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## The Week of Prayer

BEFORE the next issue of this paper will have reached its readers, we will be in the midst of another Week of Prayer. The dates appointed by the General Conference this year are December 11-17th. Suitable readings have been prepared and will be sent out to all the churches and companies from the Lucknow office. It is desired that copies of these readings be placed in the hands of all people who are conversant with the English language. If there should not be separate copies for all, it will be arranged so that each family, company or church may have the benefits of these readings from at least one copy.

What should this week of special prayer realize for us as labourers and believers in India, and how shall it be spent? The proper answer to this question would cover many needs and embody various methods, a few of which I would emphasize here.

Of all our great needs it seems to me that three things stand out with ever increasing importance and should be the special objects of our prayers.

1. The need of a largely increased number of workers for this field.

2. The need of more funds to bring to perfection work already started and carry it forward to completion.

3. A larger, deeper and fuller personal experience in the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the work of God.

We are hurrying on to the end of the conflict much faster than we realize. The swiftness with which the events of the times are occurring, many of them

weighted with deep prophetic significance, almost bewilders the senses. We are entering perilous times when every soul should be strongly fortified. A great work lies unfinished before us, and our prayers should storm heaven in the spirit of Luke 10: 2. Our God lacks nothing to supply all our needs in labourers, in means, and in personal power. Let us pray that God will greatly increase our working staff in the near future, move the hearts of our people everywhere with a spirit of greater liberality, and clothe us with that divine power, without which our ministry for lost souls is barren, but rich in proportion as we possess it.

As we pray for these blessings, let us remember that the first step toward their realization is in a fuller personal surrender. It avails but little to pray that God will send others and refuse to go ourselves; to expect largeness of heart in our brethren in the home lands when we are bound about with selfish thoughts and interests; to experience the rich blessing of the Holy Spirit when our hearts are unemptied. Let us make the coming Week of Prayer a time of rededication and consecration to the work in India and its speedy accomplishment.

We are all loaded with cares and our time is fully occupied, but let us not forget the Week of Prayer. I trust that all, whether isolated, in families, in companies or in churches, will set apart a definite time each day of this week for the reading appointed, and for prayer. Where there are companies or churches, a reader should be selected for each day

and a formal service held. At the close of the week let the usual Week of Prayer offering be taken. "Freely ye have received, freely give." J. S. JAMES,

### General Conference and North American Division Council

WE quote the following from one of our exchanges regarding the Council which is now being held in America:—

Several years ago, when action was taken extending the interim between the General Conference sessions from two to four years, making it a quadrennial period instead of a biennial one, it was decided to hold a council of the General Conference committee, including as far as possible other leading workers such as conference presidents, etc., midway between the General Conference sessions. Such a council is to be held this autumn in California. It will be convened at Loma Linda, November 5th and will continue until November 27th.

"It is expected that all the members of the General Conference committee and the North American Division committee in this country will be in attendance, also Pastor L. R. Conradi, president of the European Division Conference; Pastor J. T. Boettcher, vice-president of the European Division Conference; J. E. Fulton, president of the Australasian Union Conference; Pastor R. C. Porter, president of the Asiatic Division; Pastor H. R. Salisbury, president of the India Union Mission; Pastor J. C. Raft, president of the Scandinavian Union; and Pastor W. J. Fitzgerald, president of the British Union Conference. It may not be possible for all of these brethren to be present at this meeting, but they are expected. It is quite possible that Pastor J. W. Westphal, president of the South American Union Conference and Pastor F. W. Spies, president of the Brazilian Union, will be in attend-

ance. It may be that Pastor Conradi cannot leave Europe to attend this meeting, but his presence is greatly desired."

A cablegram from America assures us that Professor Salisbury has arrived safely. Shall we not remember this council in our prayers, that all plans which are laid will be for the advancement of the Message and the glory of God. Let us also remember our President, that he may be granted a safe return and that his visit may mean large reinforcements for the neediest mission field in the world, India.

