madras, to send workers to develop an interest which had sprung up in that place. It was arranged for Brother Peugh to locate there, with his family, and encourage this interest, at the same time continuing his study on the language. Brother Devasahayam, who has been giving his entire time to translations and the work in the office, was released from part of these duties in order that he might locate in Pondicherry and assist Brother Peugh. Recent reports from these workers indicate a growing interest and a very encouraging outlook for the work at that place.

Last week we finished a short institute for the benefit of those labouring at, and near, our station in Tinnevely. We had a spiritual feast, a time of refreshing from the Lord. It was a season of spiritual house-cleaning, digging out the old rubbish and sweeping away the cobwebs that clog and cloud that rich flow of blessing which every child of God should enjoy. The cause of failure, hard times, and discontent is not to be found in someone else, or because of peculiar circumstances. It is in the heart itself. "If thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door." It is just inside the door, not on the outside. Nine-tenths of all our difficulties, our hardships, our failures and our misgivings, are solved by the one simple act

of getting ourselves right with God and remaining in that state.

It was an inspiration to meet many of these workers again who had remained faithful with us from the beginning. Some had dropped out, but others had taken their places. Our colporteurs were greatly blessed and encouraged. The Lord is going before and helping these pioneer workers as they carry the printed message to the people. May the Lord greatly add to their numbers and their success.

We get encouraging reports from all parts of our field. Many doors are being opened for us to enter with the last message. Minds and hearts are being stirred now as never before. Let us be more diligent and earnest, and not forget to pray for one another. J. S. JAMES.

*Trichinopoly.*

#### COLOMBO

It is now two months and a half since we came here. During this time the Lord has given us many good experiences and much success with our magazines, and we praise him for his blessings. Only to-day I met a Tamil doctor who is a very influential man in Colombo, and who has been reading "Christ's Object Lessons." He told me that he had never read such a book, and subscribed for both *Watchman* and *Herald of Health*. I have met several lately who are enquiring after truth. One minister, upon learning that I was an Adventist, said he had been wanting some of our literature, especially on the Sabbath question; so I am supplying him with tracts. I am very anxious for more to be done for these people in the way of giving them the third angel's message.

The Lord has given me about five hundred subscriptions so far. I have a few days' work here in Colombo, and then go to Galle and surrounding places.

We are enjoying our stay in this beautiful island. Our health is splendid, and the climate is not so trying as that of India. Brother Townend is doing well with "Heralds of the Morning." The war is hindering us some; but we may expect the work to go harder until the end. We need your prayers, that we may do an effective work here.

M. M. MATTISON.

#### CEYLON

I HAVE spent most of the time since coming to Ceylon in the planting country on the hills. I have penetrated east to the border of the jungle, where live the Vedas. These are a wild tribe who subsist on the fruit of the bow and on roots, etc. They live a secluded life, away from civilization. I was told by a lawyer that nothing could induce them to declare anything but the truth, which indicates that at least in some things they are actuated by right principles.

Before leaving Kandy for the planting districts, I was advised to consult a travelling missionary there, who was acquainted with every planter in the locality. He told me that the planters as a class were not literary men, that sport and pleasure were their chief recreation, and that the majority were quite indifferent to religion. Others expressed similar opinions; still I felt impressed to go, believing that the Lord would open the way. I am now very glad for the experiences I have had, and although few were interested in religion, still I was encouraged by finding here and there some fine characters. Many were hospitable, and good natured; some bought books through a feeling of fellowship. They also displayed their kindness by offering cigars, cigarettes, and drinks. Had I indulged in these things, I might have been killed by intended kindness.

A few native Christians were found on

the estates, and among them I occasionally discovered an earnest soul, with whom I could leave a word of good cheer and some helpful literature. Many times I was directly led to these seekers after truth. I set out one day for a certain place, but by some means took the wrong turn and later found myself in front of a small bungalow in a secluded spot. I gained access to the bungalow, and met a most earnest Christian, a real jewel. He was much perplexed over certain conditions prevailing in Christianity, also in regard to Spiritualism. He asked me many questions, which I answered, seemingly to his satisfaction. I spent about two hours in his company, and felt much uplifted. He bought a book, which he said he would read most carefully, and on my leaving he thanked me cordially for coming. He felt sure the Lord had sent me, as he had just been praying for more light.

I am thankful to the Lord for keeping me in good health and preserving me from danger. I had a very strenuous time, as the country is so hilly and the bungalows are invariably situated in the most elevated position. In some districts the estates were so far apart that I could visit only about two a day. Once I took advantage, as I thought, of a short cut, but found myself in the jungle. When I eventually reached the estate, I was nine miles from my base, the greater part of which distance I was obliged to walk. Another time I had just passed a rock when a terrific explosion took place. Had I come along a few seconds later, I might not have been left to tell the tale. Blasting seems to be done here without due precaution. Although nature is profuse in life and beauty all around, still in the midst of life we are reminded of death.

