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## A LETTER TO OUR BRETHREN AND SISTERS IN INDIA.

SINCE my return from Burmah, I have been spending a few weeks resting at Karmatar, which is a very quiet and restful place. Although not able to do much work I have been able to do quite a lot of reading and have read with much interest our religious papers published in different parts of the world. As I read these papers and watch the trend of events in the world as seen through the religious and secular press, I am more and more convinced that we are living in the generation that is to see the consummation of the Advent Hope. The world-wide message of Christ's Second Coming is going to the world as it has never gone before, and God is guiding the pen of our brethren in different lands with a readiness in bearing the message of this hour in a way that to me is very remarkable.

The reports of the progress of our work as given in the *Review and Herald* are soul-inspiring. God is greatly blessing the move that has been made in transferring the head-quarters from Battle Creek to Washington. When the move was first suggested, there were many who thought it would be disastrous to the cause, and that the separation of the work at Battle Creek might cause a division among our people. There was a feeling that such a step would necessitate so large an outlay of money as to make it unadvisable from a financial standpoint, but those who were at the head of the work followed the advice of God's aged servant, Sister White, and moved forward fearlessly, believing in God, and their hopes are being realized. There is a general spirit of unity among the zealous believers of the message that is inspiring.

I wish every one of the Sabbath-keepers took the *Review and Herald*. It comes to us every week freighted with deep spiritual truths and experiences of our people in all parts of the world. The progress which the work at

Washington is making, and the building of the head-quarters there, is reported from week to week. As you perhaps all know, the brethren who are leading out in the work there thought it would be necessary to raise about 100,000 dollars or about 3 lacs of rupees, to establish a Publishing House, Sanitarium and School at Washington, and so to accomplish this they have made a general appeal to our people in different parts of the world to make a donation to this work. It is encouraging to see how loyally our Brethren and Sisters are coming forward to help in this work. Already as reported in the last *Review and Herald* over one-fourth of the desired fund has been raised.

While at Karmatar, our workers there were talking about the work at Washington and all felt they wanted a little substantial interest in this good work, and so each one gave as he or she was able, and then sent our list down to Calcutta for the Church. Some may say why should we donate to the work in America while there is so much to be done in India? But we must remember that this is a world-wide message and God wants us to be soliberal and large-hearted that we will be as interested in the work in one place as another. Washington is to be the Head-quarters of our world-work and Sister White has said our people are to remember "that for the present the work in Washington is to be our first interest." For this reason some of our most able men are throwing their best interests into this work.

Shall we not give something toward this fund? I am sure it will be a means of increasing the interest of our people in America in the work in India. It will thrill their hearts to know that there are loyal souls in this land, whose hearts are interested in the same grand work. The sooner our work is established in Washington, the sooner will more means and more men be sent to other lands to hurry forward the proclamation of this truth in the dark corners of the earth. Every rupee that we give toward this work, will bring one hundred from without to speed forward the

evangelization of India. So let us, brethren, give something, no matter how small it may be. Much has been given to us—a truth which is to be our means of salvation. Let us learn to give as we have never done before.

In recent letters from the Mission Board of America, we are given definite assurance that a contingency of workers will reach India the coming cold season. The Board tells us that India is to be made first in receiving recruits. From letters received from Brother and Sister Quantock and Brother and Sister Burgess, we expect that they are all at Washington and will do all they can in getting workers for India.

Since writing the first part of this letter I have returned to Calcutta, and find all our workers very busy. The nurses at the Sanitarium are severely taxed to meet the demands upon them. How much we need young men and women of Christian character to connect with the Sanitarium and learn nursing! To care for the sick is a grand work. We hope the time is not far distant when a larger class of young people may take hold of this line of work.

YOURS IN HIS SERVICE,  
J. L. SHAW.

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### CALCUTTA.

DEAR Fellow-Workers,

You will no doubt be interested to know something of how we are getting along in our Sanitarium work. It has been quite a difficult undertaking for us to remove from our former premises to our present building, and it has also been a considerable expense to us, but I am thankful to say that we are nearly through with the work now, and I believe that we will be in better shape to do efficient work than we have ever been in the past. The house is, in many ways, better adapted to our work, being farther from the street and containing a larger number of rooms, which are arranged so that they can be divided into different Departments. This will be a great advantage to us. Our Treatment Rooms are more commodious and better fitted.

As I look back over the experience of the past two or three months, we have much to thank the Lord for in the way that things have worked out for us in connection with the moving and settling in our new quarters.

The expenses have been heavy, and at times it has strained our finances somewhat, but we have been able so far to meet our obligations, and we are trusting the Lord that he will supply us the means with which to meet our further obligations which will come to us in connection with the settlement of the place.

The workers are all of good courage, I think, and ready to do all they possibly can for the advancement of the interests of the Institution, and this helps greatly in carrying it forward. We have to thank some of our friends and workers for the interest they have shown in our work in a material way by making small donations toward the furnishing of our house. There is much more, of course, that we need in such an undertaking, but we must go slowly and wait for this to come in the way that the Lord may see fit to send it.