### Opening of the Indian Christian Training School

THE Indian Christian Training School opened November 3rd. The mission has leased a large bungalow which is conveniently arranged for the purpose of the school. There is also a large compound and in the rear of the compound are a number of strongly built godowns which have been cleaned and made sanitary for the students. The Lord surely guided in securing this place, not only because the rent is reasonable, but also because of the arrangement of the buildings.

There are fourteen students in attendance. They are:—Ngwe Zin and Deacon David from Burma; J. Devadoss from Nazareth, the Tamil district; N. B. Solomon, V. Benjamin and D. Jacob from the Telugu field; Peter Shindi and Ramachandra G. Kulkarni from West India; Kasim Ali, D. L. David and Kailey Chanda from North-West India; and Admatha Howard, Wilaiti Ram and Chandra Parkash from North India.

Last Friday evening, the first Friday evening students' prayer-meeting was held. It was truly interesting to hear these men, who represent so many languages, express their faith in God and their determination to study the Bible, so they

might be better prepared to carry the Third Angel's Message.

Plans have been laid for very aggressive and practical missionary work, so that each one may learn to apply his knowledge, and get definite results for his work. Pray for the success of the school that these men may not be disappointed in getting the preparation and knowledge so necessary for successful work in the cause of Christ.

I. F. BLUE

### Reading Course for 1916

OUR workers will remember that at the Calcutta meeting the following vote was taken.—

“That a committee be chosen to prepare a reading course especially related to the needs and problems of India.”

There is a reading course for workers offered by the General Conference, but it was felt, that with all the problems to be solved in this vast and many sided mission field, it would be best to have our own course, that we might become better acquainted with a field which presents so many difficult questions in its social, political and religious life. The better we understand India, the better will we be prepared to help her people.

This year four books have been chosen. It is the purpose of the committee that each year one of the books will be from among those written by Sister E. G. White, the others, dealing with Indian life and Mission problems. The books chosen are,—

1. The Acts of the Apostles, by Mrs. E. G. White,
2. India-Its Life and Thought, by J. P. Jones,
3. A History of India, by M. H. Sastri,
4. The Reproach of Islam, by Gairdner.

The books can all be ordered through our Tract Society at Lucknow. If you

have not already received an order blank, write at once to Brother Brisbin for one.

I believe these books will be a help to us all as we strive to be successful soul-winners in the land of our adoption.

H. R. SALISBURY

### Reinforcements

It was more than an ordinary occasion enjoyed by the workers in Madras in the arrival of a party of missionaries from Australia on the 23rd of October to take up work in India and Burma. These new recruits to the ranks of our workers, come in response to an urgent request made of the Australian Union Conference to supply workers for the numerous openings in this field, and are one of the two installments of an advance division of a larger corps of workers yet to follow. We most sincerely thank Australia for the deep interest they have taken in the work in India and for the very liberal way in which they have come forward to help finish the message in this field.

In this party were Brother Eric Hare and wife who have come in response to a long standing appeal to carry the message to the Karens. They have now come and have passed on to their field, eager in the hope of soon mastering the language and being able to work for these needy people. May God grant all their hopes with abundant success.

Three colporteurs also formed an important factor of this party. These brethren have come to India in the interests of the English book work which in the years past, because of scarcity of workers, has not had the attention given it which it deserved. Brother Charles Stafford and wife and child will make South India their future field of labour. They have already located in Madras. Brethren H. A. Skinner and R. A. Thrift have located in Calcutta where they are now canvassing for *Heralds of the Morn*

ing with encouraging success. Doubtless one of these brethren will occupy other promising fields in India after some experience in Calcutta. Accompanying these brethren was also the field agent of the Australian Union Conference, Brother G. S. Joseph, who came to India in the interest of the Signs Publishing Company of Warburton, to study the needs and conditions of the English book work in this mission. He will visit various parts of the Union, engaging in practical salesmanship as time will permit and gathering as much information as possible.

