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Visit To The Far East. 1.

At the Conference in Calcutta it was arranged that I should go to Hong Kong with Pastor Daniells in order to meet Pastor Porter of the Asiatic Division and Pastors Fulton and Johansson of the Australasian Union, regarding the question of closer co-operation of the fields in the matter of issuing subscription books in the English language; and also to present to our Australian brethren our need of labourers with the hope that they might send us some of their workers to help us in different parts of our mission field. When I went to Burma with Brother Daniells after the Calcutta meeting, it was our plan to go on from Rangoon to Singapore, but the sailings direct were so irregular that we were forced to return to Calcutta to secure our passage. Then as Brother Daniells was to spend two weeks in Singapore, and I could get a boat from Calcutta ten days after he sailed, I took advantage of this to get ten days at the office in Lucknow. I was glad to get this time for work there as I had scarcely been in my office for the past four months, and the general meeting left many plans to be arranged before I should leave for two months in the far East.

I reached Singapore the 23rd of February, and found the party for Hong Kong widely scattered. Brother and Sister Daniells were there and he was just finishing a ten days meeting with the workers from the different missions centring in Singapore. Brother Porter had gone on several days previous to Canton to be present at the beginning of the South China meeting. Miss Brunson,

who had gone from Calcutta to Singapore with Brother Daniells had left the party and gone down to Java and other Dutch islands; and Miss Hare and Mildred Comer, whom she was taking to America, were in Rangoon unable to get a boat to Singapore.

At Singapore I was glad to see again Brother Detamore, the superintendent of that field, and also meet several of the new workers recently from America. I visited their school in Singapore, which has been conducted heretofore as a primary church school, but they are now planning to add to it so they can prepare workers for their field. In fact, everywhere I visited, Singapore, South China, or the Philippine Islands, plans were being laid to conduct training schools for native labourers, and I felt glad when I knew that our plans were completed and our teachers secured for our too long delayed training school for India.

After two years absence I was pleased to speak again to our Chinese brethren in Singapore and I found their numbers steadily increasing. While there I made inquiry, hoping that I might get a labourer to work among our large Chinese population in Rangoon, but the brethren were so pressed with their own needs I was unable to secure anyone. I believe the day will come, however, when we will have a strong Chinese church in Rangoon. I was pleased to have Brother Detamore tell me of the encouraging growth in his field.

After two days in Singapore, in company with Brother and Sister Daniells, I left on the "Atsukah Maru," and after a most pleasant trip of five days reached

Hong Kong, where we were met by Brethren Porter, B. L. Anderson, superintendent of South China, and Brother Ham, who is in charge of the work in Hong Kong. They had come down from Canton to meet us and we left that same afternoon for the meeting with the workers and members of the committee, which was being held in Canton, and we were with them for the last two days of their meeting. This was my first trip to Canton, and I was thankful for the privilege of meeting both the European and Chinese workers and joining with them in counsel. I visited the old mission house where our workers first began their labours in China fourteen years ago. It was with thankfulness that we could hear of the spread of the message from that humble beginning in the crowded streets of the largest city in the far East, until it has reached into the principal provinces of China. The Lord is going before our workers there, and I was especially pleased to meet with our Chinese labourers, some of whom had raised up strong organized churches which have never yet been visited by European workers. At this place we have the Bethel Girl's School. It was started by Sister Ida Thompson about eight years ago, and they are also making plans to strengthen their training school for men which is now being held in the same city. After two days visit in Hong Kong I left in company with Brother and Sister Daniells and Brother Porter for the Philippine Islands. Of my visit there I will speak in the next number of the EASTERN TIDINGS.

H. R. SALISBURY.

Returning Workers

It has been India's misfortune from time to time to lose faithful and tried workers, but we doubt if any one has left the field who will be more sincerely missed by the workers in all parts of our

Mission than Sister Quantock, who with her daughter Edna, sailed for America via China, March 23rd. Twenty years ago, as Miss May Taylor, she came to India with Brother and Sister D. A. Robinson. When she arrived, there was only one worker here, Sister Georgia Burrus, now Mrs. Burgess, who had preceded her by a few months.

During these years, she has returned to America but once, then on account of her husband's health, he having died soon after their reaching America. One year after his death she again returned to India, and for eight years has been treasurer of the India Mission and secretary of the International Tract Society. In both these positions Sister Quantock has served the cause with ability and great faithfulness.

Personally, I greatly regret her leaving the field, for her long active experience has made her counsel most helpful to me. Sister Quantock was voted her return over a year ago, but by my request she remained one year more. At this time, however, she felt she must no longer delay her return on account of her daughter's education. We are thankful for her faithful service, which has been greatly blessed of the Lord to the advancement of the work here, and the prayers of all go with her as she takes up new duties in America.

On the same boat also returned Brother and Sister W. E. Perrin and their daughter Irma. They have been in India for six years. During this time, Brother Perrin has had charge of our printing office. He came when it was a poorly equipped plant in a crowded godown on Banks Road, but he has had the satisfaction of leaving it one of the best equipped printing offices in Northern India. He has been a faithful and pans-

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Educational

I. F. Blue.

Secretary

Annfield School, Mussorie.

