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Bombay, India.

Dear Readers:—

Our trip over this long journey was indeed quite interesting,—sometimes pleasant, sometimes unpleasant. Our voyage from New York to England on board Steamship St. Louis found us seasick about four days, after which we got quite brave, though we had some quite severe sea; but we trusted in Him who controls the sea as well as the land. On board the ship we had opportunity to tell our truth to the passengers. When it stormed they were very anxious to talk about God, and we made some acquaintances which we hope may develop some Sabbath-keepers.

In England our visit was very brief. The customs are so queer. Most things are far behind our civilization, while a few things are still our good examples. We visited the main churches, attended service twice; but the most interest-

ing to me was the school of our people. About sixty young, bright faces from all parts of the world were learning our truth to carry it on. I had the pleasure of addressing them at the morning service. How beautiful it is to know that though strangers, yet we are all brethren in this great tie that binds us all together.

We left London for Marseilles, France, on September 26. We had quite an interesting time going through France, as we could not speak one word of French. The cars were very inconvenient. Three or four persons were locked in together for fourteen hours without any rest or stop, but we lived through it, and at Marseilles our trial was severe. Our baggage seemed to be lost and the boat was about to go. We had no check for our baggage; we could not speak a word of French; we could not think of staying a whole month till the next boat; and nothing was left but prayer. I then left Mrs. Hansen on the boat and took a cab for the station and there at the last moment found our baggage; but it was about time for the boat to sail then, and it was only a train's being late, for which the boat had to wait, that saved us a very unpleasant experience. That was doubtless the Lord's doing. One of our Presbyterian friends was delayed and lost about \$25.00 besides.

Our trip to Bombay was attended with several items of interest. First we were laid up one week at Port Said, as the Suez Canal was temporarily ruined by the blowing up of the steamer Chatham containing ninety tons of dynamite. We saw Mt. Sinai and the place where Israel went through the Red Sea. We next entered the Indian Ocean and were introduced to a typhoon,

which nearly upset us. We were in very great danger. One steamer was lost in the same storm and one other so badly damaged that it was not allowed to sail again. So we thank God for deliverance.

We are now settled in Bombay in a suburb of the city; namely, Dodar. We did this to evade the plague which has already started, and of which from three to six hundred die daily, though we hope it will not spread this year. We are well and have with us in our home Sister Smith, a nurse, and Sister Haegert, a canvasser. We already feel quite at home and soon expect to begin work. I have mastered some words.

Pray for us in this far distant land that God may preserve us alive as it is this day.

Very kindly remembered to all, I am,

Your missionary,
Dr. C. A. HANSEN.

Work for the Jews.

"It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things." Rom. 15:27.

Yes, truly, the Gentiles owe the Jews a debt. They gave the world a Saviour, for Salvation is of the Jews, and there is salvation in none other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12; John 4:22. And especially is it true to-day that the time has come when the people of God should give the Jews this blessed present truth. These words came to us during the last General Conference: "The time has come when the Jews are to be given light."

Within a week after these words were spoken the writer received a letter from a friend saying that several Christian Jews had taken their stand for the Sabbath, and others were weighing the truth.

"The Lord has declared that the

Gentiles shall be gathered in, and not the Gentiles only, but the Jews. There are among the Jews many that will be converted, and we shall see the salvation of God going forth as a lamp that burneth. There are Jews everywhere."

How true this statement is. In the United States, and its possessions, according to the most recent census, there are 1,418,813 Jews. There is not a city of any size, even a town of ordinary size, but what has some Jews. And they are coming into this country at a terrible rate. There is a movement on foot among the wealthy Jews at present in this country, if it shall prove successful, to bring within our borders several millions of Jews. Money is being raised for this enterprise at a remarkable speed. They are going west in great numbers. California has over 30,000 Jews. Illinois has nearly 125,000 of them. Texas has nearly 20,000. Tennessee has between ten and fifteen thousand. And thus it is in every state.

In October one of the leading Jewish dailies of New York City published two articles, each two columns in length, about the Seventh-day Adventists, and called the attention of the Jews to Seventh-day Adventists as an object lesson in proper Sabbath keeping. Just think of it! It is certainly remarkable.

At a recent session of the Atlantic Union Conference steps were taken to do aggressive work for the Jews, not only in the circulation of literature, but also to do definite gospel work; and it is expected that in the near future a mission for the Jews is to be opened in Boston. But we desire to have this literature scattered everywhere.