I am sure all of our labourers will know how glad we were to greet all these dear people and give them hearty welcome to our ranks in needy India. They come to us with cheeks bursting with the bloom of health and vigour, and hearts filled with courage for the message and breathing a deep spirit of consecration. May the God of battles go before them in their respective fields and make them efficient labourers in the work that they have undertaken. Let us remember these new workers in our prayers. J. S. JAMES.

#### What the "Oriental Watchman" is Doing

I AM glad to be back to work again after spending some time in the hills. I have enjoyed the vacation but through it ran that longing to get back to work among the people.

Since returning I have canvassed several places,—Saharanpur, Ambala, Bandikui and others. In these cities I have found quite a number of old subscribers to the *Oriental Watchman* and was encouraged to find many of these ready to subscribe again, also new ones. Why do they subscribe? Because it has a message for this time in explaining present-day conditions. Many ask, "What will ever become of this world?" We can only direct their troubled and

questioning minds to the Bible prophecies that are being fulfilled before their eyes.

So many have expressed themselves as fully believing in the Advent message. Some of these love to study their Bible and search for truth, using the texts given on the different subjects in our papers. Many of these, I believe, will be seen in the kingdom as the result of the message-filled journal visiting their homes.

Are there trials and difficulties? Of course. There are those that are always fighting truth. But these difficulties do not discourage. These trials are nothing when now and then in the byways and hedges one finds a soul that is seeking for truth. Why, these very ones are what cheer the colporteur's heart as he walks the dusty roads.

Pray for those in the colporteur work.

W. R. NELSON.

## North-West India Mission

H. R. Salisbury, - - Superintendent

#### Interesting Items from Simla

WE have again reached the season of the year when the work must be re-adjusted to meet winter conditions. Many of our interested friends as well as some of our members have gone to the plains for the cold season and our public effort at Masonic Hall closed with the last Sabbath of the month. Meetings will be continued at "Carton House."

In addition to local activities during the winter the Missionary Society has a mailing list of three hundred names of persons in the North-West Division to whom literature will be sent.

The last Wednesday in October we had a farewell prayer-meeting for those of our members who go to Delhi with Government. This proved a season of spiritual refreshing. During the month

three persons expressed a desire for baptism and others manifest a growing interest in the message.

Of special interest this month was a call for Bible studies from a Rajah and his wife who are very earnest people. I also enjoyed the privilege of studies with a member of the Imperial Legislative Council.

Each month up to the first of November has shown an increase of patients and receipts in the treatment rooms. Mr. and Mrs. Kimble were kept very busy handling the patients in our single treatment rooms of 12 by 24 feet and only very temporary arrangements for water heating etc, but we look for better conditions next year.

As it becomes increasingly evident that the message and work is capable of winning its way and producing results, there is also a manifest intensity taking hold of some who would oppose the truth. We request of our friends a place on your prayer list for the work in Simla.

H. C. MENKEL, M. D.

## North India Mission

S. A. Wellman, - - Superintendent

### The Garhwal School

IN October it was the privilege of the writer to again visit the school in Chelasain, Garhwal. Brother and Sister Belgrave having been transferred to the plains to work in a new station in the southern portion of the United Provinces, the station and school had been in charge of Brother R. Peters, the headmaster, since early in September. I was glad to see him of good courage at the time of my visit. The work was moving smoothly and the attendance had been good. Brother Peters' work is much appreciated by the boys of the school.

While at the school quite a little work

was done, an inventory of all school and station property being taken; and the arrangements made for completing the work on various buildings now unfinished. The school now has good buildings, including principal's bungalow, main building, boarding houses, caste kitchen, teacher's houses, out-buildings, etc. With a few additions next year in the way of minor alterations, the school is as well equipped as could be wished, except for a main building, which must some day be better built with more room and equipment. But even there the present accommodations will do for several years to come.

