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## PATIENCE WITH THE ERRING.

Not all who profess to be workers with Christ are true disciples. Among those who bear His name, and who are even numbered with His workers, are some who do not represent Him in character. They are not governed by His principles. These persons are often a cause of perplexity and discouragement, to their fellow workers who are young in Christian experience; but none need be misled. Christ has given us a perfect example. He bids us follow Him.

Till the end of time there will be tares among the wheat. When the servants of the householder, in their zeal for his honour, asked permission to root out the tares, the master said, "Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest."

In His mercy and longsuffering, God bears patiently with the perverse and even the false-hearted. Among Christ's chosen apostles was Judas the traitor. Should it then be a cause of surprise or discouragement that there are false-hearted ones among His workers to-day? If He who reads the heart could bear with him whom He knew was to be His betrayer, with what patience should we bear with those at fault?

And not all, even of those who appear most faulty, are like Judas. Peter, impetuous, hasty, and self-confident, often appeared to a far greater disadvantage than Judas did. He was oftener reproved by the Saviour. But what a life of ser-

vice and sacrifice was his! What a testimony does it bear to the power of God's grace! So far as we are capable, we are to be to others what Jesus was to His disciples when He walked and talked with them on the earth.

Regard yourselves as missionaries, first of all, among your fellow-workers. Often it requires a vast amount of time and labour to win one soul to Christ. And when a soul turns from sin to righteousness, there is joy in the presence of the angels. Think you that the ministering spirits who watch over these souls are pleased to see how indifferently they are treated by some who claim to be Christians? Should Jesus deal with us as we too often deal with one another, who of us could be saved?

Remember that you cannot read hearts. You do not know the motives which prompted the actions that to you look wrong. There are many who have not received a right education; their characters are warped, they are hard and gnarled, and seem to be crooked in every way. But the grace of Christ can transform them. Never cast them aside, never drive them to discouragement or despair by saying, "You have disappointed me, and I will not try to help you." A few words spoken hastily under provocation,—just what we think they deserve,—may cut the cords of influence that should have bound their hearts to ours.

The consistent life, patient forbearance, the spirit unruffled under provocation, is always the most conclusive argument and

the most solemn appeal. If you have had opportunities and advantages that have not fallen to the lot of others, consider this, and be ever a wise, careful, gentle teacher.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

### DARJEELING.

In company with Mrs. Grace Mookerjee, Mrs. Reagan and children, Miss Della Burroway, and Mrs. Miller, we left Calcutta, May 3rd, for Darjeeling where we arrived safely the following day. Miss Daisy Jewett met us, gave us a hearty welcome, and then took us to the rooms which she had kindly secured for us.

We were scarcely settled when Mrs. Jewett invited us to meet some people who were interested in the truth. These visits developed into Bible readings. The people were invited to attend lectures on the Eastern Question, and the attendance grew until we had as many as twenty attend some of the meetings which were held in Sister Jewett's drawing room.

Some who have been prejudiced were invited to attend, became interested, and never missed a meeting. One young lady who was interested said it was a surprise to her that she ever became interested in the Bible since her teacher in school used to give her so many texts to learn as a punishment.

Some, no doubt, will remember that the town hall was closed against Elder Robinson some years ago because he would not promise to keep silent in regard to the papacy. A merchant opened his shop for Sunday evenings and Elder Robinson went ahead proclaiming the Message.

It seems that Darjeeling is now ready for the Message, and we hope to see

a public effort made in that place before long.

It was quite easy to get acquainted with the people, and they proved very sociable indeed. Mrs. Miller examined several patients, and Bro. Reagan is getting a good start with his treatment work. We had our Sabbath School every Sabbath at the home of one of his patients.

We enjoyed our visit and work in Darjeeling very much, and hope to see some of the dear souls we met there take their stand for the truth.

W. W. MILLER.

### ALMORA.

DEAR BRETHREN and SISTERS,

It is now about six months since the steamer *Arabia* landed us in Bombay after an absence of about a year and a half. The familiar forms and faces of the Indian people was a welcome sight and we felt glad to be among them once more, where we hope to remain and take whatever humble part the Lord may give us in bringing to them the message of the soon coming Saviour.

We were refreshed and encouraged by the good spirit of the workers who met us, including Elder Miller, Elder Hansen and wife, and Sisters Haegert and Smith. After spending a few days together we started into the interior and after several stops along the way arrived in Tulsipur in the Gonda District, about the 1st, January.

We spent about three months in work among the people of Tulsipur, making some progress in the study of the Hindustani language. We had many good experiences in bringing the truth before the people, among whom were three native preachers of the Methodist denomination, who seemed friendly and glad to study in regard to the various points

of truth. Although they have not taken a stand as yet, we trust that the seed sown will bear fruit some day.

During the first of April, our native brother, David, joined us and spent a couple of weeks in distributing a Hindi tract on "The First Angel's Message" which we have recently had printed in the Hindi and Urdu. At this time there was a large Mela, a festival of the Hindus, held at Tulsipur, at which gathering thousands of people for many miles around came together for their annual meeting. We trust that some may have received a ray of light that will lead them to Him who is "The way, the truth, and the life."