Most, if not all, readers of *Eastern Tidings* are no doubt aware that Annfield School is intended for the education of children of European and Anglo-Indian **workers and believers of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination in India and Burma.**

I have just returned from a short visit to the School after placing my daughter (14 years of age) there, and as I felt moved to write the impressions received during my visit, I do so for the benefit of the readers of *EASTERN TIDINGS*, but particularly for those who have children in the School, and also for those who have children, but have not sent them to Annfield for one reason or another.

The school opened this year with practically a new staff, and with a somewhat smaller number of children than they had last year. With few exceptions almost all the children there now were in school last year. The school is co-educational, the boys and girls being housed in separate buildings, but having their meals in one hall and studying together.

Brother G. F. Furnival, the Principal, in addition to the general supervision, looks after the boys in particular, Sister Furnival looks after the girls, the arrangements for the food, etc. I was greatly impressed with the thorough way in which both Brother and Sister Furnival had set to work in the various details of their duties, and in all that pertains to a growing institution with limited funds at its disposal. I was struck with the way in which they had gained the confidence of not only the teaching staff but of the boys and girls. I was also glad to see that the Principal, his wife,

and the teachers all have their meals *with the children*, not at a separate table, and that the staff have the same food as the children. This, as far as I am aware, is peculiar to Annfield, and should be a comfort to all parents as they may rest assured that their children will get good, wholesome food. I also noticed that they get plenty of whatever there is on the **table**. I may mention that I had more than one meal **with** the children and quite enjoyed the food.

The arrangements for accommodating the boys and girls may not be in accordance with everyone's ideals, but they are as satisfactory as may be expected under the circumstances. The boys are housed in a separate building, as already stated. The accommodation in their case might be more liberal, but it is, I understand, the best the Mission Board can do at present. The girls are in the main building, Annfield, and so far as they are concerned I do not think there is any room for complaint. The larger girls are given a room between two of them.

The school, though not subject to Government regulations and inspection by the Government Inspector of Schools, teaches according to the Government Code. I understand that the Principal has addressed the Director of Public Instructions, United Provinces of Agra and Oudh, with a view to getting the school duly recognised and open to the inspection of the Government Inspector. It is not intended to accept any grants from Government so the institution will continue to maintain its independence and not sacrifice any of the principles peculiar to the denomination which it represents. This, I think, is a move in the right direction.

Altogether I was much impressed with the general tone and atmosphere of the

school, and feel convinced that if every member of the denomination who has a child or children of a school-going age, would give it the loyal support that it should have, there is no reason why the school should not do well and turn out good God-fearing boys and girls who would do credit to the institution and to the denomination, and above all uphold the Cross of Calvary.

There is no doubt that the school has in the past worked under adverse circumstances, and with very limited means, but it can no longer continue under such conditions. The membership of the denomination is growing, and the cry for a good, well equipped, up-to-date school in the hills will grow more and more insistent, and unless it is met, parents will be obliged to send their children to worldly schools. This I am sure, all will admit, would be fatal to the Christian upbringing and experience of our children, and to the cause which we represent.

The school is undoubtedly in need of equipment of various kinds, but without funds this cannot be supplied. Something should be done to supply the needs. One way in which members of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination may help the school is by every member who has a child of school going age and can afford it, to send him or her to the school. Another direction in which every one could help is by prayer, and I would ask each one to send up their petitions to God on behalf of the staff, the pupils, and the school generally, that He will guide and direct each in the upbringing of the children, in the laying and carrying out of all their plans, that a spirit of unity and love may be ever present, and that He will move on the hearts of people to render help and assistance toward the building up of the institution.

H. COLIN CAMPBELL.

Home Missionary

R. D. Brisbin, - - - Secretary

Is It Right to Report Missionary Work? (*Concluded*)

"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 Macedonian 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.

In these 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.

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North-West Mission

H. R. Salisbury, - - Superintendent

News from the Battle Front

In a letter received from Brother F. O. Raymond, our veteran canvasser in the field, he says, "I have just finished a day in the rain, and came into the dak bungalow at Kohat, only forty miles from Peshawar (on the Northwest Frontier). I have a few minutes in which to tell you that the past week has been one of the best in my experience. My cash receipts have been about Rs. 156 for the week. I had to work yesterday in the rain at Rawal Pindi, but took in Rs. 40-12, nearly all for "*Oriental Watchman*" and religious books. The living preacher must some day proclaim the message in Rawal Pindi. I met a number of interested ones.

As I alighted from the train here at Kohat at 7.30 this morning in a settled rain, it seemed that the day must be a blank. However, I resolved to make at least a few calls in the offices. So I commenced with the Indian Christian head clerk of the Deputy Commissioner. As it was raining, the men had more leisure, and he called them in one by one to subscribe for the Urdu Quarterly and "*Herald of Health*." He and the nazir did nearly all the canvassing and kept me rushed writing receipts until I had made out eighteen for the Urdu Quarterly, and several for "*Herald of Health*." I never before had a like experience. The Lord has also given me about twenty-five names for "*Oriental Watchman*" this week, all of which convinces me that Heavenly agencies are anxious for this message to go, and will, oftentimes in remarkable ways, aid the human agent who does all he can. I praise God for excellent health and many blessings along the way."

Simla.

March was a month of preparation for this season's effort, which opened the first Sabbath in April.

The foundation has been laid by prayer, both as a church and as individuals; each member sharing the burdens of the coming season and expecting to carry a definite responsibility. Thus in a united endeavour we purpose to press our soul saving efforts before God and man.