Sabbath, October 16th, I met with the teachers and servants in a little Sabbath school and then in a service at the close of the Sabbath we had a good spiritual time together.

Brother Peters plans to spend some time this winter in work in villages in the surrounding districts, preaching and working among the people whose children attend the school. He hopes thus not only to increase the attendance but to come into personal touch with the school's patrons.

### Najibabad

THE Najibabad station continues to have excellent interests. A number have cast in their lot with us the last month and at the quarterly service on November 13th, it is hoped to baptize at least four, and still more may go forward in the ordinance.

In a village near the city all the people have signified their willingness to cast out their idols, break caste and become Christians. With some of these a definite break will doubtless soon be made, and the task of teaching them the fulness of Christ and preparing them for baptism will begin. The workers in Najibabad need the prayers of God's people during

these interesting yet perplexing days that wisdom may be used in developing the situation.

Many thousands of pages of literature have been distributed in Najibabad and vicinity during the last year. Thousands of these were Urdu and Hindi leaflets, simply telling of the love of Christ and his tender longing to save sinners. May it not be, that these added to our dispensary work and village preaching, at least account to some extent for the interest manifest at the present time?

## Bombay Pres. Mission

G. W. Pettit,

Superintendent

### Items of Interest

The training school for Bible workers at Kalyan, under the leadership of Pastor Wood, now has ten in training for colporteur and evangelistic work. This school opened last July and regular work has been carried on, giving special studies in Bible doctrines and English. We are very much encouraged in the progress these young people are making. In addition to these that are giving full time to study and practical work daily, there are nine from the Marathi training school for nurses, taking regular Bible work under Pastor Wood. The two local training schools, together with the supervision of the work in general and preaching, keep Brother Wood very busy.

R. P. Shindi and R. G. Kulkarni, two of our Indian brethren, who have been working in our Mission for over two years, left us for a year's training in the Lucknow Training School. We shall miss them in their fields of labour, but are grateful that we can help them to a wider view of the glorious message that they have been called upon to give to the millions of the Marathi field.

The new effort of the English work in the city of Bombay opens November 13th, under the leadership of Pastor French, assisted by Miss Boose as Bible worker. We are glad to have Miss Boose back with us again after several months' absence in Simla. She will find many open hearts ready to study the message. I want to especially ask an interest in the prayers of all for this season's effort for the English speaking community, that the Lord may give fruit to those that preach the Word and labour as did the great apostle "from house to house."

Doors are opening before us in other parts of the Bombay Presidency. Some from the Gujerati field are already with us in our local training school and have taken a stand for the truth. Three bright young men from that section of our field have just applied to enter our Kalyan school. We are so full at present that it may not be possible to make room for them before the new buildings are ready, but it is most encouraging to us to know that the spirit of enquiry is to be found so nearly universal in our division.

On the Kalyan mission property we had this year a beautiful crop of nine acres of good hay; but when it was fully ready for cutting we found labour so scarce that it seemed for a while that we might lose it. At a Wednesday night prayer-meeting we told the workers of our difficulty, and called for volunteers to cut the field. Twenty-one Indian Christians offered to give all their extra hours and the ones connected with the oversight of the schools and the dispensary also expressed themselves as willing to cut grass. It showed an excellent feeling of co-operation, and with so many willing hands the work was soon done. The writer very much enjoyed parts of two days with this band of workers, helping to save an abundance of good hay for the mission's

stock, and after having spent so much time in the city, it seemed to be a real refreshment, both physically and spiritually. It is united spontaneous effort in this great harvest to which God has called us that makes the work refreshing and uplifting to all. May God give us consecrated minds all over the field this cool season that we may serve anywhere in the harvest-field where souls may be gathered in.

We were glad to welcome Pastor and Mrs. French and family, with Sister Nelson and son, back to Bombay the first week in November after a very beneficial change in Mussoorie. Brother Nelson who spent part of this time with them in the hills, reports in another place.

