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"Give thyself entirely to Him,  
Do His will;  
And thy life the highest mission  
Will fulfil.  
Then pursue thy journey onward  
At His call,  
'Tis the path that leads thee homeward  
After all!"

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## COURAGE.

As the children of Israel were about to enter into the promised land, the Lord called His chosen servant aside to strengthen him for the conflict before him. His people were about to enter into their long desired possession, and to strengthen their leader, the Lord said, "Be strong and of a good courage." He well knew there was need of good courage in the camp. The river Jordan was yet to be crossed; Jericho with her massive walls was yet to be surrounded, and Ai to be overthrown. For all this there was need of courage.

Our position is similar to that of ancient Israel; we are on the verge of the heavenly Canaan. The troubles of earth are surrounding the people of God, and soon the last great struggle of earth and her nations will be upon us. To prepare His people for the conflict, come the encouraging words, "Be strong and of a good courage." God wants His people filled with courage, and He gives us this counsel, with the assurance that He is able to supply all our need. "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord." Let us therefore, brethren, wait on the Lord, and receive the courage needed for the controversy yet to come; that our souls may be filled with courage,

and that we may go forward from victory unto victory, and finally be overcomers in the kingdom of God.

J. L. SHAW.

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## FAITHFULNESS.

THE name given to our little paper, EASTERN TIDINGS, brings to my mind the 44th. verse of the 11th. chapter of Daniel:—"But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him." And then the momentous Eastern Question looms up, with all it means to us who are living in these last days just prior to the fulfilment of the prophecy contained in the 45th. verse:—"And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain."

Brethren, are we watching the progress of events, and noting with intense eagerness the history that is being made by earth's great nations to-day? Do we mark the respond of history to the voice of prophecy in the outbreak of war between Russia and Japan? And do we realize that these things are coming to pass because the Lord Jesus is longing to return to this sin and sorrow-stricken earth of ours, to take His redeemed to His father's house, where He has been preparing mansions of delight for them? But above all things, do we feel and understand that it rests with us to hasten His coming? The elect have to be sealed in the forehead with the seal of God. As we give this message, many are led to take their stand for the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, and will in their turn communicate it to others.

Brethren, are we agonizing and pleading with God to give us power to proclaim the message in all its beauty and simplicity? Let us remember that we can improve our talents only as we are faithful in the little things that fall to our lot to do each day in the Master's great harvest field. Let us begin in the home circle. If we are canvassing, let us work faithfully at this, with an eye single to the glory of God. If we are nursing, or labouring in a printing-office, or giving Bible readings, or preaching sermons; if we are on church or school committees, or on advisory boards let us be faithful, even though we may encounter opposition and discouragement from our own brethren. Jesus says "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Thank God for this promise. Oh, how it encourages! Though Men may misunderstand us, and misconstrue our motives, God reads our inmost hearts, and lo, the promise is made by Him, and none other.

If we are faithful, the Lord gives us many precious experiences; something new to encourage occurs every day. Thus He takes us from strength to strength, and is continually fitting us that He may accomplish His good purpose in us, and in all men. "Blessed be the Lord my strength." Let us pray Him to make us faithful, and still more faithful. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." This then is the secret of how to obtain the necessary strength to enable us to be faithful. Then shall we hasten the consummation of the blessed hope, even the coming of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ, in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. Brethren, be faithful, and you will enter the kingdom, taking your sheaves with you.

A. G. WATSON.

## NAINI TAL.

ANOTHER month has quickly slipped from view, and as we look back in review, it speaks plainly of the watchful care and love of our Heavenly Father. To know that He leads, when all seems dark, brings rest and peace.

We were in Moradabad five days, including the Sabbath, and had the privilege of meeting with a lady and her husband who have been keeping the Sabbath for several years. Their zeal and interest in present truth were manifested in many ways.

Although the place is quite small, I spent three and one half days canvassing, and found thirty-five families who were interested enough to purchase the *Oriental Watchman*.

Bareilly was our next stopping place. Here we found mostly military people, who are very hard to approach. Here we truly see that nothing short of the power of God can move them to a right understanding of the truth. We know it always takes that power, but here it seems to need more of a manifestation. Here also I met a captain of the Salvation Army, who after discussing the subjects of eternal torment and other subjects on doctrinal points, in which she spoke of the *Oriental Watchman* as taking a wrong stand, finally decided to study some of those subjects more carefully, and use the *Oriental Watchman* as a help for at least six months.

May the Lord give strength and wisdom to those in whose keeping He has placed the paper, that truth may shine from its pages in a way that will win every honest heart.

At midnight of April 3rd. we left Bareilly and arrived at Naini Tal after a long tiresome journey up the mountain path. Having made no previous arrangements concerning rooms, we were at a loss to

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### OUR HEARTS ARE WITH YOU.

[JUST as we were going to Press with EASTERN TIDING, the following letter was received by the overland mail. We are sure it will be read with interest by all.]

THE EASTERN TIDINGS is read with deep interest by us whose hearts are specially with you. I can speak this word also for Brother and Sister Ellery Robinson, who are now in Washington. Ere the work closes we expect to be with you in India again. We thank God for the growth of your work, as it has been organized and developed in the last few years. The last TIDINGS brought the glad word of Brother Shaw's improvement in health. I believe we shall be able to add to your forces this season; for we long to see public effort made in numbers of the cities of India where the literature has prepared the way.

The India field is doing splendidly in scattering out the little force of workers. A letter just received from Brother Armstrong brings the good news that he is preparing to enter Colombo. The Board had Bombay in mind in appointing Brother Armstrong, but Colombo is equally needy. And now I do trust the Lord may guide in the selection of further help, so that the message of truth may ring out in Bombay and other cities.

