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## THE WORK FOR THIS TIME.

BRETHREN and sisters, would that I might say something to awaken you to the importance of this time, the significance of the events that are now taking place. I point you to the aggressive movements now being made for the restriction of religious liberty. God's sanctified memorial has been torn down, and in its place a false sabbath, bearing no sanctity, stands before the world. And while the powers of darkness are stirring up the elements from beneath, the Lord God of heaven is sending power from above to meet the emergency by arousing his living agencies to exalt the law of heaven. Now, just now, is the time to work in foreign countries. As America, the land of religious liberty, shall unite with the papacy in forcing the conscience and compelling men to honour the false Sabbath, the people of every country on the globe will be led to follow her example. Our people are not half awake to do all in their power, with the facilities within their reach, to extend the message of warning.

The Lord God of heaven will not send upon the world His judgments for disobedience and transgression until He has sent His watchman to give the warning. He has sent His watchman to give one warning. He will not close up the period of probation until the message shall be more distinctly proclaimed. The law of God is to be magnified; its claims must be presented in their true, sacred character, that the people may be led to decide for or against the truth. Yet the work will be cut short in righteousness. The message of Christ's Righteousness is to sound from one end of the earth to the other to prepare the way of the Lord. This is the glory of God, which closes the work of the third angel.

Now is the time for the last warning to be given. There is a special power in the presentation of truth at the present time, but how long will it continue?—Only a little while. If there was ever a crisis, it is now.

All are now deciding their eternal destiny. Men need to be aroused to realize the solemnity of the time, the nearness of the day when human probation shall be ended. Decided efforts should be made to bring the message for this time prominently before the people. The third angel is to go forth with great power. Let none ignore this work, or treat it as of little importance.

The light we have received upon the third angel's message is the true light. The mark of the beast is exactly what it has been proclaimed to be. Not all in regard to this matter is yet understood, nor will it be understood until the unrolling of the scroll; but a most solemn work is to be accomplished in our world.

The Lord's command to His servants is, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins." Isa. 58 : 1.

There is no change in the general features of our work. It is to stand as clear and distinct as prophecy has made it. We are to enter into no confederacy with the world, supposing that by so doing we could accomplish more. If any stand in the way, to hinder the advancement of the work in the lines that God has appointed, they will displease God. No line of truth that has made the Seventh-day Adventist people what they are, is to be weakened. We have the old landmarks of truth, experience, and duty, and we are to stand firmly in defence of our principles, in full view of the world.

Men will employ every means to make less prominent the difference between Seventh-day Adventists and observers of the first day of the week. A company was presented before me under the name of Seventh-day Adventists, who were advising that the banner, or sign, which makes us a distinct people, should not be held out so strikingly. But this is not the time to haul down our colours, to be ashamed of our faith. This distinctive ban-

ner, is described in the words, "Here is the patience of the saints, here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus," is to be borne through the world to the close of probation. While efforts should be increased to advance in different localities, there must be no cloaking of our faith to secure patronage. Truth must come to souls ready to perish; and if it is in any way hidden, God is dishonoured, and the blood of souls will be on our garments.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

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### CEYLON.

COLOMBO—We are sure that our *Eastern Tidings'* friends and readers will be interested to learn of our first public effort in Ceylon. Having received a donation of a beautiful tent from our dear Healdsburg College students after arranging for all the furnishings and fittings, we decided to open our meetings on Sept. 24th. We had, after much difficulty secured a most favourable piece of land on which to erect our tent. At first it seemed as though we could not possibly get it as the landlord said he required it for his own use, but we had faith that our God whom we serve could move upon his heart, and he did so, and when we visited the landlord the third time he freely gave it to us, rent free.

Our tent is a 50 feet circular one, and is capable of seating 300 persons. As we spread the canvas, many came crowding around to see the first Gospel Tent in Ceylon. After the tent was erected, with its banners flying in the cool of the evening breeze, it looked like a beautiful white memorial of peace and love. We had the platform tastily arranged with a row of palms and ferns extending across the front. We also had a nice carpet for the platform while the front and sides were covered with art muslin. Our organ was also partly covered with ferns and flowers and presented a most beautiful view of living glory and natural beauty. The tent itself was also well-seated, well-lighted, and carpeted. We found it necessary to carpet the tent owing to the ants and other creeping things which abound among us. The chairs (200) which were all made by our own hands were so arranged in the tent as to form a crescent leading up to the platform.

Promptly at 6 o'clock Sunday Evening Sept. 24th. we opened our first service. Before we began, about 100 adult persons had taken their seats, and before we had finished singing our first hymn, "Jesus lover of my soul," we had over 150 adult persons present, while many others stood round the tent sides. Our first Sermon was on "The Infallible Word of God" in contrast to the doctrine and traditions of men. The Lord gave us much freedom and manifested His presence among us in power.