A Home Missionary Society was organized with a circulating library containing our best books. The activities of this society are even now making an impression, for the word is going round, that "Seventh-Day Adventists are planning to flood the station literature!"

The Good Health League has received a hearty reception and almost daily enlarges its membership. Several smokers have abandoned the habit through the aid of the League. We plan for monthly meetings and hope to see this the most active temperance society in Simla.

With the return of people from the plains our number of Bible readers is enlarging.

H. C. MENKEL, M. D.

North India Mission

S. A. Wellman, - - Superintendent

Mussoorie and Hardwar

In harmony with plans laid at the meeting of the North India Committee in March, the writer spent Friday and Sabbath, the 2nd and 3rd of April, with the church in Mussoorie, the quarterly meeting of the church being held at this time.

Arriving in Mussoorie Friday, the morning and part of the afternoon were spent in planning with Brethren Lake and Poley concerning the meetings for the month of April at Regent Hall. They plan to hold services at five P. M.

both Sabbath and Sunday, and are sharing the responsibility of the services, until it is possible for some of our ministering brethren to give them a helping hand as the season advances. The first service of the season was announced for Sabbath, April 3rd, and a good number of strangers were present while the writer spoke on the "Increase of Knowledge." Faithful work by members of the church in the distribution of announcements, and by extending personal invitations, is bringing in some who have never before attended our meetings.

Friday evening it was a privilege to meet with the students at Annfield and talk to them, and join with them in a consecration service. The hearty response of all did one's heart good, and gave promise of a good year as these dear boys and girls draw near to their Master and strive to be more like Him. Brother and Sister Farnival and their assistants have the love of their students, and there is every evidence, that with God's blessing, the work of the present year will be the best in the history of the school. Let us pray for both teachers and pupils that God's spirit may be with them and make their work effective.

The quarterly service, Sabbath afternoon, at three o'clock, was attended by every member in the station. God's spirit was with us, bringing home to our hearts the lesson of the hour, taking us back to the scenes of Gethsemane and Calvary, and a new consecration of heart and life to humble service for God was the result.

Sabbath-school and the service previously mentioned followed, and at the close of the service, the members of the church met for an hour to consider church business and to elect office bearers for the season. Among the plans heartily supported by everyone present, was the taking of five hundred copies per month of

the special series of "*Oriental Watchman*." The church has already divided the station, and will place these messengers of truth in every home.

Sunday morning, I left for Lucknow, stopping on the way at Hardwar for a few hours. Here at this time a great mela is being held. Hundreds of thousands come to this gathering from all parts of the Punjab and United Provinces, as this mela comes but once in twelve years. Our colporteurs are here during this month with our papers, and are reporting excellent sales. As I wandered in and out among that great throng, beheld the depths of superstition, misery and sin, saw the worship of the unknown, river, wood, stone, silver, gold, and brass; beheld the tortures which men endured in the name of religion, my heart longed to tell them of a Saviour who has made possible a better and more perfect way. God brought one man, an intelligent Hindu, to me, and we talked of the better way and life. But the multitudes in their darkness, remind one of the Master, who when he looked upon the great multitudes who followed Him, "had compassion on them." May He hasten the day when these poor faltering lips of ours can tell in flowing words, the story of His sacrifice to redeem the sinner.

S. A. WELLMAN.

Books Wanted

Our Home Missionary Society in Simla, spoken of under the Simla report, desires copies of any of our Message-filled books for their circulating library which has just been started. Second-hand books in good condition, and subscriptions to our periodicals will be gratefully accepted. Address all communications to O. W. Nolda, Esq., "Craigsville," Simla.

"The world will be convinced, not by what the pulpit teaches, but by what the church lives. The minister in the desk announces the theory of the gospel: the practical piety of the church demonstrates its power." *Testimonies*, Vol. VII, page 16.

Bombay Pres. Mission

G. W. Pettit, - - Superintendent

Kalyan

WE miss Brother and Sister Kelsey and Sister Reid from their usual labours in the Marathi field; still, the work moves on very nicely. We shall naturally expect more of them when they have passed their second years' examination in the Marathi language. It is always a great help to the native church when they hear new voices in prayer at the weekly prayer meeting, and the eyes of our Indian brethren often fill with tears of sympathy as some European relates an account of his battle and victories. In this way, and this way only do our native people come to realize that we are men like themselves, with the very same trials and the same temptations and thus we are ourselves brought into closer relations, and thus our personal influence among them is increased.

While Brother and Sister Kelsey are away from Panvel station, the school work is in daily progress; and the workers, although without a shepherd, have their regular meetings and Sabbath-school. The medical work is closed altogether in that station for the present. Plague has recently been very bad at Panvel and many of the heathen have died. God has heard and answered prayer, and preserved all of our Christians. We feel very grateful for this sign of his blessing and approval.

Since Miss Reid left us to attend the language school at Poona, Miss Millie Ballard of Lonavla has joined our Kalyan staff of workers and is a great help at the dispensary. Her fluent Hindustani enables her to fall into line at once.