In planting the work in India much of the strength has thus far been devoted to Calcutta. Now I know the believers there will heartily join our churches in other lands

in making this year one of special prayer and thought for the regions beyond. The Lord is witnessing to this call of the hour. The believers are resisting the tendency to settle down and gather strength about old centers. It is the surest way of losing strength. It has been a time of reorganization in this, the home land of the message. But as the stakes have been strengthened, we shall surely see the cords lengthened. Be strong and of good courage, and let us keep our sins forgiven. That is the secret of strength and courage.

India is on the list for reinforcements. We pray God that all the workers and believers may be kept in health and strength and in the love of the truth. There is a stirring of new life in this grand cause of the third angel's message. We shall have a general Asiatic conference ere long, I believe, with workers from Japan and China, India and Burma, and the East Indies, meeting somewhere in the South-east to counsel together in the plans for the evangelization of Asia with the closing message. It is a great work, but by the grace of God it will be done. We must throw out our battle line, few as we are, until it surrounds the field. Then we shall shout "the sword of the Lord and of Gideon," and God will give the victory. Our hearts are with you.

W. A. SPICER.

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know where we could stay, but walked right to a place where we could stop until rooms were found.

This is the most beautiful place we have seen since coming to India. The large mirror-like lake enclosed by the great hills, and these dotted with cottages, speak of God's plan concerning man's dwelling place.

Mr. & Mrs. W. O. JAMES.

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### SANITARIUM.

We have just finished the School of Health which was begun the last of February—or I might better say it was finished about three weeks ago, and was followed by two practical lessons in cookery. There have been a few ladies who manifested a special interest, seeming very earnest in their inquiries about the points brought out in the lessons given.

There were some who attended every lesson, not missing one. Ten ladies handed in their names as especially desirous of taking the lessons in Hygienic Cookery. The two classes which were held were well attended; but being so warm now it is very difficult to get out early enough in the afternoon to have a proper time for the lesson before it gets late, so it was decided to discontinue for the present.

The month of April was a very good one for the work here at the Sanitarium. The number of patients treated was much larger than the month previous, and the financial returns were somewhat better. The house was practically full of patients during the month.

Regular Bible studies are being held with two of our patients, and we are praying that the seeds of truth sown may prove to be like those which were cast into the good ground.

We are looking for Sister Smith to return and connect with the work here at the

Sanitarium. She relieves Sister Reagan, who is making preparations for her return home, for a year's vacation.

Our brethren and sisters will be sorry to learn that Sister Lethbridge is among our number of patients, ill with fever. She has been suffering with it now for about a month, and still it seems persistent. We hope you will all remember this dear sister in your prayers, and we trust that she may soon again be restored to her husband and family in health.

Sister Scott is also here with her two little ones. They are recovering nicely, however, and will doubtless soon be all right again.

We have many encouraging experiences all along the way. One patient who left this last week seemed so happy over her progress while among us, and was making all preparation to follow out these principles in her own home where she was going.

Another patient, who left a short time ago, went away with her book, "Bible Readings," in her hands. She had been earnestly studying the book while she was here, and so before she left she bought one of her own, which she took home with her. She and her husband are both anxious to learn more of the truth, and they tried to arrange to have some one hold Bible studies with them; but living so far out, this is quite impossible. However the Lord does not leave humble seekers to themselves, but He can give his Word to them. This we believe He will do.

So we feel thankful that the Lord does bless the work, and we as workers are earnestly desirous of being in the place where He can work through us more effectually. We realize more than ever that the perils of the last days are right upon us, but it is only a little while and all our conflicts with the enemy will be over.

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BEFORE another month passes, in all probability, Brother and Sister Burgess and Brother and Sister Reagan will be on their way to America. We can ill afford to see these faithful workers leave us, but we must bow to the inevitable, and pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth others to take their places.

For many months Brother Burgess' health has been very poor; but we have hoped that he would become strong again, and go forward with the work he loves so dearly. We hope and pray that a change to the bracing climate of America may restore him to health once more.

Sister Burgess has learned to speak the Bengali fluently, and her work among that people will be greatly missed. At present we have not another to take up her work in the vernacular. When previously in the home-land, her efforts in getting means and workers were very successful, and we hope that strength and health may be given her to help India again in this way.

For nearly four and a half years Sister Reagan has laboured hard, notwithstanding home ties, to help build up the medical work, and we trust that the change and rest well-earned may prove beneficial.

We shall miss the self-sacrificing efforts of all these dear workers, and our prayers shall follow them.

Encouraging word comes from the

Mission Board that a special effort will be made the coming year to strengthen the force in India. Shall we not pray that consecrated men and women, of strong hearts and hands, shall be sent us to press forward the battle.

J. L. SHAW.

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CALCUTTA.

THE present is a time of encouragement to me as a Bible Worker in Calcutta. Four new openings have come to me during the past month to hold Bible readings, without any special effort on my part, and I thank God that He is giving me strength to step into these openings. The people are really longing for light and truth.

One young man has within the past week given his heart to the Saviour, and is intensely interested in the study of the Word. He often says "I don't tire of it; I would like a study every day." Another said, after a recent Bible study on the millennium, "This is a picture I shall ever retain in my mind, and I feel sure it will help me to meet temptation."

Another gentleman, who with his wife and mother are having several studies each week, said to me this morning "These things are new to me, but I believe you have presented nothing but the truth, and while I am troubled in regard to some things, I want to know more, and I want to know the truth."

Since Brother Armstrong's departure for Darjeeling, I have twice a week visited the little company at the Medical College and find, while they are undergoing many trials, they are of good courage, and full of interest in the studies.

All this fills my heart with love and praise and thankfulness, that the dear Lord has given me the privilege of uniting in this glorious work.

SARAH J. OLNEY.