In April the weather became quite warm, and as the intensely hot winds began to blow, we were obliged to go to the hills. Having received an invitation from a native man from Almora to come to his district for a time, we decided to make that our field of labor for the summer.

Almora is a pleasant and healthful station well up in the mountains, having the advantages of cool, dry air and pure sweet water. There are several good schools and an intelligent class of people who seem friendly, and we trust the Lord will open the way for us to soon become acquainted among them.

We are well and of good courage. We enjoy reading the *Eastern Tidings* and to see how the Lord is blessing others in the work. We desire an interest in your prayers that the Lord may lead us and give us strength and wisdom for every time of need.

YOURS IN HOPE,  
MR. & MRS. L. J. BURGESS.

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.—

*Solomon.*

### A WORD FROM AVONDALE.

DEAR BRETHERN & SISTERS,

I know you will be pleased to hear from me again. The Lord has been exceedingly good to us. I had the pleasure of talking about the work in India at the weekly prayer meeting, and on Wednesday the 4th of April I have been invited to speak to the students at Avondale School on Work among Hindu Women. I am so grateful for these opportunities. I see the needs of India more than I ever did before. The school here is well conducted. How I wish some of you could visit the school and see for yourselves. It would establish your faith in the Testimonies. They adhere strictly to the principles laid down in the Testimonies and everything works so harmoniously. I was deeply impressed with Luke 17: 34. The word "men" is in italics a supplied word. The original must read, "In that night there shall be two in one bed; the one shall be taken and the other left." This surely means the family. Dear mothers, how will we bear the separation? What are we doing for our children? Are making a sacrifice to place our children under the very best influence? I do praise God for the advantages we have as a people to give our children the right kind of education.

Satan is making a desperate effort to claim our children and we need God given wisdom to defeat his purposes. I do pray these words quoted from the word of God will impress some readers and some one will be burdened to gather in the little ones who are not favourably situated. I feel so grateful to the Lord for all He has done for my children. My one great desire is to co-operate with Him in this work. Remember us in your prayers.

YOURS IN THE BLESSED HOPE,  
ELLEN MEYERS.

### SOME NEW BOOKS.

WE have at present the following new books and tracts for sale at the rates quoted and would be pleased to fill any orders for same:

**Story of the Seer of Patmos** by S. N. Haskell. Rs. 3-8.

**Ministry of Healing** by Mrs. E. G. White. Rs. 5.

**Addresses to Young People** by Prof. C. C. Lewis. Rs. 3.

**Outlines of Modern Science and Modern Christianity.** Rs. 1-4.

**Signs of the Times Leaflets** treating on 16 different subjects of Present Truth to be had in packets of 50 (all of one kind) As. 4 per packet.

**Bible or Tradition** (tract.) 1 Anna each.

We have a few damaged copies of **Coming King, Patriarchs and Prophets, Christ's Object Lessons, and Heralds of the Morning**, to be sold at a reduced rate.

INTERNATIONAL TRACT SOCIETY.

### BOMBAY.

THE good Book tells us that "a good report maketh the bones fat," so I shall try to follow that rule. Our work up to date has been attended by the Lord's Spirit and we feel sure He has guided us to the ones we have laboured with. There are seven men who keep the Sabbath, four of whom are out of Bombay for the hot season. I have just given the Law and Sabbath to another lady who looks upon it all very favourably. She has been a great worker among the Methodists and now she lives in our flat and is a stranger in Bombay. So we lost no time in getting in the seed before Satan should get her tied up in his machinery.

One thing about India is that we need to do very thorough work and to do it as

quickly as possible. We never can tell how soon they are up and gone, for one cause or another to some other city, so the only safe way is to bind them off on every point as far as the Lord gives us opportunity. I gave to one of my readers last week a study on the state of the dead, which took one hour and a half and they just rejoiced in the truth being so plain—and yet how little do these beginners realise what the Message means to them.

Mrs. Hansen is at Naini Tal looking after the four of our members who we thought needed a little more help. We are trying to improve our opportunities and be on the lookout for souls.

C. A. HANSEN.

### GLORYING IN TRIBULATION.

As I am about to take up my pen for E. T. my mind is directed to 1 Pet 4: 11. and Phil. 2:3. Jesus has said "without me ye can do nothing," and so, brethren and sisters, let "God in all things be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." God Hears and answers prayer. Ps. 65: 2.

He heard Jesus always. Jno. 11: 42. When we pray to be made like Jesus, Jehovah, in answer, permits opportunities to come about that we may do our part, for we must not only pray, but, are to do what we can under His guidance (see Is. 58: 11, 1st. sentence) obtained in answer to prayer, and what we cannot that He will, do for us. The Captain of our salvation was made "perfect through suffering." (Heb. 2: 10). Brethren, may the Holy Spirit be allowed by us to impress this truth upon our minds when affliction comes. The Father is striving to conform us to the image of his dear

son by the tribulation. Shall we murmur? Read the answer in 1 Pet. 4: 12, 13. Turn to Phil. 1: 29, and see what legacy the Lord Jesus has left to those who believe on him. Also read 2 Tim. 2: 12 (1st. clause).

