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ECONOMY IN MISSION WORK.

In sending missionaries to foreign countries we should select those who know how to economise, who have not large families, and who, realising the shortness of time and the great work to be accomplished, will keep themselves as free as possible from everything that will divert their minds from their one great work.

The wife, if devoted, and left free to do so, can by standing by the side of her husband accomplish as much as he. We want missionaries who are missionaries in the fullest sense of the word; who will put aside selfish considerations, and and let the cause of God come first; and who, working with an eye single to his glory, will keep themselves as minute men, to go where he shall bid, and work in any capacity to spread the knowledge of the truth. Men who have wives that love and fear God, and that can help them in their work are needed in the missionary field. Our labourers must learn to exercise economy, not only in their efforts to advance the cause of truth, but in their own home expenses. They should locate their families where they can be cared for at as little expense as possible.

Donations and bequests do not come to our people as they do to other denominations; and those who have not educated themselves to live within their means, will surely have to do this now, or engage in some other employment. Habits of self indulgence, or a want for tact and skill on the part of the mother and wife, may be a constant drain on the treasury; and yet the mother may think she is doing

her best, because she has never been taught to restrict her wants and those of her children, and has never acquired skill and tact in household matters. Hence one family may require for its support twice the amount that would suffice for another family of the same size.

Those who have not habits of economy should learn the lesson at once. All should learn how to keep accounts. Some neglect this work as nonessential; but this is wrong. All expenses should be accurately stated. This is something that many of our laborers will have to learn. We should not become loose and dilatory in our habits while we are engaged in God's work. All should be prompt, wide-awake business men in his cause. Everything that bears any relation to the work of God should be as near perfect as human brains and hands can make it.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

ABOUT THE FIELD.

Recently I visited our Mission at Barbolmohal where Bro. Barlow and his co-labourers are hard at work. Weaving has been introduced in the industrial department of the school, and some of the students are taking an interest in it. We want to give this line of work a fair trial before the next meeting of the conference.

In company with Brethren Little, Barlow, and A. C. Mookerjee I visited Gopalgunj, a village of East Bengal. Here we found Bro. Mookerjee and family of good courage, and their buildings almost completed. Many people seem to

be interested in the truth. Several delegates came from other villages to meet us and invite us to preach the gospel in their villages also. Hundreds of people visit Gopalganj on market day. A good opportunity is thus given to distribute literature and to talk to the people.

We held a meeting in the evening at which most of us spoke. The Spirit of the Lord was present, and hearts seemed to be impressed that we were presenting the truth. One man stood up in the meeting and said, "I want to be counted as one of this flock, and hope you will not bar me out."

There is quite a stir in East Bengal over the Sabbath question. Articles are being written against the seventh day Sabbath. D. N. Canright's tract is being circulated but it has little influence as the people are looking for the truth, not a tirade against a sect or individuals. European missionaries teach their native Christians and workers to speak against the Sabbath. They use the same old familiar texts which speak of the first day of the week but never refer to it as the Sabbath. The honest in heart are pondering these truths and some will yet break the bands that bind them and take their stand for the truth.

Bro. L. G. Mookerjee is very much in need of a small boat in order to visit the people, as the ground in many places is under water. Such a boat will cost about Rs. forty-five. If any one would like to purchase a boat as an evidence of their interest in the Bengali work, we will be very much pleased if you will forward the amount necessary to Mrs. A. O'Connor 39-1 Free School St., Calcutta.

Wednesday evening, Aug. 1st, the ordinance of baptism was administered to three Bengali brethren who have accepted the truth through reading and

personal conversations with different individuals. The meeting was held in the Calcutta church and the opening exercises consisted of songs in both Bengali and English. Prayer was offered and Bro. Watson presented the significance of baptism, after which the three candidates bore their testimony and told how they were led to the truth. All three felt a burden to spread the truth among their people. We are glad to see the work advancing among the Bengali people. While it is true that we have only touched this work with the tips of our fingers, we are glad that a start is being made, and we hope it will result in the salvation of many souls.

W. W. MILLER.

SOUTHERN INDIA.

WE are now well into the second year of the opening of regular work in the Southern India field and a better centre for that work could not have been selected than Bangalore, which, situated as it is on the Mysore plateau, has advantages as to location and climate that no other station in the Madras Presidency possesses to the same degree. Here for the last eighteen months with gradually increasing success the Lord has caused the seeds of truth that have been sown to bear fruit. When the work was begun here at the commencement of last year by Sisters Orr and Meyers, it seemed as though the seeds that were being scattered were falling on nothing but stony ground; but perseverance and faithfulness on the part of those at work have demonstrated the certainty of God's Word: "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper." In spite of much opposition on the part of some Church ministers and an indifference to spiritual things on the part of the people, the Lord has seen to it that His Word

should not return to Him void. No less than three separate tracts have been issued by ministers of different denominations and circulated widely, and public meetings have been specially convened with the object of denouncing our teachings on the Sabbath and other truths; but in spite of these the work has made steady progress, until now with grateful hearts to the Lord for His wondrous doings we are encouraged with the prospect that the work in Bangalore promises to take permanent foothold, and evidences are multiplying weekly of a growing interest on the part of many in the Third Angel's Message.