R. S. INGERSOLL.

YOUR readers will no doubt, be glad to record and give glory to God with the undersigned, for what is being done in this city and round about by the Seventh-Day Adventists for giving the *last message* to the Bengalee Christian Community in their own language.

Since the beginning of the present year, we have carefully read the Book of Daniel with Charts in our usual Sabbath morning Meetings held at No 1, Dehi Serampore Road, Intally. The using of the charts in the study of the Prophecies—for we are now studying the Book of Revelation—has created a deep interest in our small congregation. Some of our hearers have been so much interested in Present Truths, that they are filled with a desire and zeal to reach out to their brethren and sisters, and have therefore come forward with funds to help me to circulate *tracts by post*.

During the last month and up to date, I have received voluntary donations amounting to Rs. 22 from the Bengalee congregation for purchasing and sending by post, (1) Sample copies of *Oriental Watchman*, *Good Health* and *Present Truth Tracts* in English, to the English-knowing Bengalee Christians in this city and elsewhere, and (2) Bengalee Tracts published by the *local International Tract Society*, to the Bengalee Christians who do not know English.

We have now altogether 24 Bengalee Sabbath-keepers in this congregation including

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## NEWS AND NOTES.

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THE attention of our readers is directed to the letter on the first page. It is from the pen of the Superintendent of this Mission field, and contains some interesting and encouraging truths in regard to the work in Washington and India, and the progress of the third Angel's message upon the earth. May the free Spirit of the Lord Jehovah move upon hearts as they read it, and wait on Him for counsel, and may a hearty response be given by the loyal subjects of Prince Immanuel in this dark land of India.

A LIST has been set going by the good Spirit of our God, and nine or ten have already donated to the cause of Him from whom we daily receive all things. Come up, brethren, to the help of the Lord against the mighty, that all suffering and misery may be forever ended in the speedy consummation of this Blessed Hope.

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The reports from the various points of the field where our faithful workers are leading the van-guard, cheer our hearts and fill our mouths with praise for our invincible leader, as our minds are impressed that the great day of His Coming is hastening on. Take courage, brothers and sisters. Let none fall out by the way, that all may have a part in the great coronation ceremony of our Beloved Prince.

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BROTHER Owen and Sister Hansen have been for some little time past, holding cottage meetings in Calcutta. These, according to the testimony of those attending and studying the truth, are much appreciated.

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Since our report in the July number, where reference was made to two of the Sisters connected with the Calcutta Church as having taken up active out-door work in the city, another has followed in their footsteps, and still another contemplates stepping out in the same line, trusting in the promises of God.

What an influence is exerted by example! How appropriate then are the words of Jesus—  
"Let your light so shine forth before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

May the church in India be a working one. Thus will it be purified. May the spirit of sacrifice take hold of each member. Thus will there be no more room for complaint, and the church prepared to receive the full out-pouring of the latter rain, which will finish up the mystery of the gospel, and bring the Lord Jesus again to this earth.

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AN interesting baptismal service was held in the meeting hall at No. 39-1, Free School Street, on Sabbath, September 10th 1904, at which, three souls evinced their decision to live up to the light the Holy Spirit had shed into their hearts. One, an aged sister of 82 (Eighty-two) years, totally deaf, had read herself into the truth. The writer who had formed her acquaintance several months previously, and had been supplying her with the literature laden with the present truth, had no idea that she was so near taking her stand for the commandments of God, and manifesting the faith of Jesus to the world. Let us faithfully sow beside all waters, remembering the promise in respect of God's word—  
"It shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Isa. 55. 11.

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THOSE of us in the International Tract Society's Office and in the Press in Calcutta have been encouraged by recent experiences. The Lord, in answer to the prayers of His servants, is stirring up a spirit of inquiry among the people in the land as evidenced by the letters that come into the office desiring a knowledge of the teachings of the scriptures and requesting tracts on doctrinal subjects, besides recommending our periodicals and books. Requests for printing work have been sent in to the Press, entirely unsolicited, and satisfaction expressed with the work supplied. But for lack of sufficient type, and for other reasons, our acceptance of these outside orders has to be restricted. It is our desire to do all things with an eye single to the glory of God alone, and as we humbly wait on Him, wisdom will be granted.

A. G. WATSON.

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adults and children. These have become acquainted with the eternal truth of the Sabbath and are now keeping it. In the congregation, three families, out of which two families have children two or three years old, have dispensed with the usual cooking on Sabbath days. We have found this course a very effective, sure and silent way of calling the attention of our neighbours to, as also preaching to them, the truth of the Sabbath. I have already noticed that requests for tracts on the true and false Sabbath are coming from quarters least expected.

On an average 30 souls attend our Sabbath morning meetings. A. C. MOOKERJEE.

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**SIMULTALA.**

SINCE our last report to the "Tidings," God has been helping and blessing us in the work at Simultala and the district, and we are full of faith and courage to go forward in His Name. During Elder Shaw's last visit, he had the pleasure of baptizing three Santhals, the first-fruits among the Santhals, as far as we know, as Sabbath-keepers. Two were school students and one a young woman, the wife of our school assistant, and thank God they are doing well and studying the message. The young woman will soon be able to read her Bible, although she could not read until lately.