We feel grateful for what our dear brethren and sisters have done in scattering some literature, but more needs to be done. Sixty thousand copies of that Jewish tract "Israel's Deliverer," has been circulated, and it has been blessed to many hearts. Why should there

not be thousands more of them distributed? Have you given a copy of that tract to every Jew in your neighborhood? If not, will you not please send for some right away, and give the Jews an opportunity to read something on the Gospel message? The tracts are given away free, but be sure to inclose some offering to help the work along. Send all moneys to Miss Jennie Thayer, Secretary Atlantic Union Conference, South Lancaster, Mass.

F. C. GILBERT,
South Lancaster, Mass.

Educational.

How May We Develop the Missionary Spirit in Our Sabbath-Schools? *

Let us turn to the plant life for an example in development. What is it that causes the plant to grow? Can it grow in a cold, cheerless atmosphere, in hard frozen ground?—Oh, no, the warm spring rains and bright, genial sunshine thaw the frozen ground and touch the sleeping germs which quickly respond and spring into life. Then how do they grow? By any effort on their part?—No, indeed, they just drink in the sunshine and the rain, and by imbibing the sweet atmosphere around them, grow and develop into the perfect plant bearing the lovely flower or delicious fruit.

So it is with the missionary work in our Sabbath-school. These young minds, like the plants, are very susceptible to influences and a cold, lifeless, listless spirit will not melt the heart and cause the germ to spring into life any more than the snows of winter will awaken the dormant buds.

Now how and where shall we begin to touch the hard exterior, and arouse the missionary spirit that lies sleeping there?—I answer: in the home. There must the first seeds be sown; and only can they

*Paper read at Allegan Sabbath-school Convention.

be sown by setting the right example before our children. What will be the effect if we only TALK missionary work, and PRACTICE no self-denial in our lives? Would our children go to Sabbath-school with a burning desire to do missionary work?

Let us as parents realize the great responsibility that rests upon us. Oh let us be more zealous ourselves that we may properly train our children. If we simply talk about the great work to be done, and pray for the Lord to touch OTHER PEOPLE'S hearts—to send others with the gospel to the heathen,—I fear it will not have a very lasting impression. We want to do as the deacon's son did, who, when his father went, with others, to pray that a poor widow's wants might be supplied, followed with a load of provisions from his father's cellar, and replied, when questioned, that he was answering father's prayers.

We need to do less talking and praying sometimes and more DOING. When we can answer our own prayers, God is not going to perform any miracles to answer them for us.

Love is the basis of all missionary work. Without love all else is as "sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal." Love prompted the greatest missionary deed the world has ever known or ever will know: "For God so LOVED the world that he gave his only begotten son." It was love that led Christ to leave all the glories of his heavenly home, and come to this sin-cursed earth; take upon himself our frail, erring nature; submit to Satan's temptation; be subjected to all the insults that could be heaped upon him; and finally die an ignominious death upon the cross, suffering for the sins of the whole world. Was ever such an act of self-denial known? Love—sweet, holy, undiluted—only did all this. It was God's love that did not blot man out of existence when he sinned, and thus save his beloved

son all that terrible ordeal. Oh, the height, the breadth, the depth of love divine! Poor, finite minds can not begin to conceive of its magnitude.

How wonderful that God can use us—poor, helpless, weak, sinful mortals—to perfect his work upon the earth! And yet that is just the work he has given us to do. If only we could grasp this great truth! Could we only know what it means to be co-laborers with Christ! Let us have more love in our hearts. Let us not pray for the poor heathen, and go home and deny self of nothing.

If we have a church school for the purpose of developing missionaries, and send our children to school with pennies to go to the store and buy candy, allowing the self-denial boxes to hang empty upon the wall, think you the soil will be made mellow very fast? I believe those little boxes, if used as God intends them to be, would be a splendid start toward developing the missionary work in the Sabbath-schools. We have been told if we would put in only a penny a week—think of it, only a penny a week—it would mean the education of a great many colored children. Oh, for more of the love of Christ! It seems that we would encourage our children to deny self at least that much, if we had the least little, spark in our hearts.

Now after the seed has been planted and watered and tended at home, and begun to take root, the church school teacher has a work to do. Let her by precept, and especially by example, train these tender plants left daily in her care. Surely here is a place to develop a missionary spirit. And lastly the Sabbath-school teachers and officers have these growing shoots to raise to a still higher development. Let them in dress, in deportment, in habits, show that they live what they teach. Then the influences of the three combined will cause the young mind to grow spontaneously as the plant grows, expanding more

and more to the genial atmosphere surrounding it. The love of God will sink deep into the heart, and a love to do something for him will be the inevitable result. Then will be seen the fruit which such lives can not help but bear.