October 1st, Pastor G. W. Pettit moved to what he considered a better place and where rent is not so high as where he formerly lived. His present address is 12, Victoria Terrace, Victoria Road, Mazagon, Bombay.

## Bengal Mission

L. J. Burgess, - - Superintendent

### Bible Training School in Calcutta

THE end of May of this year found us located in Khulna. It was thought this would be a strategic point from which to carry on our East Bengal Work. But owing to illness of both myself and wife, caused by unhealthy surroundings, it seemed best that we return to Calcutta. The present plan is to take occasional trips from here in order to look after the interests in the interior of the villages of Eastern Bengal.

While in East Bengal the idea was suggested to conduct a Bible Training Class with the new Sabbath-keepers. This class is now being conducted in Calcutta where we have a suitable place

in our new Mission home. This also gives opportunity for the interested ones in Calcutta to attend. Our attendance averages sixteen. Friday evening services are devoted to praise and thanksgiving. It is a 'real treat' to hear the different ones express their gratitude for having this privilege to learn more of the truths for the last days.

We selected one man from each village where we have an interested company with the idea that this representative would return message-filled to impart the precious truths to those about him. Praise be to His name, this is the desire of most of the members of the class!

There is a young man in attendance whose connection can be traced as far back as Brother Little's time. His father-in-law visited Brother Little in Barisal about seven years ago. Brother Little gave the man six Bible texts concerning the seventh-day Sabbath. The father-in-law after studying these six texts accepted the Sabbath. He passed on the same texts to his son-in-law, who shortly after began to keep the Sabbath also. Thus the seed of truth was planted in the village of Sharengkati, and as the result they now have a small company who are rejoicing in the Sabbath truth. These people have bought our literature from time to time, by means of which they have learned more of the message. They were visited for the first time by our people at the end of last year. Faithfully they stood for six years under the guidance of silent messengers before a living messenger went to visit them. They are very strict regarding Sabbath-keeping. From sunset on Friday to sunset on Saturday they do not light a fire in their homes. The Sharengkati people are all independent farmers; they have built their own school house and church building. They collect tithe at the end of the harvest each year. Not having had in-

struction regarding the proper use of the tithe they have spent their money thus far toward the church building, and donations to the poor.

It is of special interest to note that the young man who represents this village came to attend the Bible classes although he lost a child one month, and another, eight days previous to the time our man went to bring him. He left his sorrowing wife, and although himself an invalid, came to Calcutta to unite with us at the feet of Jesus to learn more of the truth we as a people believe.

We are glad of this opportunity of having these brethren with us for a few weeks. Three have already expressed their desire to be baptized. They will soon leave us as it is time to harvest their crops. It is our prayer that these classes may help to make them reapers in the spiritual sense as "the harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few."

L. G. MOOKERJEE.

## Burma Mission

R. B. Thurber, Acting Supt.

### Cheering Word from Burma

We have been made to rejoice at the coming of new workers for Burma about the first of November. Brother and Sister Raymond arrived from India to engage in the sale of our literature in Rangoon, and later in other parts of the country. They are staying with Brother Carratt till they find suitable lodgings. Brother and Sister Hare came from Australia by way of Colombo and Calcutta. They look hearty and strong and are anxious to go to work. It is planned that they stay in Rangoon till our annual meeting, and get a start on the Karen language here, where a good teacher can be secured. Brother Hare is well equipped for station work, and we

hope and pray that money for a house will soon be forthcoming. All the workers in Burma cordially welcome these able recruits to our common field and work, and we pledge them our support in that which lies ahead of them.

In an especially trying season in the way of weather conditions, the workers in this country are taking a keen interest in the prospect of our establishing a hill station and rest home of our own at Kalaw. We are getting an option on some land and we sincerely hope that the way will open for us to build a good house in this desirable hill station, which will be within a convenient distance of our homes on the plans.