Plague is quite prevalent at Kalyan at present, and we are truly glad for a mission house at a healthy distance from the

town. During the last month, we have baptised one young man from heathenism. He has been reading the Bible and attending our regular services for several months past. Mrs. P. Gidney of Igatpuri recently decided to keep the Sabbath and she too is in the ranks of our Mission helpers. Although sixty-four years of age, her knowledge of Marathi is a great help and she frequently takes long trips in tongas, bullock carts and row boats to assist the medical missionary.

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Canvassing in Bombay Presidency

NEARLY a year has passed since a goodly number of subscriptions were taken for the "*Oriental Watchman*" and "*Herald of Health*" here in Bombay. Last February, I returned from Hyderabad and Secunderabad, Deccan, to canvass Bombay for these journals, and if possible, obtain the renewals for another year.

I did not realize how the war had affected our subscription list of the old subscribers, until I went to procure their renewals. I have found thus far, that nearly fifty per cent of the old European subscribers have returned to England and Europe. Some have moved elsewhere in India. Nevertheless, a large number of Europeans have made their abiding place here at least for a short time. With those that remain, and the people that have recently arrived, we believe from the subscriptions that we now have, there will be a very good list from Bombay.

The message that the "*Oriental Watchman*" bears has awakened a greater interest in the minds of many for a better understanding of the troublous times that are coming.

Let us pray that this message-filled paper may continue to bear the truth to the honest in heart.

W. R. NELSON.

Items

Poona now has a nice little Sabbath-school which was organized by Brother Kelsey in February. Sister Brooke, the secretary, reports the Sabbath-school, in a healthy condition.

The letter given below shows the value of missionary activity in correspondence and mailing literature to friends and relatives even though they may be separated by seas.

Leeds, England, February, 24th, 1915.

Dear Brother Smith:—

I feel led to write you a few lines to tell you that I have been in touch with your dear Mother, Mrs. Smith, since December last; and that I am pleased to assure you that she is carefully studying and listening to the preaching of the Third Angel's Message, and is already keeping the Sabbath. The rest of the family are receiving the Word, here a little and there a little, and the Lord is blessing your inspiring letters to the uplifting of all your dear ones. I pray that the Lord may continue to rejoice your heart as you work with all your heart for the completing of the grandest and most sublime message ever given to man.

With kind regards to you and yours, I am faithfully,

Your Brother in the Blessed Hope,

F. Stanley Jackson.

This letter from one of our ministers in England has brought much joy to not only Brother and Sister Smith, who are now with us in the truth; but it has been an inspiration to our Bombay Church. For this reason I pass it on. May it truly stir our hearts and call forth from us the best God has given in warning souls of His soon return by the methods suggested in the letter. The Lord will reward our efforts if we do as Pastor Jackson suggests, "Work with ALL YOUR HEARTS."

We had a most excellent quarterly meeting in Lonavla, April 3rd. Two members of the Calcutta church were with us, both of whom have come out as the result of Pastor Comer's efforts or the efforts of his co-labourers. The Lord came very near to us, and all felt it was good to have been there.

Eight hundred Special Watchman have been subscribed for in Bombay. Lonavla has taken two hundred. G. W. PETTIT.

"ABOVE the strife and the darkness and the confusion God is to-day keeping watch over His own. His eye is upon every faithful believer. He will show Himself mighty in behalf of him whose heart is set to do right. We need not fear for the future."

Bengal Mission

L. J. Burgess, - - Superintendent

Jagadishpur.

WE are glad to say that the work here in Jagadishpur is onward. Our Santhali Girls' school has now an enrollment of twenty.

We have distributed our quota of the *Watchman Special*, 500. While traveling on the train I handed a man one of the War Specials. After he had looked at it he said, "Are you taking subscriptions. I said I was not but would be pleased to take his, if he wished to give it. This man is working on the E. I. Ry. and I find that he is seeking for something which he has not yet been able to find. I trust that I may be guided aright in my efforts to help him and in sending him literature that will lead him into the light.

Yours in His service,

R. H. LEECH.

Gopalgunj.

THE following encouraging words are from a recent letter received from Brother P. C. Dey of East Bengal:—

I am glad to inform you that from every direction people now call us to give them full instruction about the message. About fifteen days ago I received a letter from an interested one who serves in the settlement office as a clerk in the town of Faridpur. He wrote me in the following way:—"I got some tracts and papers from one of your workers when I was at home in Amballa and I have gone through them very minutely and now I have come to the conclusion that your teachings are full of truth and quite scriptural. Though I do not accept this truths openly at present, yet believe me, I am one of your secret members, doing some little work on be-

half of your new teachings, and of this little work some men here desire to stand for your truth. So I request you to visit here once. Hope the day will come pretty soon when I will be in your midst."

Brother Dey also tells of other interested persons, one a trader and another a teacher in a high school. The latter wishes to secure a copy of "Bible Readings" in English.

South India Mission

J. S. James, - - Superintendent

South India Mission.

On the 18th of March it was my privilege to visit our work and workers in Pondicherry again. After a number of months in the heat of Trichinopoly, it was a change to breathe the fresh ocean breezes which greatly temper the tropical heat at that place. As we were to have another baptism during my visit, the little company of those who had already been baptized, together with the new candidates gathered at the Sabbath morning service, March 20, where we had a study on the "old" and "new man", the "works of the flesh" and the "works of the spirit." We all felt much of God's blessing poured out in our hearts, especially as we contemplated the great sacrifice and love of our Saviour which has set us free from the bondage of sin.