But we must remember that the plant grows by what it feeds upon, and not let the soil become hard and the plant choked with weeds. Oh, that we may have that close connection with the Living Vine that we may sink out of self into Christ, that our lives may be worthy of imitation, and we may develop the missionary spirit in the Sabbath school in such a manner that we may hear the words: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

(MRS.) STELLA McALLISTER.

Medical.

Medical Convention.

The late convention held by the Medical Department of the General Conference at College View, Neb., was a meeting of more than ordinary importance. There were a goodly number of physicians and ministers in attendance, representing the various districts and interests of the North American field. Most an excellent spirit was manifested by all present throughout the convention. Unusual freedom and liberty characterized the meeting. The Lord graced the meeting with the presence of his Holy Spirit, which was deeply felt by all who were present. This was one of the best meetings that I ever attended.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

Cedar Lake Academy Notes.

The enrollment of the school is now 53 and a prospect of still others.

Miss Olive Crumb of LeRoy is one of the late arrivals at the Academy.

Mrs. Julia Countryman of Battle Creek spent Sabbath and Sunday at the Academy.

Miss Frances Trunk of Six Lakes is staying at the home of Elder Fred Brink and is attending the Academy.

A reception was given the evening after the Sabbath by the home students to the outside students and friends. An interesting and profitable program was rendered.

The preaching hour last Sabbath was devoted to the young people's work. The program sent out to the societies was carried out by the young people. The exercises were made very interesting.

The interest of the students in the school is good. Many said on returning to school this year, "I intend to study and improve my time." With such resolutions carried out in the school room, good results are seen.

The composition class, led by their teacher, J. C. Brower, took a trip in the vicinity of the school last week for the purpose of inspecting the home of the muskrat, the examination to be used in correlation with composition.

Mrs. Anna Lawson and son Abner made her daughter Marguerite a short visit. The students are much cheered by these visits from the parents. It is also a means of establishing a bond of sympathy between the parents and the school. We trust others will "come and see."

News and Notes.

Sister Mabel Jaffray is opening work at Grand Haven.

Elder W. C. Hebner held short meetings at Glenwood and Mendon.

L. J. Otis, M. D., of Seatonville, Ill., is soon to be the physician in charge of the West Michigan Sanitarium in Grand Rapids.

Miss Margaret Haghey spent Thanksgiving at Berrien Springs with her sister, Miss Almeda Haughey.

The readings for the week of prayer are found in the "Review" of November 23. These can be furnished by the Tract Society.

F. B. Howard of Allegan made a short call at the office one day last week. He is planning to spend a short time in Emmanuel Missionary College preparatory to entering the ministerial work. J. M. Wilbur of Grand Rapids is planning to do the same.

Battle Creek.

Elders W. C. White, I. H. Evans, and S. N. Curtiss were callers in Battle Creek on their way from College View last week.

Brother Mahlon Olsen spent Sabbath with the Battle Creek church and spoke at the afternoon meeting to quite a good congregation. We are glad to see the faces of our old friends occasionally.

The Dorcas society of the Battle Creek church has been re-organized with a membership of about forty charter members. The society meets each Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock in the Dorcas room at the Tabernacle.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bayley, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Heckman, and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Harnden spent Thanksgiving Day with Elder M. N. Campbell and wife in Kalamazoo. A very pleasant and profitable time is reported.

Careful preparations have been made in Battle Creek for the week of prayer. The church has been divided into forty groups, each with its own leader. Each group will meet by itself during the week, and all will come together at the Tabernacle on Friday evening and Sab-

bath of both weeks. We are looking forward to a good time.

Last Sabbath morning Elder Tenny gave a Thanksgiving address in the Tabernacle, which was very practical and instructive. In the afternoon Elder Heckman spoke to the young people on the Heavenly Home. The attendance was very good indeed, and all seemed to be deeply interested. Following this meeting was an after-meeting, at which about fifty stayed. These all took part and some for the first time. All seemed to feel that this was a very good time indeed.

Special Numbers Bound Together.

As the most of our readers are aware, this is the last in a series of four Special Numbers of the SIGNS OF THE TIMES. These numbers are very closely connected, and are sold as a series only. For the convenience of those who desire to deliver them all at once, we have bound together Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, the prices of which will be as follows:

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