While on a visit to Meiktila early in October, we were much pleased to see the whole-hearted interest taken in the Young Peoples' Society. The society is composed of the Christian boys of the school led by one of the older boys, and helped by the teachers. They meet on Sabbath afternoons in Professor Ludington's house and produce some excellent music and recite Bible verses and other readings. It is encouraging to see Burmans, Karens and Chinese all taking part together. After meeting, all take literature supplied by Brother A. W. Steevens and distribute it in the surrounding villages. There are some embryo workers in that company whom we shall hear from later.

Brother and Sister Tornblad are working hard at carving out a pleasant hill station from the wilderness at Heho. It is truly a wonder what they have done in transforming the place. They are building cosy little mat cottages for those who desire to come; and a number from Rangoon have recently availed themselves of the privilege of recuperating in this pleasant and bracing climate in the Shan Hills. Also much good work is being



done in a medical way for the people of the nearby villages. R. B. THURBER.

## South India Mission

J. S. James, - - Superintendent

### Baptismal Service—Important Work Being Done for the Women

Sabbath, October 30th, I spent with our church at Pondicher, South India. The services following the Sabbath-school were given over to the ordinances of the Lord's house. This was a blessed occasion to all present. A number not of our faith were present and witnessed this service for the first time and were noticeably impressed. In the afternoon we had another baptismal service in a Hindu temple tank, three dear souls being buried with their Lord. The blessing of this Sabbath closed with a Harvest Ingathering service in which was realized over Rs. 70 in tithes and offerings. The Pondicherry church, though somewhat scattered in the location of its members, is of good courage and the work is onward. Brother Devasahayam, our Tamil evangelist in charge, has a number of interested readers who expect to be ready for baptism a little later. His wife is taking up special studies on much needed subjects in the homes of our people, for the benefit of the mothers and wives. *How greatly we need work of this kind in all our vernacular work with the people!* The interests carried in the home by the wife or mother or both, usually sets the gauge of the spiritual life of the whole family, and we cannot hope to carry the spiritual level of the men much higher than the experience gained by the wife or mother. Ignorance is a great barrier to the claims of the gospel and every attempt to bring the social and moral life up to a higher level.

We are now beginning to get our

bearings in the great city of Madras. There are great possibilities for successful labour in this important centre. I have been able to do some soliciting among business friends and others for the *Harvest Ingathering Signs* and our temperance number of the *Herald of Health*. We expect to have Brother P. C. Poley and wife join our work in that city in the near future.

Brother Peugh has been working among the educated classes of the Indian community with our literature the past few weeks and reports some excellent experiences. J. S. JAMES.

### The Spirit of Prophecy and Science "The Testimony of the Lord is Sure."

It is interesting to note from time to time, the attitude of the scientific world towards the truths taught by the Spirit of Prophecy. As we near the eve of the night of trouble, the converging lines of prophecy and the testimony of true science, shed light upon the pathway of the remnant church, showing that we have not been following "cunningly devised fables." Fifty years ago the Spirit of Prophecy began educating against the use of drugs at a time when the medical profession considered them indispensable, and classed those who opposed their practise, as fanatics.

The first quotation is a testimony borne by Sister E. G. White in 1888 against the use of drugs. The second is an editorial taken from *The Ladies Home Journal* of October, 1915.

"Drug medication, as it is generally practised is a curse. Educate away from drugs, use them less and less, and depend more upon hygienic agencies. Nature will respond to God's remedies, pure air, pure water, proper exercise, and a clear conscience.

"Many physicians are not as thorough and intelligent as they should be in

the practise of their profession. They resort to drugs when greater skill and knowledge would teach them a more excellent way. Lives have been lost which might have been saved if drugs had not been resorted to. As a rule the less frequently they are employed, the better the patient will prosper."—*Unpublished Testimony*, 1888.

Now note the testimony of science.