The following evening meetings were also well attended and we soon found that many of our audience were deeply interested in the truths presented from night to night. On the 29th. of Sept. it began to rain and continued to rain for 21 days. It was not a gentle rain, but the rain was accompanied by strong monsoon winds. Our tent began to leak and we soon found, much to our regret, that those who so nobly came through storm and wind could not find a dry seat. Yet they came night after night, so deeply interested were they in the unfolding of the "truth as it is in Jesus."

On the 20th. of Oct. the weather began to clear and since that time we have had an increase in attendance and several are now concerned over the Sabbath truth. We are dealing with the plain truths of God's Word and we already find that some of those who have attended all through the meetings, and have accepted the truth as presented, are meeting with persecution.

Since the erection of the tent the "Shepherds" have had more interest in their sheep. They learned that some of their flock "love to wander" into our tents, and so they have visited from house to house warning the sheep "not to go to the tent any more." Some of the *Padres* have even threatened to excommunicate them if they do so. But good sheep love good pasture and so they come, and we love to have them come in, even though we are called "sheep-stealers."

Notwithstanding the rain both inside and outside of the tent, we have been able to demonstrate the value and future usefulness of tent work in the East. We are sure that there is a glorious future for our work throughout India, Burma and Ceylon. So far we have

found that the people have cheerfully contributed enough money to pay all our running expenses.

Just what the final results of this effort will be, we cannot tell, but we are sure that, in the glad harvest time, sheaves of rejoicing will be gathered into the heavenly Garner. May it be, even so, for His name's sake.

H. E. ARMSTRONG.

#### RECOLLECTIONS.

DEAR FELLOW WORKERS IN INDIA,

This afternoon my mind has been recalling some of the precious experiences gained while with you in India.

Not long ago I found myself studying one of the India Railway Guides, travelling from city to city and from town to town, and then to realize that we are now separated from that work which has been such a joy, by so many thousands of miles, caused tears in spite of self-control.

Never was there a time when I felt homesick until I left the Orient but now it seems we are far from home.

Day by day our prayers and petitions rise to Him whose "eyes run to and fro through the whole earth" that he will show himself strong in your behalf who are bearing burdens in that oven-like country.

Since leaving there we are both stronger but Mrs. James is yet far from being well. We are looking forward to the cold weather to tone us up.

We heard words of courage spoken by workers representing almost the entire world while at the Conference in Washington. How we can enter into the feelings and experiences when related to encourage God's people to rise to finish the work, which has now almost run the limit of national languages. We need now to seek the "Lord of the harvest" for that latter rain which will permit the mighty workings of his power to control our lives, that we may be humble while being used of him in doing a great work.

"Trust in the Lord" and he will truly guide you individually and "we shall reap if we faint not."

We are trusting, with you, in the Truth which will triumph. Yours in hope,

W. O. JAMES.

#### BOMBAY.

By the Lord's help we arrived safely in Bombay October 18th. and made it our home at the Temperance Hall for a few days while we studied our field of labour. At the Temperance Hall we learned of one old man that was interested in the Sabbath, also of people who wanted the Great Controversy and in different ways made acquaintances that we feel will be of help to us later. We were soon found by Sisters Smith and Haegert who had so kindly found a home for us, in which we have our present quarters. We expect to help canvass the territory and thereby better learn the peculiarities of this great city. We will dispute no one who says Bombay has a hot climate yet feel that by God's grace we shall endure it nicely. It is a great comfort to us to know that such a paper as *Eastern Tidings* exists to bind the hearts together of those who have cast their lots in this needy field. It is our earnest prayer and longing that God will use us to glorify His name, to get the truth to the people and thereby hasten His glorious appearing. We bring greetings to all the India workers from the land of the Stars and Stripes and assure them all that America has not forgotten her sons and daughters who are wearing their lives away for the Master's sake. Let us keep our lamps ever bright and hearts full of courage and trusting Him who watches alway the path of his own. We ask an interest in your prayers for success in spreading the pure third Angel's Message.

CARL A. HANSEN.

OTHILLA J. HANSEN.

According to direction we left off canvassing in the Punjab and came to Bombay to meet Elder and Mrs. Hansen, who arrived in India a few days earlier than expected. We were glad to welcome them into this great metropolitan city.

We, at present, are canvassing in the Suburbs and have so far one with success. A good many people are interested in the health principles and seem anxious to carry them out in their homes.