Hitherto for the want of a suitable meeting hall we have been obliged to conduct our public meetings in private homes, and under the circumstances it has not been possible, owing to limited seating accommodation, for us to deal largely with the public; but since the beginning of this month in answer to earnest prayer, the Lord has afforded us the opportunity of securing a fine hall, in a central location so that we are now in a position to hold larger meetings and have wider connection with the people than heretofore and we trust ere long there will be others added to the number here who have already embraced present truth.

And now we desire your co-operation, dear brothers and sisters in India, Burma and Ceylon, in helping to make the work in Bangalore a further success. The brethren and our friends here have subscribed funds to meet the rent of the hall we have engaged; they have also provided for the seats, and a reading stand and large Bible have been donated. But our people are not well off financially, for as is well known Bangalore is a cheap station and for this reason those who have settled here for the most part are people on small pensions and limited

means, so far as the European and Eurasian part of the population is concerned.

We have been offered the chance to buy a good organ for Rs 100 only. It is a second hand instrument, but is just now being overhauled thoroughly by a European firm and it is well worth the price at which it is offered to us. Won't you aid to buy this nice organ and thus help to add to the attractions of our meetings in Bangalore? for we feel sure when you have some extra expenses the brethren here will not forget your generosity. In this way we can bear one another's burdens.

The people have shown a good spirit in doing all in their power to promote the interests of our work and have given of their means to help pay the rent and provide the chairs and other furniture necessary. They have further donated towards the expense of printing hundreds of handbills inviting the public to the meetings, have met the cost of placing a large sign-board over the gateway, marking the place as the "Seventh-Day Adventist Meeting Hall," and have given three hanging lamps and four wall lamps.

Now we feel sure that the Lord is going to put into the hearts of some who read this to help us to get the organ and then we shall be set up so far as the furniture of our meeting hall is concerned. Please send your donations soon to the I. T. Society, Calcutta.

Doubtless sometime some of you, will be coming to Bangalore, when you feel the need of a change, and it will be a satisfaction then to be able to step into a well furnished meeting hall and in this far off Southern India field listen to the proclamation of the closing message and the singing of advent songs, welling up from expectant hearts, to the accompaniment of a sweet-toned instrument; which

will form but the prelude to that grand new song of victory we all hope soon to sing to the sweeter accompaniment of well-tuned golden harps, before the throne of our God.

Yours in the Advent Proclamation

HERERT MEYERS.

BANGALORE.

DEAR Brothers and Sisters in Christ :— I will write again that you may know our state and something of our affairs here.

The Lord has inclined the hearts of five individuals to observe the Sabbath. One other I believe will come out all right also. He and all five of the first mentioned ones expect to attend the conference. Mr. and Mrs. Quinn expect to take their family also. If all these come, we will have a party of twelve from Bangalore, including Bro. Meyers and myself. Five of these Sabbath keepers are paying tithe, I believe.

New faces appear at the meetings, people whom neither Bro. Meyers nor I know. God is working. New places for Bible work have opened up. Another family who came out from the Catholic church I believe, will be all right with further teaching. The gentleman is keen on attending the meetings and tries to get others to come. He also spoke to two families about having Bible studies and they consented to do so. The first time I went to one lady, she seemed to be glad to have the studies and offered to help our work. Our first Sabbath keeper down here is a woman who seems to have no controversy with God's word. It was so in regard to the Sabbath and every thing else that I have studied with her, with one single exception. I read with her about our dress and adorning. This usually meek little woman surprised me by rather "bristling" up against the instruction

from the Word. However, I sowed my seed faithfully and left it. I don't know how long it was afterwards, but I had forgotten all about it. One day she called my attention to the fact that she had laid aside her ornaments. She wears only a small, plain wedding ring: I think she would lay it aside with a little more instruction. I hope to see all this little company established in the Testimonies and rejoicing in the whole truth and then I shall feel happy in leaving them as witnesses in southern India when I have gone far hence. These people have accepted the whole truth including even dress reform.*

I had a hard attack of Malaria fever, but the Lord rebuked it. I did what I could to bring my temperature down and relieve my system by means of the water treatments, but I knew that water would not kill malaria germs. What the water could not do the Lord did in answer to prayer. That first sabbath keeper was with me and prayed. I was in pain from head to foot; almost could not get my mind on the Lord or anything else but my pain. I would ask her to pray again and again. She did so. When I got easy I prayed also and He rebuked that fever and I have never gotten a single attack since. One sister brought me quinine, but I did not take it. Truly our God not only forgiveth our iniquities, but healeth our diseases.