"We are certainly making long strides forward when we read such words as the following and they concern us all because they concern our health. And it must be well borne in mind that the writer, Sir William Osler, M. D., is unquestionably one of the foremost living physician and the highest authority on drugs in the medical world. He says what follows in the "Encyclopaedia Americana": "The new school does not feel itself under obligation to give any medicine whatever, While a generation ago not only could few physicians have held their practice unless they did, but few would have thought it safe or scientific.

"Of course there are still many cases where the patient or the patient's friends must be humoured by administering medicine or alleged medicine, where it is not really needed, and indeed often where the buoyancy of mind, which is the real curative agent, can be created only by making him wait hopefully for the expected action of the medicine; and some physicians still cannot unlearn their old training.

"But the change is great. The modern treatment of disease relies very greatly on the so-called natural methods, diet and exercise, bathing and massage; in other words, giving the natural forces the fullest scope by easy and thorough nutrition, increased flow of blood, and removal of obstructions to the excretory systems or to circulation in the tissues.

"One notable example is typhoid fever.

At the outset of the nineteenth century it was treated with "remedies" of the extremest violence, bleeding and blistering, vomiting and purging, antimony and calomel, and other heroic remedies. Now the patient is bathed and nursed and carefully tended, but rarely given medicine.

"This is the result of the remarkable experiments of the Paris and Vienna schools into the action of drugs, which have shaken the stoutest faiths; and partly of the constant and reproachful object lesson of homeopathy. No regular physician would ever admit that the homeopathic 'infinitesimal' could do any good as direct curative agents; and yet it was perfectly certain that homeopaths lost no more of their patients than others. There was but one conclusion to draw, that most drugs have no effect on the diseases for which they were administered."

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## From Here and There

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Eight candidates entered for the Urdu examinations at Lucknow in October. Two were for second year and six for first year. Passing standings were obtained by five in all, while two of the others have but one subject to finish at the spring examination; one owing illness being kept from completing the work at this time.

The 1,000 Harvest Ingathering Signs are all gone from the office to the divisions. We have not yet had time to hear of results only in a few individual cases, but we expect the total to be much larger than for last year. The first number given this year brought Rs. 10.

BROTHER G. S. JOSEPH, the general canvassing agent of the Australian Union Conference arrived in Lucknow, November 7th. After counsel with the brethren at this place he will take a brief survey of the field, visiting the principal centres before his return to Australia.

Brother P. C. Poley and wife from Mussoorie are stopping in Lucknow for a short time before continuing on their way to Madras, their future field of labour.

As this issue goes to press we are expecting

### The Morning Watch

#### A Moment in the Morning

A moment in the morning, ere the cares of day begin,  
 Ere the heart's wide door is open for the world to enter in:  
 Ah, then alone with Jesus, in the silence of the morn,  
 In heavenly sweet communion let your duty day be born,  
 In the quietude that blesses with a prelude of repose,  
 Let your soul be soothed and softened, as the dew revives the rose.

A moment in the morning take your Bible in your hand,  
 And catch a glimpse of glory from the peaceful promised land:  
 It will linger still before you when you seek the busy mart,  
 And like flowers of hope will blossom into beauty in your heart;  
 The precious words, like jewels, will glisten all the day,  
 With a rare, effulgent glory that will brighten all the way.  
 When comes a sore temptation, and your feet are near a snare,  
 You may count them like a rosary, and make each one a prayer.

A moment in the morning—a moment if no more—  
 It is better than an hour when the trying day is o'er.  
 'Tis the gentle dew from heaven, the manna for the day;  
 If you fail to gather early—alas! it melts away.  
 So, in the blush of morning take the offered hand of love,  
 And walk in heaven's pathway and the peacefulness thereof.

—Selected.

the arrival at Calcutta of Brother R. Loasby and wife from America. Also we are glad to announce that Sister Della Burroway, one of our experienced workers, is returning from furlough and expects to take up work in her former field, Bengal. Sister Belle Shryock who left us two years ago because of serious illness, has regained her health, we hear, and is planning to return as soon as possible.

Brother L. J. Burgess was in Lucknow during the second week of this month, helping in the translation of the Urdu edition of "Steps to Christ."