The Parsees are very much to the front here but are much more reserved than we have found them elsewhere.

October is considered the worst month of the year in Bombay, and it is only lately that people have commenced to return from their visit to the hill stations close by. The nights are delightfully cool, and almost in a way make up for the heat of the day. Our little cottage is situated in a large open space and the sea-breeze comes sweeping through which makes the air quite refreshing. On our way down from the Punjab we visited Brother and Sister Johnson in their home at Rohri, in the Sind District and spent a very pleasant and profitable time together. It greatly strengthened and encouraged us to find them both holding up firmly the light of truth in its simplicity. While there we canvassed Rohri and Sukkar, the latter a small railway station near by.

In all our work during the last six months we have met with unexpected kindness and consideration from the different peoples we have come in contact with. Surely the Lord is good to us, and the blessings He gives us are above all that we can ask or think! Each of us can exclaim with one of old—"Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me bless His holy name." Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." Ps. 103.

D. ELLA SMITH.  
FRIEDA M. HARGERT.

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**CALCUTTA.**

"Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me bless His Holy name." I have much cause to be thankful to the Lord for His mercies both spiritual and physical. My health has improved since I have been connected with the work in the Tract Society's office. I feel grateful to the Lord that He has given me a part in this closing work. Though not out in the field like most of the workers, still, right here I have opportunities of giving the Message in one form or another to the different ones who write in.

Recently we have had letters coming in from subscribers raising objections to the Sabbath, Nature of Man and other articles that have appeared from time to time in *The Oriental Watchman*. Thus we see that the paper is being read and we at the office have opportunities of sending such, more reading matter,

It will also be interesting to know that we have had calls from people of other denominations for our tracts both English and Bengali for distribution. The truth must go and if we are slow in doing our part, the Lord will raise up others to carry it on. Brothers and Sisters let us each do our part faithfully.

A. O'CONNOR.

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**SANITARIUM.**

I AM glad to report that the work is onward at the Sanitarium. All seem willing to lift in their several places and are happy in lifting.

August and September were quite busy months with us in all departments except the ladies' treatment-rooms. The work in this department has been a little slack during the whole season due to the fact that the ladies who were patronizing them have gone away to the hills or home for a change. They will be coming back now and besides new patients are coming in for treatments, so that Mrs. Mackie has enough to keep her busy.

During the present month we have not been quite so busy in the gentlemen's treatment-rooms and the indoor work has been about the average. At the present time we have 7 indoor patients. The total average of the treatments given in the treatment-rooms this year is probably about one third more than last year up to this time.

We have had some very encouraging cases among our patients this year. Instances of healing far above what we had hoped except for the special blessings of the Lord. A well-known business man came to us a short time ago and said "Here I am. I have been taking medicine from different physicians for a long time. I feel better temporarily but unless I continue to take a stimulant of some sort I am fit for nothing. Unless you can put me right, I must give up my work and leave the country. Now take me and do whatever you wish with me only so you put me right." We took him in hand asking the Lord as we did so to give wisdom in his case. I believe He did, for he left after a stay with us quite himself again and well pleased. He had the opportunity of seeing that we kept the Seventh-day Sabbath

and of course asked how it was. This gave opportunity for us to explain. Practically all of our patients at one time or another are influenced to ask similar questions. Eternity alone will reveal how many have been influenced toward the truth by a stay or course of treatment here.

Another case, a lady of influence who had been suffering for years and was getting worse rather than better. Hers was a rather obscure case and exact diagnosis somewhat difficult. We drew our conclusion and mapped out a course of treatment for her and now she is much better. I believe this is in answer to prayer. I know there have been prayers offered for her and her progress has been greater than I expected in so short a time.

Another lady came for treatment some time ago and her case had baffled the skill of her physician for some time. I told her she should have treatment for a month. She said she could stay only two weeks. Then we did what we could in that time. At the end of two weeks she was appreciably better and went home quite pleased. I have since heard that she is quite all right.

A person on whom we performed a major operation some time ago reports that she is taking exercise that she has been absolutely unable to attempt for years heretofore.

These are among the encouraging features at the Sanitarium. At the same time we have our perplexities and annoyances but He has grace for all these, so we will not mention them.

Our finances are also very encouraging. We have paid debts and increased assets to the amount of about two thousand rupees during the past nine months. This we consider very good and if it continues will, in time, clear the obligations incurred during the last year when we moved here. It is really better than I had expected when our staff was so incomplete as it was till June 2nd., when we welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Reagan and Miss McIntyre.

Prayers are solicited in behalf of this institution that it may fill the place the Lord has for it. R. S. INGERSOLL. M. D.