In the afternoon we all resorted to a tank just outside the town where seven more souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. One of these was an old gray-haired man who had been a slave to tobacco since early youth. Another man of middle age had been held in the iron grip of strong drink. Both these men claimed a full and complete deliverance, and it rejoiced our hearts to see them bury the "Old man" with all his evil deeds.

Returning to the town, I organized a

church of those who had been baptized. These together with the family of our Indian worker, located there, constitute a church of fifteen members. Bro. Devasahayam was appointed to take the responsibility of leader and church treasurer. May God grant his blessing and guiding hand to this new church that it may be thoroughly rooted and grounded in the truth and grow in the Lord exceedingly. Sunday morning we all gathered to celebrate the ordinances of the Lord's house, and in the afternoon a harvest ingathering service was held, in which over Rs. 59 in tithes and offerings were given. Both of these services were blessed occasions.

Good reports have come to me from the work at Nazareth and the opening up of the work in Coimbatore, which will be reported in detail by the workers in charge.

Mrs. James and I are leaving to-night (April 1st) for Bangalore to remain over Sabbath with Bro. and Sr. Morrow, from whence we will go on to Calcutta to assist Brother Burgess in their Institute in Bengal, which will be held April 12-24. On the way we will spend a day or two in Madras visiting our Telugu believers, and attending to other business interests. May this Institute and the work in South India have the continued prayers of the TIDINGS family.

J. S. JAMES.

Nazareth.

On the evening of the last Sabbath in March, I had the blessed privilege of burying two souls with their Lord in baptism. When I walked into the clear water of the beautiful lake, which is very near our mission bungalow, my heart was very much impressed and began to review the time of my baptism in that same place in April, 1910. At that time, I had little idea of this blessed privilege I have had of baptizing my own people in the same place. I thank God for all the rich blessing he has bestowed on me ever since I began to accept

this message, and obey Him. That day was a day of great blessing to me. I reconsecrated myself to my God and His work.

The evening before the baptism, we had a testimony service. These two men gave very encouraging testimonies. One of them was very much moved in his heart, and gave a full story of his past wicked life and the power of the gospel, which has helped him to make a thorough change in his life. I am afraid the space will not permit me if I write all that the man said at that time. Anyhow, I will try to express his testimony in a few words. He said, "I was born in a semi-heathen family. My parents were the members of the Hindu Christian church of this community. I have never had a liking to read in the Word of God, but on the other hand, I got hold of a company of friends, who gave me all their possible help in training me to be a confirmed drunkard. I have tasted nearly all kinds of Indian and foreign liquors. Six years ago, when Pastor James was conducting meetings on the verandah of this mission bungalow, I had the privilege of attending some of those meetings. When I went back to Ceylon to my trade a change began to dawn in my life. I bought a Bible, and began to read a portion of it every day. Whenever I read it, it always condemned me as a great sinner. And I have read all the Tamil tracts and papers published by this mission. I began to accept all the light received from them day by day. It was very hard with me for a time to give up all my wicked life; but every day I became stronger in doing the will of God. I praise the Lord that the anchor still holds. I thank Him for the victories I have gained. The Bible is the most wonderful book in the world. I have just begun to learn how to study it. I never expected to see any miracle performed; but it is a wonderful miracle that I am a changed man. Praise God for the power that can keep anyone from smoking, swearing, drinking and bad company."

I am glad for that text, It is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Dear brethren and sisters, kindly remember me and the work in this part of His vineyard before the throne of grace. The interest still holds good. Many more precious souls are planning to follow our Lord in baptism before long. I hope and pray that I shall be ever faithful to Him until the end; and would use all my strength and influence in winning many more souls from my country to His kingdom.

E. D. THOMAS.

Burma Mission

R. B. Thurber,

Acting Supt.,

Burma Notes

On a recent visit to the school at Meiktila, I had the privilege of baptising one other school boy before the close of the year. Two of the recent converts are planning to canvass for "Kin Soung" around Mandalay during the vacation. We are glad for this, since our canvassing work has been languishing somewhat lately.

The school closed March 24th. We have been facing quite a crisis in the attendance. Many of our best and oldest boys told us they would go to the other schools next year because we do not give government certificates. Last year we applied for registration, but such restrictions were placed upon us that we could not accept it. We went again to the Director of Public Instruction recently, and the present incumbent gave us to understand that he would reverse the former decision. The Lord worked for us, for we did not go for the purpose of asking for registration. There is better courage now than ever about the prospects for the coming school year.

Brother Williams and family went to Rangoon when school closed. He will arrange for the buildings and land for the Karen station before leaving for India, April 19th.

While we were near, Brethren Wyman, Williams, and I made visits to Heho to see Dr. Tornblad's place. The Doctor and Brother Tornblad have been there for over a month, but now the latter has had to return to Lower Burma. Brother Denoyer was not well. He has worked hard during the year, and has gotten some trees and plants started. Doctor Tornblad is finding plenty to do in the medical line.

After enjoying a month at Kalaw, Brother Wyman returned to his work in Rangoon, and Brother Carratt went to join Mrs. Carratt at Mandalay. Mrs. Wyman, Miss Gibbs and myself and family are now at Kalaw.

Brother Beckner reports progress on the translation of the "Bible Readings" book. It will be a great joy to us to get this printed and into circulation.