I am now in Colombo, and the Lord is still leading me to seekers after truth.

Owing to the war, business is in a most critical condition. One old merchant assured me that Ceylon has not been in such a sad state during his life. I pointed out the need of being prepared for the great time of trouble that is predicted to come on the whole world. A judge with whom I had a long conversation told me that Armageddon is in Belgium. I pointed out that the Armageddon mentioned in Revelation 16 is in Palestine. I was able with the Lord's help to enlighten him in several things. Some I find who admit that in the past they have been indifferent to these matters; but now they see the importance of looking into them. I pray that the Lord may give us abundant grace and wisdom in these perilous times. May we be shining lights in this world of darkness. G. S. TOWNEND.

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## West India Mission

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### NOTES

BROTHER AND SISTER WOOD have recently moved into the new bungalow at Kalyan, although it is not yet entirely finished. It will be remembered that work on the building was delayed for one year due to failure on the part of the contractor; then Brother Wood took the work in hand, and in six months was able to finish the walls and partly finish the roof, so that it will turn water. As yet, the floor is only earth, and while the tiles for the roof are on hand, they are not in place. However, Brother and Sister Wood are grateful to God for a partial shelter from the storm and heat, although several things which will go to make it more comfortable are not yet to be had. They are happy in their labour, and a good work is being built up at their station. A church has been recently organized and some baptised. The dispensary work still grows, and courage fills the hearts of the workers.

MISS REID has been spending several weeks in Igatpuri, looking after the interests of the branch dispensary and taking such time as she could spare for language study. She has now returned to Kalyan.

THE last four weeks have been eventful ones

in the history of the work in Bombay. August 8, nine precious souls were baptised in the new baptistry at the hall, in the presence of some sixty persons, most of whom had never witnessed a baptism. Only one of those baptised had ever been to a baptism before. August 15 a church of nineteen members was organized in Bombay, and a week later officers were elected. The following week a most blessed occasion was experienced in our first quarterly meeting service. Some who have not yet identified themselves with us took part, both in the ordinances of humility and the Lord's supper. September 6, a second baptism was held, at which time five were baptised and united with the church. These have been times of refreshing, both to the workers and the dear people who have united with us in the message.

BROTHER AND SISTER LOASBY arrived in Bombay September 4, to assist in the work for a few weeks. We are indeed glad to have them with us, even though for a short time only.

MISS BOOSE has her hands full giving Bible studies with those who are in search of more light. One of her regular readers was baptised at the recent baptismal service, and we believe that four or five more will be ready soon.

THE members of the West India committee spent two days in council at Panvel recently, studying the work of our field. It was a most profitable meeting and a real spiritual feast. Brother and Sister Kelsey are getting on nicely with the language. They have a small company of loyal workers, who are striving to uphold the light midst the darkness. The school work is encouraging, and a young man of high caste, who accepted Christianity some months ago, is now deeply interested in the message. It was my privilege to baptise two of the teachers during this visit. Brother and Sister Kelsey are the only Europeans living in Panvel. To visit their nearest European neighbours, Brother and Sister Wood, at Kalyan, they have to travel nineteen miles by bullock cart, which is not a very reliable stage line in this instance. However, they are of good courage. The workers there appreciated the evening service, at which Brother Wood preached to them in the vernacular. Remember the work, both at Panvel and Kalyan, in prayer.

IN our work at Bombay we are coming up to the place where some will soon step out to keep the commandments, and we wish to ask a special interest in your seasons of devotion; for God will give the victory to his work if we

come in humility and faith. One man in government service has asked for the Sabbath off. In this case, in which much is involved, we especially ask the prayers of the TIDINGS family. God answers prayer, and we believe he will at this time, as he has in other similar cases.

G. W. PETTIT.

## The Canvassing Work

### THE SUMMARY

WHILE our people have always followed with keen interest the record of advancement, we are sure that under present circumstances figures must mean even more than formerly. To-day the minds of men and women are occupied with the latest war news. Nearly all Europeans have made large contributions to one or more of the big funds. The cost of living has advanced, and not a few are in straitened circumstances. Under these conditions, the colporteur can not expect so many or so large sales; but he is more than re-paid in the privilege and joy of bringing saving light and truth to thoughtful, earnest souls who as never before are enquiring, "What do these things mean?"

During four weeks of August, four of our canvassers made cash sales to the amount of Rs. 1,835,—not a large sum; but who can estimate the value in souls led into the light of present truth?

The Lord has especially blessed Brethren Mattison and Townend, in Ceylon. During the month, Brother Townend sold 70 "Heralds of the Morning" and Brother Mattison took 82 annual subscriptions to *Oriental Watchman* and 85 to *Herald of Health*. As the result of eleven weeks' work, Colombo is receiving 468 copies of our papers, 260 of which are the *Watchman*.