#### THE BENGALI WORK.

During the past month a Hindu, once a Sub-Depy. Magistrate under the Government, now an invalid, has been visited almost every day. Brother Chokrovorty gave Mr. Sing several Bible Readings. My second son Nobo gave him some treatments. We are glad to find that the Lord has been blessing our humble efforts. The poor man now longs to have some one of us to always visit him, read the Scriptures and pray with him. He reads the Bible regularly and prays openly. His faith in Christ as his Saviour and the Bible as his guide is remarkable. Over a year he is bedridden and has to be helped out. He is shunned by his own people except his old mother. He is about 50. Will you remember him in your prayers? It is so interesting to hear him speak how Brother Watson first made his acquaintance while out canvassing on the North part of Calcutta.

I am now very busy in going through the manuscripts for the Bengali publications, sent me by Brother Gwyther. We have already placed the Bengali MS. for "Is Sunday the Sabbath?" with the Watchman Press. Brother Chokrovorti is engaged now in translating "His Glorious Appearing" and "The Immortality of the Soul." By and by the Lord is going to give us a good stock of Bengali tracts to work with.

In my last report I mentioned some families leaving us, but the Lord be praised, one of the number has come back but is being persecuted by her husband, who actually stopped her attending our Sabbath-Meeting. The Lord helped her to come last Sabbath. She is keeping the Sabbath for 3 years now, and has been very regular in the meetings. She requests our prayers for her husband's conversion.

In a village in the district of Faridpur, the Lord is working among the people there. There are about 200 families, who are Protestant Christians. During the last 2 or 3 months, we have had 3 inquirers one after another from this station. Two of them believed the truth and have expressed their desire to live the truth and therefore wanted instructions. They returned after being with us for 2 or 3 days at a time and began to tell their own people about the truth they had heard from us, and several

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have joined them and are writing to us to go up at once there and start work. One of the local Missionaries came over to inquire about our work. He had a long talk with us regarding our work and went away satisfied. I believe that the S. D. A. people are not what people suppose them to be. The people are writing to us almost twice a week, asking us to write out instructions for them. So for the last two weeks I am writing out Bible Readings for them.

The Lord is going to let the light of truth shine bright at the station mentioned above. Brethren, pray for these people that they may find sufficient strength to stand for the truth, and pray that the Lord give us strength, health, and His Spirit to penetrate right into the heart of Bengal and deliver the Message like faithful servants.

A. C. MOOKERJEE.

## NOT FORGOTTEN.

NOTWITHSTANDING the many calls in the States to advance the cause we so dearly love, India is not forgotten. Rs 21 was raised by the children of Academia, Ohio to help support an old lady who was turned away from home because she broke her caste. Bro. Barlow found her in a field, took her to his compound and has cared for her ever since. Rs. 450 was sent to help support Mg. Maung in Burma and Rs. 600 was secured for the medical work. Sr. Burgess raised over Rs 1,000 at the Ohio Camp Meeting. Eld. Spicer writes me that Bro. and Sr. Burgess expected to have Rs. 3,000 before leaving for India to engage in the work among the Hindustanis and that they would leave Mar-

seilles about the middle of November. An elderly lady writes:—"Dear Bro., Your kind favour of Aug. 14th. to hand. I certainly thank the Lord for sparing your life. It is my daily prayer that the precious lives of our missionaries may be spared, that not another one may fall on the field until the work is ended, and if any one is sick that their lives may be spared and they speedily restored to health. I depend upon some of you to select a worthy young man, that I shall educate for a native missionary. I shall make him a special object of prayer. I will endeavour to send the money regularly. I am sixty years old, all alone, earn my own living, and whatever I give I feel that I can do so little for Him that has done so much for me. If I can only be the means of putting one missionary in the field that will be a soul-winner, I am willing to make any sacrifice. If more money is needed, let me know."

A Bro. writes from New York, that he heard Sr. Robinson plead for means to educate a native to engage in the work. He said he had paid in the amount for one year, and expected to keep it up. He said he could not go to India, but that the Lord had blessed him with a little means, and he was willing to do what he could to advance the truth in India. This Sister and Bro. desire the picture of these young men we select to educate, that they may interest others in the same enterprise.

You will remember that an appeal was made through this paper last month for means to pay the passage of Willie Meyers from Australia to Colombo to engage in the canvassing work. The money was made up at once, and a draft has been sent for his fare. The company at Rangoon raised Rs 100 of the amount needed.

Now I am sure all these things make us happy and help to brighten our lives. Truly the Lord is good to us all, and ready to bless in every time of need. I have recently heard from all the workers, and they are all of good courage and enjoying their work.