R. B. THURBER.

"PRAYER is ever profitable; at night it is our covering, in the morning it is our armour."

Mandalay

Readers of the *Eastern Tidings* will be glad to hear some news of our little Sabbath-School here at Mandalay. We are not very many, our membership being just eighteen, including the Home Department, but we are of good courage, and hope to do a good work in this city. Our Sabbath-School offerings are encouraging in spite of our small membership and limited salaries. We all try to set our mark at eight annas each per Sabbath, and have done very well this last quarter, our donations for twelve Sabbaths being Rs. 62-11-0. and the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering Rs. 19-1-9.

Brother Beckner and Saya Hpo Hla are busy translating "Bible Readings," and Sister Beckner is studying the language. They hope to do much in the Burmese work.

We ask to be remembered in your prayers—
Mrs. S. Wheeler, S. S. Sec'y., Mandalay.

Is It Right to Report Missionary Work

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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 church members 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 to report what you do to give His Message. 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, Secretary, Gen. Conf.
Home Miss. Dept.

From the Language Students

THE following letter came from Brother Kelsey last month, but not in time for the March issue, so we are glad to introduce it in the April number. He writes as follows:—"After our return from General Meeting, our local committee took up the matter of our release from all other responsibilities for the purpose of attending language school to study Marathi, and decided to give us the year 1915 for this purpose.

In the latter part of January we left our station and went to Poona, where the language school was in session, and began the course of study along with about twenty fellow-students. Early in March, the school was moved to Mahableshwar in the hills, where it will continue till early June. Mahableshwar is the seat of the Bombay Government during April and May, and is a change from the heat of the plains, although not to compare with the higher altitudes of Mussoorie and Darjeeling.

Since coming here, our course of study has been changed, new instructors added, and many new pupils have joined the classes. We feel that the language school is a very great help to us in getting a proper working knowledge of the Marathi language, and we greatly appreciate this privilege. We know that we have a very great task before us, but we are of good courage because we have hold of the arm of Jesus, and according to His promises He helps us in times of difficulty. We look forward to the time when we will be able to take up our work among the people, and we believe that we shall see souls saved in Christ's kingdom as a result of a better understanding of this people and their language.

Pray for us as we study.

Yours in Christ,

MR. AND MRS. KELSEY.

Medical

V. L. Mann, M. D., - Secretary

Health Hints for Missionaries

Clothing

The wearing apparel should be white, lightweight and loose. Shoes and stockings should also be white. White not only serves as the best protection from the heat rays, but is also not pleasing to the mosquito as she prefers dark things to light. A light weight topee giving ample shade to the neck, ears, and eyes, should be worn from seven or eight in the morning until four or five in the afternoon, depending upon the season of the year. The head band of the topee should set out from the body of the topee by one-half inch; and the topees should have ample ventilation at the sides and in the top. The red cloth theory and its relation to the protection of the body in the tropics, has exploded.

Exercise

Of all places, exercise is indispensable in the tropics, if the health is to be retained. The sojourner in India whose work takes him outdoors six or seven hours in the day, leading an active life like railroading and surveying, will weather the climate much longer than the one who sits behind the desk the same length of time each day without exercise. Not that the heat is an advantage to the outdoor worker, but the good effects of exercise overbalances the evil effects of the heat. Without exercise, the system soon becomes sluggish, the vital processes become inactive. Outside of the life of the sportsman and the soldier, it is hard to get exercise in India, because custom has so decreed that for the European manual labour is degrading. This prohibits one from working his own garden, doing a little carpentry, or wrestling his own luggage around.

Gymnastics are a very good thing and very well to advise, but an hour spent every morning in the capacity of a contortionist is a good deal like eating dry flour for breakfast every morning. The dry flour is nourishing, but it would get to be very monotonous. So with exercise, to get the most from it, we must enjoy it. This leaves us to get our exercise by means of tennis, walking, bicycle or horseback riding. Nevertheless, no matter how great the effort, one should get sufficient exercise each day.

To Modify the Heat

There is no credit due to one who boasts that he can stand the heat of the plains of India without modifying it in any way. We must keep in mind that India is not a white man's country; and although he can live here, he never becomes acclimated. For a European or American to stick to the plains the whole year, year in and year out, means a progressive depression to the vital forces; therefore, every means that one can adopt to temper the heat, is that much to his credit. The first requisite is a good bungalow, all of the rooms having two openings to the outside. It should be built a couple of feet above the ground on a rise of land, and far enough from the village that it will not come in contact with the unsanitary conditions present there. The foundation should be provided with thorough ventilation, the ventilators being screened against vermin. In hot weather, the doors should be provided with khus khus tatties and kept wet before the rains. After the rains break, a punkah of some sort is indispensable. It may be the ordinary punkah, the electric fan, or the Jost variety. The advantage of the latter is, that it can be moved about, even to the terrace of the bungalow, which is about the coolest

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE INDIA MISSION FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1915.

We give below the report of the first quarter of the present year. This the first time this report has ever been printed, but from now on it will appear each quarter in EASTERN TIDINGS, and we truly hope that each quarter will show substantial increase. In view of the shortness of time and the great work which has been given us to do, we should strive and pray that the Lord of the harvest will help us to more than double our membership each year. I earnestly ask of all our members in this mission field that you will each day plead India's needs before God, and ask that a double portion of his spirit be poured upon the workers and lay members that His prospering hand may be seen in all we do.