Brother Nelson and myself have just completed a tour from Bombay through Gujarat and Rajputana, to Mussoorie.

The Lord blessed our labours and granted many good experiences. Soon we shall be returning to the plains.

Earnest efforts are being made in behalf of the Tamil and the Bengali quarterlies. The colporteurs of South India have gone forth from an excellent ten-days' institute conducted by Brother James. They bid us look for large reports from that field.

Now that the cooler weather will be coming on, may it not be that many more of our lay members can in some way arrange to have a part in swelling our monthly summary for the next six months, at least? Some are already engaged in the good work, and are receiving rich blessings. Why should there not be many more? Let us improve the day, for soon the night cometh.

I am thankful for a place with my brethren in this glorious work.

F. O. RAYMOND.

"THE unstudied, unconscious influence of a holy life is the most convincing sermon that can be given in favour of Christianity. Argument, even when unanswerable, may provoke only opposition; but a godly example has a power that it is impossible wholly to resist."

"It should be the determination of every soul, not so much to seek to understand all about the conditions that will prevail in the future state, as to know what the Lord requires of him in this life."

### COLPORTEURS' AUGUST SUMMARY

	Weeks	Hours	Sales per Hr.	Total Value
	per week			
ENGLISH				
Colporteurs, 4	17	45	Rs. 2-3-6	Rs. 1,746-10-
BURMA				
BENGAL				
Colporteurs, 10	42	30	0-0-6	39-14-6
NORTH INDIA				
SOUTH INDIA				
Colporteurs, 9	23	31	0-0-9	36-0-3

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—PROFESSOR SALISBURY is spending some time in Lucknow, assisting in the work on *Oriental Watchman* and *Herald of Health*, during the enforced absence of Brother Wellman.

—BROTHER PEUGH writes encouragingly of the work at Pondicherry. A nice little Sabbath-school has been organized, and prospects seem favourable to a good work being done there.

—MISS BELCHAMBERS, who left in July for a visit among friends and relatives, returned yesterday to her work in the office of the International Tract Society. Her sister Nina returned with her, and will make her home here for a time.

—BRO. A. KILLOWAY has found it advisable to concentrate his telegraphic training work in Lucknow, owing to the fact that examinations are held in this city, and has therefore located his family here. They are glad to be so situated as to have regular Sabbath-school and church privileges, and the company here in Lucknow is pleased to have additions to its membership.

—We regret to report that after our announcing last month that Brother Wellman was improving and would soon be able to attend office, he was taken again with fever and confined to his bed. After a few days, a blood test was taken, which showed enteric reaction, and arrangements were at once made to properly care for him. Miss Scholz, who was already in Lucknow, is on duty during the day, while Brother Kellar, who found it possible to break away from his work at Gopalgunge, cares for him at night. We are glad to report that Brother Wellman is doing well, and that all indications are that he will make a good recovery.

—SISTER HAMILTON finds time not only to assist in the Bible work in Rangoon, but also to do some canvassing. She reports having disposed of single copies or taken yearly subscriptions for our Burmese, Tamil, Hindi, and Urdu quarterlies, the Chinese paper, *Oriental Watchman* and *Herald of Health*, also of selling "God's Two Books," "Bible Nature Series," "Steps to Christ," and "Glorious Appearing." She speaks of the people as ready to purchase our literature, and of interesting experiences in the work.

—A LETTER from Brother Fitzgerald, president of the British Union, says of their recent general meeting: "We had a grand meeting July 30 to August 4, by far the largest ever held in Great Britain. On the Sabbath day fully a thousand were in attendance. We had as many people at the opening service, Thursday night, and at the closing on Sunday night, as we ever had before at the largest meetings on the Sabbath. Our people contributed in cash and pledges more than £300 to foreign missions."

—BROTHER DANIELLS writes from Australia: "I am having a most enjoyable time in my old field. I am glad to tell you that I have regained my former strength, so that I am able to endure all the work they have given me. Since leaving Washington, D. C., I have conducted about eighty public meetings, attended thirty counsels with the brethren, and visited seventy families. Already I am beginning to look forward to my visit in China and India."

—A RECENT letter from Misses Orr and Hægert, written from Tampa, Florida, reports them as of good courage and still engaged in putting our literature before the people. After some time spent in the "Southland," they begin to feel the effects of the enervating climate, and therefore are planning on going north soon to take advantage of the cooler winter weather. They send greetings to all friends in India.

—THE India Union Mission has prepared and is now having printed a church treasurer's book, so that a uniform system of recording and reporting tithe and offerings may be observed in all our churches. It will be priced at Rs. 2, with postage extra, and orders may now be sent in to the International Tract Society.

—We understand that Brother Comer has been sick for a few days, but is now improving. On a recent Sabbath and Sunday, Brother Poley took the services for him.