W. W. MILLER.

Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

## Supplement.

### SIMULTALA,

WE have left Simultala for Babolmohol Mission station about nine miles to the north-east which we think is a very nice country-place and right in the midst of Santals. We have a river very near by, and a government road which runs between Banka and Simultala and is used by carts, bicycles etc. very much. The Dak runner, or Post Peon runs by our Mission station daily about midday and we have many travellers passing by day and night either on foot or by cart and bike, so this gives us many opportunities to circulate gospels and tracts both in English and the Vernaculars, and by so doing brings us in contact with many anxious souls who can sit down in our small tent pitched by the road-side for the purpose of circulating gospel tracts etc. and selling Vernacular gospels, and circulating the old copies of *The Oriental Watchman*, *Present Truth*, *Review and Herald*, and other papers. We have one native evangelist nearly always stationed in the little gospel-tent for this work, which gives one the very best training for dealing with anxious souls and those who are ready to investigate the Present Truth.

We have at present 16 students in the boarding school, besides 6 more as day scholars, and they are doing well, thank God, in their studies of Hindi, Bengali, Santhali and a few in English, also in Bible studies and gospel songs. They also go out with us to the Santhal villages on Sabbath days to sing the gospel songs and get a training in evangelistic work. They have helped us in building a small house for themselves to live in since we came here. At first we had only one house with three rooms. No. 1 was used by the boarders, no. 2 by my family, and no. 3 by the teacher (Santhali) and his family, so now we have a little more room. They have also dug 50 or 60 holes (3 ft. by 3 ft.) for fruit trees and we have lately put out a number of plantain trees of a good kind. The well is being dug wider and deeper before we have it built up by the masons.

The villagers of Basmata, all heathen except the village teacher who was baptized some time ago, are erecting a small village School to hold a day-school for the village boys. It lies about 20 miles from our Mission station, and Matta the above mentioned teacher will (D. V.) open the school soon and we trust that the gospel light will permeate the hearts of the heathen in that part of the district for Jesus' sake.

A poor old Mahomedan woman who came to us for treatment some 10 months ago and was badly burnt on her arm and through God's blessing recovered, has been in touch with us more or less since that time. I am sorry to say she died last night of old age and dropsy. I am going in to Simultala to-day to see she is buried all right, because the Mahomedans will not touch her since she has eaten food from the Christians and Hindoos, so I hear.

May God bless all of our brethren in India, Burma and Ceylon who are pressing forth with

the gospel banner to the dying millions in Christ's name and for His sake.

Yours in His Service,  
W. A. BARLOW.

### KARMATAR.

THE most encouraging feature of the work here is that, every Friday evening, almost all the boys and girls stand and give testimonies; while the little ones repeat, with smiling faces, the verses they commit to memory for the occasion. We do not doubt the sincerity of each one but the great Searcher of hearts who does not see as we do, knows what is in the innermost recess of each one's heart. Our earnest prayer is that these dear children may show by their every-day lives that they are what they seem to be. We ask for the prayers of God's children that these young people may receive such a training as will enable them to take the responsibility of the Master's work off the shoulders of those that are nearing the grave.

We go out every Sabbath evening to preach the gospel to the heathen. A paralytic who lives not very far from our place listens to us very attentively. Once he asked us why we could not heal him as the Apostles did in olden times. We were ashamed to confess that our faith was not so strong as theirs. May we have strong faith—faith which can remove mountains, even if it is like a mustard-seed!

We had a very good time at Koro. All of us went to the village for picnic on Mrs. Little's birthday. When the picnic, recitation, singing, and sports were over, we, with Elder Miller and Dr. Ingersoll who favoured us with their presence, went into the village to preach. About 150 were present. After we had sung one Bengali hymn, the writer of this had the privilege of dwelling upon Atonement and of showing that nothing but the blood of the Lamb of God can take away the sin of the world, that the blood of bulls and of goats is the type and that of Christ, the antitype; and that reference is made in the Hindu Shastras to a divine being whose sacrifice of Himself puts an end to the sacrifices of goats and sheep which are nothing but shadows. Hence it is evident that the sum and substance of the Hindu Shastras is not against the teachings of the Lord Jesus, though the Hindus are quite unwilling to admit this. May God open their hoodwinked eyes!

The educational, medical, household and printing work under the management of Sisters Knight, Whitels, and Burroway, and Bro. Little respectively is being done satisfactorily. Sr. Knight is trying her utmost to make the garden look beautiful. As I have no time on other days, I make the best of the Sabbath afternoon.

Is there no one among us who can take up the evangelistic work in and around Karmatar? Who will come forward and say, "Here I am, Lord, send me." B. N MITTER.