Hoping to see all of you at the Conference I am,

Your sister in the "Blessed Hope,"

A. ORR.

*We shall most sincerely hope that when these brethren and sisters come to Conference they will not see any of our good sisters who have been longer in the truth and to whom they will look for an example, attired in such a manner that by the utmost stretch of the imagination it couldn't be called "Plain Dress." Ed

COLOMBO.

DEAR BROTHER —,

I am sure you will be interested to know that Mrs. Grigson, the mother in the family where we have been holding meetings so long, her daughter, the wife of Captain Rankin, Mrs. Glasson, the Catholic lady who lives with them, and Miss Williams the school-teacher who lived with us, have all four of them been keeping the Sabbath for two or three weeks. This, with Brother Wydeman and his wife makes six keeping the Sabbath as the result of the work here. Brother Christian is held back by his position on which he depends for a living, but he thinks he will get ready to keep the Sabbath after a while. I hope my sticking by the work here will not prove in vain. I am enjoying my usual good health. Bro. Meyers has good success in taking orders, but finds collecting very slow.

With Love to All
YOURS TRULY,
G. K. OWEN.

KARMATAR.

OFTEN it seems to us that we who are in Karmatar do not have the opportunities for interesting experiences that others who are in actual field work have. Each day the week through seems to repeat what has made up life the day before. The school goes on, the patients come for medical attention, the press does its accustomed work with little that seems to savour of variety or of interesting experience.

But if all have a similar experience in trying to write for our papers and do not report in spite of difficulty in finding something interesting to say we soon run out of materials and either the paper must stop or it must be filled with less

interesting matter. We feel certain from our own experience that a few words from the workers is far more interesting than other matter be it ever so good.

Our school is not large this year, but it is good. Those who will take hold of the work in earnest certainly have opportunity to fit themselves for usefulness in the cause of God. The Bible course has been improved, and I have thought sometimes as I have looked over the outline for study as it has appeared on the blackboard that surely no one could study such a course without learning in a few months most of the points of present truth. We are also working to improve the general efficiency of the school by getting the very best books obtainable. We are sorry to say that in spite of all our efforts some have become dissatisfied and left the school. /

In the medical work Sister Whiteis has tried to minister to the souls as well as to the bodies of the patients. Some time ago she had printed several thousand leaflets with texts on God's love and the power of Christ to save, our need as sinners etc. These with occasional tracts are distributed among the patients with the hope that their attention may be called to their condition as sinsick souls and to the only remedy.

Recently the press put out 10,000 each of three Hindi tracts on the message. We are planning to put out many vernacular tracts in the near future. A song book for the Santali work is being put through the press as rapidly as possible.

Our courage in the work is good notwithstanding difficulties in the work. We ask an interest in the prayers of our people that this work may not be in vain. J. C. LITTLE.

EASTERN TIDINGS.



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Nine students are under instruction for baptism at Simultala.

Sr. Shaw writes that she is having good success raising money for the Karmatar Orphanage.

Three Bengali men were baptized in the church baptistry in Calcutta Aug. 1st. Bro A. G. Watson performed the ceremony.

Watch the Eastern Tidings for the date of our General Meeting. We will announce it as soon as the date is decided upon, so that all will have time to make their arrangements to attend.

The address of Dr. Lucinda Marsh is Dhun Building, Mereweather Rd., Apollo Bunder, Bombay. They are fitting up rooms and expect to be able to receive patients soon. Let us pray that God will bring them in contact with those who are waiting for the truth.

Just as we go to press word comes that we are to expect some reinforcements from the home land this cold season. These are to come from among our young people, presumably from some of our schools. We are sure the workers' hearts will be cheered to hear that substantial interest in the battle out here at the front is being shown by our more favoured brethren at home.

What about that Eastern Conference? is a question in all our minds. Bro. Miller has just sent us word that the home Board has advised that if it be held it must come before the spring council in Europe. We shall hope to hear of some definite arrangement before long.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION.

The Educational Convention held at College View, Neb., June 28 to July 10, under the auspices of the Educational Department of the General Conference, was without doubt the most important educational meeting in the history of the denomination. It was the largest convention we ever held, and the field was most widely represented. The relation of our educational work to the message was never before so clearly seen or so forcibly presented. A general missionary movement was started to bring the schools and the fields into closer touch. Courses of study were carefully worked out and unanimously adopted covering the church and intermediate schools, academies, colleges, and training schools. Text books were adopted so far as any have been produced specially adapted to the work of our denominational schools; the entire proceedings were conducted in a beautiful spirit of Christian unity and manliness, the conclusions reached being unanimous. The story of this epoch making gathering is now in preparation by the Department of Education. It will be published by the Union College Press, and will be ready in a few weeks. Every Seventh-day Adventist will want to read it. It will increase his faith and renew his courage. The report will contain more than one hundred pages, and the price will be but TEN CENTS. Send your orders at once. Lay the matter before the members of the church, and order in clubs, or singly if you prefer. But do it now; that we may know how many to print. Address all letters, and make all orders payable, to the UNION COLLEGE PRESS College View, Neb., U. S. A.