The two newly-baptized students lead the other students on Sabbath days into the villages to sing and preach the gospel and circulate tracts and papers. We also have the Sabbath School lessons translated into Santhali and by the aid of our Prophetic Chart wespend a very profitable hour together.

In October, we hope to have a visit from Brother Shaw, when he will D. V. dedicate our New Village Church and School-house which has been built by God's help during the past few months and which is situated about 9 miles from the Simultala Mission on the north-east side and right among the Santhals. The fifteen Santhal students from the Training School will go with us to open up the village School work and we hope to locate a newly baptized Sabbath-keeper there after we have started the School. There have been two inquirers, both Bengalis, requesting baptism during the month and God willing we hope to see them coming out on the Lord's side, and on Brother Shaw's visit one or both may be baptized. I visit one weekly about

seven miles away and he comes here weekly, he was here last Sabbath.

We have had nearly 100 sick cases during the past 3 months and a few Cholera cases of which 4 have already recovered, for which we thank God. God bless all of our fellow-workers in India Burma, and Ceylon.

W. A. BARLOW.

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**SIMLA.**

THE Lord is blessing the work here in Simla; day by day we can see his guiding hand in all that concerns us, we can also see that a power goes with his word which carries conviction to the honest of heart and causes them to see their need of a closer walk with God.

Since our last report, three have numbered themselves with those who are keeping the Commandments of God. One of those mentioned in last report, has been working for the Lord and telling this precious truth to her friends and as a result, another honest heart has begun keeping the Sabbath and is rejoicing in the truth. Each week she attends the Bible study and her face reveals just how precious this message is to her.

Another, after receiving the light on the Sabbath question says, "I thank God for the light, and let's kneel and thank him together."

Mr. James has been having a good experience in his work and we hope to see many brought to a knowledge of the truth through the printed page.

Altogether 276 subscriptions have been taken here for the paper, and we know the Lord can cause these silent messengers to do a great work for him even though we may never see any results.

While canvassing the other day he met another Sabbath-keeper who really thought that she was the only one in Simla. She seems very zealous in the truth and was delighted to find others in the same faith.

MRS. W. O. JAMES.

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**CEYLON.**

DURING the past month, our hearts have been much encouraged in the work which the Lord has given us to do. The attendance and

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interest at our meetings have been good, considering the fact that we are yet meeting in our own Bungalow. Several who have attended these studies have prayed, as they have never prayed before; that the will of God may be done in their hearts, even as in Heaven. Just where we are in the history of our world and just what is taking place in the religious world, has been clearly seen. The "man of sin" has been unmasked, and shown to be the "little horn," and the anti-Christ of Prophecy. We are also meeting for a Bible study every Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. A young lawyer, who is the acting Crown Proctor of Colombo, is attending each one, and is seeing much light on the "Sabbath Question." We are praying that he may have grace given him to take his stand.

Beginning with Sunday 21st, we opened a season of Prayer Meetings continuing them for over a week. During this time the Lord came very near, and the quiet influences of the Holy Spirit testified unto many hearts of the power of the truth. We are sure that these meetings did much to establish the truth among this people.

We have also opened up a weekly meeting in the Maradana district, six miles away from Colpetty. We hope to see fruit from this opening.

The barriers of prejudice are fast breaking down. All know us to be Seventh-day Adventists and yet I have been invited to speak for other assemblies. I addressed the Y. M. C. A. gathering and two other different religious bodies. They all testify that God has given us a truth that has power with men.

We are thankful for what is being done, but this is scarcely a beginning. We must make a public stand and push forward an aggressive effort without further delay. We need means and men to strengthen our hands now. What

can you do now to help us here? God will honour your every investment as you seek to make a covenant with Him by sacrifice.

H. A.

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THE Lord is so good, one feels like singing all the time, Praise Him. We are working more slowly this year, but the different places get a very thorough canvass. At Calicut the Lord gave me nearly one hundred rupees worth in orders, all amongst poor people and Catholics, and as it is not a big place, I felt as if the Lord had blessed wonderfully. What grand news the *Review* brings us! We pray for the Lord's blessing on the work in Calcutta.

D. JEWETT.

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BURMA.

THE chart and tracts are very nice weapons with which to push on the present truth among the Burmans and Karens. We earnestly hope that God will prosper our handiwork in no time.

We are preaching among the Burman and Karen Christians, also to the heathens.

I am at present composing some tracts in Burmese which will be printed in due course for free distribution.

Sister Mah May is at present in Moulmein doing her best work there.

MG. MAUNG.

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NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

OUR Brethren are respectfully requested to forward their contributions to the office, as far as possible so as to reach here by the 10th. of each month. We cannot promise to insert in the current issue those received after that date. Your co-operation with us in this respect will be much appreciated.

Owing to the late arrival of some manuscript, we are obliged to issue the accompanying Supplement with this number.

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