The "World's Crisis" for which we have looked so long, is now on the press, and with no delays, it should be out this month. It is worth all the attention you can give it, and it is expected to be second to none among the four volumes now being printed under that name. Send all orders at once to the Tract Society. The book will contain 128 pages of the best matter we have ever had the opportunity of placing before the people of India and will sell at the low price of 12 annas.

The *Herald Temperance Special* has had a most successful circulation this year, a 10,000

edition having been disposed of in less than a month. This speaks well for the efforts of our brethren in India, and we believe these papers will prove a blessing to both the recipients and the donors. The Epworth League of India purchased 3,000, this being the largest single order registered. The Bombay, Madras and Calcutta churches also gave it a very hearty support, the former church taking 2,500, Madras 1,100 and Calcutta 535. India is coming to the front. Let us plan for greater things next year.

The encouraging word has been received that another colporteur is arriving in India from Australia the 20th of this month. It is expected that he will make Bombay his centre for the time being.

In a recent letter, Brother Knox, the General Conference Treasurer, again requests that all orders without exception, for goods which are to be paid for through his office, be first forwarded to the Union Treasurer at Lucknow. It is hoped that all will co-operate with him in this matter, and so relieve him of the necessity of refusing to honour bills presented irregularly.

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# The Eastern Tidings

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Belgrave, at Lucknow, a girl, September 12, 1915.

In the Tithe Report, printed in the last issue, the first item, "Bombay Mission," should appear "Bengal Mission."

All Home Missionary Society reports having been received, we find that the average for the quarter equals nearly *thirty* papers, tracts or books a day for each member.

In a letter from Brother G. F. Furnival of the Annfield School, he says that nine of the pupils were recently baptized.

A party of eleven of the missionaries in Mussoorie lately took a two days outing, going to the banks of the Jumna, one of the tributaries of the Ganges. They reported a very enjoyable time.

Brother F. H. Loasby from Lahore was in Lucknow for his second year's examination in Urdu, during the last week in October. A letter from him announces the birth of a daughter the 28th of October.

The Lucknow Missionary Society recently sent copies of the *Herald Temperance Annual* to each of the Temperance Societies of India and Burma. They are also distributing 650 of the *Oriental Watchman Specials* each month.

Miss Manson of the Mussoorie Treatment Rooms is spending a few days with friends in Lucknow.

In the *Statesman* of November 9th, we note the prosecution of a Seventh-day Adventist in Singapore for refusing to take part in military drill on the Sabbath.

During the absence of Brother Lake in England, Brother Reagan has had charge of the Mussoorie Treatment Rooms. The Rooms closed the first of the month for the winter after the most prosperous season in their history.

Brother M. M. Mattison is spending the month of November in populous Benares, selling our vernacular literature. This is a city long neglected by us and we pray that this seed which is being sown will bear fruit for the kingdom.

The last report from America regarding the *Harvest Ingathering Signs*, shows that up to the last of September 514,566 copies have been sent from the Pacific Press Publishing Assn, to different parts of the world. The goal set for this year is 1,000,000 copies of this number and an Ingathering of 100,000 dollars or Rs. 3,00,000.

A report of the Eight Anna Fund will appear next month.

Now is the time to renew your subscriptions to papers coming from abroad.

Attention is directed to the announcement of the Week of Prayer in another portion of this number.

### Notice to S. S. Secretaries

Will Sabbath-school secretaries and others kindly note that orders for Sabbath school Quarterlies should be sent to the Tract Society and *not* to the general Sabbath-school Secretary.

### A GREAT LOSS

You are losing more blessings than you realize if you are not taking *The Review and Herald*. It contains instruction and advice that you will need to have some day. Now is just the time to order it for the New Year.

### A Correction

The Sabbath School report in last month's Eastern Tidings was for Quarter, ending June 30th, not September 30th.

Register your name for the Reading Course before the 1st of December