H. R. SALISBURY.

DIVISION	No. of Churches	Membership	No. of Companies	Membership	Total Members	No. Added by Baptism	No. Added by Vote	Total Added	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Licensed Missionaries	Canvassers	Total Labourers	No. Sabbath Schools	Membership	No. Mission Schools	Membership	No. Teachers
Union Mission									2	1	8	1	12			1	25	4
Northwest India	1	17	1	6	23				1	2	5		8	2	25			
North India	2	51	1	7	58		6	6	1	3	11	4	19	4	105	3	110	9
Bombay Presidency	2	46			46	6		6	3	1	7	1	12	4	64	3	60	6
Bengal Mission	4	88	1	21	109	2	2	4	1	6	10	13	30	12	252	8	242	11
South India	3	65			65	7		7	2	3	9	8	22	3	108	1	118	8
Burma	2	113	1	4	117	5		5	2	2	14	3	21	3	100	1	45	7
Total	14	380	4	38	418	20	8	28	12	18	64	30	124	28	654	17	600	45

REPORT OF HOME MISSIONARY WORK OF THE INDIA UNION MISSION, FIRST QUARTER, 1915.

DIVISION	Membership	No. Reporting	Letters Written	Letters Received	Missionary Visits	Bible Readings	Sub. Taken for Periodicals	Papers Sold	Papers Mailed, Lent, Given.	Books Sold	Books Lent or Given	Tracts Sold	Tracts Lent or Given	Hours Christian Help Work	Articles Clothing Given	No. Meals Provided	Treatments Given	Signers to Pledge	Offerings to H. M. Work
N. W. India	23	11	99	17	97	101	6		747	14	26	74	375	226½	22	35	19	24	
N. India	58	10	87	14	89	29	2	111	1,378	4	81	25	989		34	3	24	31	2
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Bombay Pres.	46	25	58	9	139	134	1		135	8	12,118	29	2,330	1,841	79	19	41	2	4
Bengal	109																		
S. India	65	25	41	15	481	139	2	5	216		13	91	172	94½	1	6		27	14-9
Burma	117	1	12	12	3	4			6,250	16,778	13,652		1,742	4	4	3	3	7	
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Total	418	72	297	67	809	407	11	116	8,726	16,778	25,770	219	5,608	2,166	140	31	103	19	92-4-9
* Pages										26	125								

We are glad to present the above report for it is another token of the progress of our organized work in this field. The report is not as complete as it might be had all been faithful in reporting. No report of any kind came from Bengal, which has the second largest membership of any division. One person reported from Burma, from a membership of 117. We wish every member of their constituency were as energetic as that one. The report of one of the churches in the Bombay Presidency also failed to reach us in time to include it. As a whole, however, the report is encouraging, as this department was not organized until the first part of

February, so this is really a report for only two months. There was some misunderstanding about the reporting, so the pages have been given in some cases.

In the future, only the number of tracts, papers, etc. should be given in reporting, and *not the pages*. We ask your earnest prayers and co-operation for the furtherance of this branch of the Master's service.

Kalyan

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At present we are blasting out a large well in the solid rock, and hope to have plenty of water at "Sunset Ghat" after a while. Both of our medical dispensaries have been more than filled of late, and at one place some have been turned away as there was not time to treat so many. Still "the labourers are few." Mrs. Salisbury has recently donated the Kalyan dispensary an excellent map of the Thana District. On this map we shall record with a red cross, each village from which patients come for treatments or medicine. In this way we will know where our people live and later on plan to visit them with books, tracts and the living evangelist. Thus we see how the medical work truly is the entering wedge. We find that these people, who have been thus treated welcome us to their villages.

Practically all our time has been spent in building work. That which was begun last year is being completed this year. There seems to be a great demand here for an orphanage and boarding school also. The latter for the children of Indian Christians especially.

It is with great difficulty that we are able to keep up our village schools here in the Konkan; and those who do attend are only young children. There are so many good schools of all sorts in these parts that the heathen do not care to send their boys and girls to a Christian school.

Mrs. Wood's first class pass on the G. I. P. Ry. has been renewed for another year. We rejoice over this as it is a great

Saving to our medical work, and enables her to go on any train at short notice.

Our hot weather has arrived again, and about a week earlier than usual. Still our nights are cool and we are able to get our needed rest.

Of late we have assigned several of our young men to translate some of our leaflets and tracts. Then we call the church together, and they read these translations which prove a great source of interest and inspiration to our people. This to some extent makes up for our lack of regular reading matter in the vernacular; and also enables our people to become better acquainted with the message and messengers.

Our native Christians are gradually awakening to the value of our message-filled literature, and are helping us to scatter it by the thousands. Yet we are but beginning in this line of good work.

We thank God for the first three months of 1915, and with good courage press on into the next quarter.

Yours in the Work,

M. D. Wood

SAMPLES of all our English and foreign publications, photographs of institutions and mission headquarters, and a thousand and one other things to be exhibited at the Pauama-Pacific International Exposition, at San Francisco, California, are being received by the Pacific Press Publishing Association for their booth. A revolving, electrically driven globe, five feet in diameter, to represent the world, will be the attracting feature of the exhibit. This globe will be studded with tiny electric lights, which in colors will indicate the character of our institutions and show their location. It is intended that the light of truth shall shine out in a clear, distinct way at this Exposition.