In view of the conflict which is right upon us, as the Lord has been pleased to indicate through the spirit of prophecy in the remnant church, it is well for us to give ear to the admonitions in the texts quoted above, as revealed "unto you . . . who believe on him," by the inspired writers and apostles, Peter and Paul.

We may be spending our leisure moments or half hours in ways less profitable than we might be in order to prepare for the "fiery trial," which is to try every one of us. "Be sober, be vigilant," says Peter (1 Pet. 5: 8). Let us watch and pray. Let none however run away with the idea that in view of the scriptures referred to, it is commendable that Christians should always be of a mournful disposition. Listen to Peter in 1 Pet. 3: 14 (1st. clause); and in 1 Pet. 4: 13. (1st. clause)—"But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings." Again, Paul says: "Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say rejoice." Phil. 4: 4. Christians are to rejoice, but their rejoicing is *always to be in the Lord*. They are to glory in tribulation. Rom. 5: 3. "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but *be of good cheer*; I have overcome the world." Jno. 16: 33. "We must through much "tribulation enter into the kingdom of God." Acts. 14: 22.

Since it is the tribulation by which we are fitted for the kingdom, Paul's conclusion to "glory in tribulation" must be perfectly logical to every one who would be in the kingdom.

To the Christian, and more especially to the Seventh-day Adventist with the

coming of the Lord *so very near*, other means of pleasure commend themselves than those usually adopted by the world. See 1 Jno. 1: 15.

Of Jesus, it is written—"I delight to do thy will, O my God," Ps. 40: 8. It was the doing of the Father's will and finishing of his work, that brought to the Saviour in human flesh, the health of body which enabled him to successfully accomplish his earthly mission. See Jno. 4: 34.

Ministering to the sick in both body and Spirit, as Jesus did, is therefore the true pastime of the Christian. This is what the leaders in this closing work, in every department in every land, should set themselves most strenuously to encourage, by deed and by word. "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." Is. 60: 1.

"The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly? Zeph. 1: 14.

My brother, my sister, do you and I acquiesce with the prophet in heart, and soul, and mind? Are we proclaiming this message to those around us, day by day? Do we, indeed, feel that the message is real? Are we willing to stake our all upon it? Are we looking out for the fulfilment of recent prophecies? Do we see their fulfilment, and are we encouraged thereby and established in the present truth? God's word is sure! Let not Satan deceive us!

A. G. WATSON.

There is not a man or woman however poor they may be, but have it in their power, by the grace of God, to leave behind them the grandest thing on earth, character; and their children might rise up after them and thank God that their mother was a pious woman, or their father was a pious man.—*Macleod*.

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Elder Shaw is feeling much better, and writes very encouragingly about his returning to India. We expect him and his wife to join us in the Lord's work here this coming cool season.

A letter from Bro. James informs us that Sister Coats expects to return to India this cold season. She is now in Canada at a Sanitarium, hard at work as usual. Other workers are also planning to come. May God bring them all safely to India that they may join us in finishing the "Ministry of God."

WE are now able to state with authority that Dr. Lucinda Marsh and two nurses were booked to leave New York June 2nd for Bombay. If they make as quick a passage as did Elder Hansen and wife they will reach Bombay about the middle of July. We are sure Elder Hansen and Sister Smith with the rest of us will give them a hearty welcome.

A resort in some healthful location of the hills where worn workers could go for a rest and change has long been recognised as a need here in India. A goodly sum has been already raised for the purpose, and Eld Shaw writes that he has hopes of raising \$5000 before he leaves America.

How plainly God is speaking to the inhabitants of San Francisco, Cal., and of

other places as well, that the end of this world as it now stands is fast drawing to a close, and that soon there will be no safety anywhere, only in God who has promised to keep those who trust in Him during these awful calamities. In vol. 4 of the Testimonies, page 52, it is written, "Acquire what you may, preserve it with all the jealous care you are capable of exercising, and yet the mandate may go forth from the Lord, and in a few hours a fire which no skill can quench, may destroy the accumulation of your entire life and lay them a mass of smouldering ruins. This was the case with Chicago. God's word had gone forth to lay that city in ruins. This is not the only city that will realise the visible marks of God's displeasure. He has made a beginning, but not an end. The sword of His wrath is stretched out over the people who by their pride and wickedness have provoked the displeasure of a just God. Storms, earthquakes, whirlwinds, fire, and the sword will spread desolation everywhere, until men's hearts will fail them for fear, and for looking after those things that are coming upon the earth. You know not how small a space is between you and eternity. You know not how soon your probation may close." So far this year God has manifested his tender mercy in keeping back what might have swept some of us away before we were ready. Let us all thank God for His tender watchcare over us, and let us manifest our appreciation for this kindness by rendering to Him more faithful service.

Just as we go to press a letter from Eld. Shaw tells us they expect to start on their return journey for India in August. We are sure all will welcome them with us again, and we wish them the best of health on their return