What to Read

If you have the blues, read the twenty-seventh Psalm.

If your pocketbook is empty, read the thirty-seventh Psalm.

If you are losing confidence in men, read the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians.

If you are discouraged about your work read the one hundred and twenty-sixth Psalm.

If you find the world growing small and yourself great, read the nineteenth Psalm.

If you cannot have your own way in everything, keep silent and read the third chapter of James.

"Paul's word is alive to-day. Where is the word of Nero? Paul's gospel is as much as ever the power of God. The Rome of Nero we dig for to-day beneath its burial mounds. On the ruins of old Rome, the message which Paul preached has built a spiritual empire many times wider than the empire of the Cæsars. The obscure missionary who was led on foot through the Appian Gate among the throng of passengers, bound to a soldier of Nero's army has proved the mightier of the two; and who shall say to-day at Rome that Paul had any cause to be ashamed of the gospel of Christ?"

New Literature.

The following new publications have been issued by the International Tract Society, 17 Abbott Road, Lucknow, during the past quarter. Others are in preparation. These may be obtained at the prices stated, plus postage, either from the address given above or through the Rangoon Branch.

In English.

TRACT;

The Relation of the Law to the Gospel, 20 pp. (new) ..	9 pies
The Name, (New Edition) ..	6 "
Which Day Do You Keep and Why? ..	3 "

OTHER SUPPLIES:

Temperance Pledges, each ..	4 "
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In Urdu.

BOOKS:

Bible Readings: 240 pages; Paper, annas eight, cloth, Rs. 1.

LEAFLETS:

A series of 4 pp. leaflets at eight annas per hundred has been prepared, postage extra. The following are Ready: "Who is Jesus?" "The Sinner's Need of Christ," and "The Miracles of Christ?" Others will follow.

In Hindi.

SCRIPTURE CARDS:

A series of scripture cards with illustrations. Four already issued. Others to follow as rapidly as possible.

The tract, "Eating and Drinking," which was out of print is being reprinted and will be ready about May 7th.

In Bengali

BOOKS.

BIBLE READINGS:—196 pages, illustrated; paper, annas eight; cloth, Rs. 1.

The first number of the Watchman Special series will be ready on the 21st of April, and one number will be issued each month thereafter. Practically all the matter contained in the American Specials will be retained, and adapted to the conditions here, these numbers should appeal to our people strongly. When you see these issues and note the convenient size and the excellency otherwise, we feel sure you will want more than we are planning for you. Any additional orders should be booked at once on receiving these first numbers as they cannot be repeated without additional expense.

Stationery.

We have just had made up a quantity of tablets of a superior quality of Bond paper, neatly printed on the covers, and with blotter. These are known as the "Watchman Tablet." You cannot do better anywhere in India for the same quality of paper. And envelopes can be furnished to match. The tablets, Rs. 1 each and envelopes Rs. 1 per one hundred.

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THE evening before the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Perrin and Mrs. Quantock and daughter from Lucknow for America, a reception was given to them by the employees of the printing department. A farewell address was read in Urdu and English, expressing the regret of those who had worked under Mr. Perrin, that his duties called him elsewhere, and wishing him all happiness for the future. Mr. and Mrs. Perrin were presented with a beautiful silver cake tray as a remembrance of the occasion. Refreshments were served, and "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" was sung to express the wishes of all present. We shall be glad for the day to come when partings will be of the forgotten past.

Corrections

In the financial statement given in last month's *Tidings* the Present Worth should read, Rs. 2,871-4-6, and the Loss, 14, 784-3-11.

Brother W. E. Perrin and party left Lucknow the 15th of March, and not the 15th of February.

Onward! Forward! Advance!

These are the keynotes of the reports that are coming from all parts of India. Do they strike an answering chord in your heart? Are you reading these and noting the advance moves made, the baptisms, the movings of the Spirit of God on the hearts of men? Are you alive to what these things teach? If you are you must be doing something too. Are you reporting what the Lord is doing for you that it may be an encouragement for your brethren

and sisters in other parts of this field and in other fields? We want this paper to represent the whole of the India Mission and not one part of it. The people who sent you here to work for the souls of men are looking in this paper month by month to see what you are accomplishing. Will they not think it rather strange if they never see a report from you? We shall be pleased to print any good, live experience from any of our people. Make it short and right to the point. If we are not having these experiences, there was never a better time in the history of the world to get one. Copy should be here by the 10th of the month; the earlier, the better.

Returning Workers

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taking worker. The education of his children and the failing health of the aged parents of both Brother and Sister Perrin caused them to ask to go to America. They have won many friends who were sorry to see them return.

Brother Perrin has shown ability as an accountant, and as such should fill a position of responsibility in the homeland, where he feels his work should be for some time to come. Our prayers and best wishes go with these workers.

H. R. SALISBURY

Health Hints for Missionaries

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place that one will find to sleep during the hot season.

One should avoid being in the sun during the extreme heat of mid-day. All life in India has learned this by experience. The Indian stops his work about noon and does not begin again until late in the afternoon. The birds and beasts of the forest sit up in the shade during this same period. We can do well to profit by the experience gained in this line. There is a saying that only the Englishman and the dog will be found abroad between the hours of twelve and three.

V. L. MANN, M. D.