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THE COMING MEETING.

GOD has committed to our hands a most sacred work in India, Burma and Ceylon, and we need to meet together to plan for the advancement of this work. We need to know what part we individually should act in building up the cause of God in these fields, and in lifting up the Saviour as the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." We must plan together that there may be harmony in our labours. We must each be interested in every branch of God's work. But most of all we need to meet together that we may unitedly receive the divine touch, which will enable us to understand the part we each should act, and better qualify us for work.

Anciently the Lord instructed his people to assemble for worship three times a year. If this was necessary for their spiritual good, should we not deem it important that we meet together at least once in two years for our spiritual good?

Now is the time for everyone "to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty." The enemy is strengthening his force, and we, as a people are not only misrepresented but misunderstood, and it is important that we lay such wise plans for spreading the truth that the "wise" at least may understand.

Each one who attends the meeting should feel that, in a measure, the success of the meeting depends upon him. Let no one say, "I am not responsible. I need have nothing to do in this meeting." All can help a little.

The success of our meeting will depend upon the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Then let us all pray that it may be manifested among us. As far as it lies in our power, let us remove everything that might hinder its working. "The Spirit can never be poured out while variance exists, and bitterness towards each other is cherished by members of the church. Envy, jealousy, evil-surmising, and evil speaking are of Satan, and they effectually bar the way against the working of the Holy Spirit. Nothing else in this world is so dear to God as His church. Nothing is guarded by Him with such jealous care. Nothing so offends God as an act that injures the influence of those who are doing His service. He will call to account all who aid Satan in his work of criticising and discouraging."

Then let us band together as never before, and finish the work the Lord has given us to do. Our message is a "life and death" message, and must be given with a power that will awake those who are dead in trespasses and sins in order that they may see their condition and repent before it is too late.

The words of the Lord through the prophet Isaiah are for us at this conference. "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations; spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhab-

ited. Fear not: for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the shame of thy widowhood any more. For thy maker is thy husband the Lord of hosts is his name; and thy redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall be called." Isa. 54: 2-5.

These words of Christ to His disciples are also for us. "Say, not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh the harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." John 4: 35.36.

W. W. MILLER.

ALMORA.

We are sending a few lines to the Eastern Tidings to express our gratitude to the Lord for his blessings to us during the past month. We have been much refreshed by a visit from Brother and Sister Little who spent the month of October with us. Amar Nath and his wife, Suraj Bai, who spent two months at Almora, studying the message, have gone to Bulandshahr, near Delhi to work among the Urdu speaking people of that district. They report a favourable opening there for work, both for preaching the message and distributing tracts. We hope soon to have a Hindi booklet containing articles upon various subjects of Present Truth, which will greatly assist them in their work.

The Methodist Mission paper "*Kankab I Hind*" has recently published an article in Urdu, which we sent to the editor, on the subject, of "The Voice of the

True Shepherd." The purpose of the article was to show how to test the teachings of those who are in the position of leaders of the people, in matters of religion, and was suggested by some words of warning which appeared in that paper some time ago directing its readers to beware of various new teachings, among others including Seventh Day Adventists. We feel very thankful for their courtesy in printing our article.

I trust you will remember the work at Almora in your prayers. L. J. BURGESS.

SANITARIUM.

THE work at the Sanitarium grows more and more interesting not only for us who are here but for those who have learned of its existence and are in need of the treatments obtainable in it. The latter is evidenced by the fact that it has been better filled during the past two months than ever before. It has been necessary for us to ask some of the boarders who were in the institution to give us their rooms for patients. It does not necessarily follow that we are always going to be as busy as of late but we thank the Lord for the encouragement and believe that as we workers not only in the Sanitarium but in the field are in harmony with the divine plan and thus in harmony with each other the Lord will send us more and still more patients that they may learn of these great principles we have all learned to love so much.

I am more and more convinced that the reason we do not experience greater things is because of our weak faith and in other ways not being in a fit condition to be trusted with the sacred work.

During the past few months several have had their attention called to the truths we hold dear. Some have taken a stand. One young man in Bombay work-

ing as a nurse came here and while here accepted the truth and is standing for it. Another gentleman accepted the theory but finds that his duties prevent him from taking his stand. Others have admitted the truth we profess but have gone no farther. Among our patients are people of nearly all persuasions.

It might be interesting to know of some of the experiences in particular.

A gentleman patient after a few days stay in the Sanitarium shook hands good bye and with tears in his eyes said I "am very thankful for all you have done for me and I wish I might stay longer as I am sure you could do me good in more ways than one."

Another, a missionary: "What a blessing to have such an institution in India."

Mr. W—, who afterward died of cancer of the stomach was very glad to be treated without medicine. This gentleman's memory will always be an encouragement to me. He knew he must die but said he was ready to go.

Certainly he was resigned to the grand final which we all must meet and he met it bravely. His was a life of sacrifice for he had left his wife and children in America to come to India to work for other men, their wives, and children. Sure the Lord will use the influence of such a life.

Only last evening a gentleman friend and patron of the Sanitarium said with a firm grip hold of my hand: "God bless you in your grand work. I am praying for you." It did my heart good to have this aged gentleman of another church entirely, praying for our work.

Dr. Olive has had to go to Bombay on account of illness of Dr. Marsh and Miss Whaley. We are glad to learn however that they are better and that my wife is

on her way back. Let us continue to pray for God's blessing. R. S. INGERSOLL.

A VISIT TO KARMATAR.

With gratitude in our hearts my wife and I remember our first visit to Karmatar, at the conclusion of which we returned to Calcutta a few days ago. As we are preparing for work amongst the Bengali people, the prospect of meeting them in their native element i. e. in their village homes, out in the country cheered us, and we accepted Bro. Miller's invitation, to spend a few days with the family at Karmatar. The rural surroundings and uplifting association with our brethren, together acted like a wonderful tonic, and we speedily improved both physically and spiritually. Praise the Lord!

Mrs. Watson had an encouraging experience as she assisted Sister Smith and Dr. Miller in the medical work and helped out in two or three interesting operations performed by the latter. One man who was gored by a buffalo, had the whole of the flesh at the top of the left fore-arm torn off like a flap for the space of about four inches long and three inches wide. Dr. Miller stitched this, and since the arm has healed until the man can use it almost as well the other arm. The looks of the man as I saw him a few times after the operation, spoke his gratefulness for the care and attention given him by the sisters.

The Lord helped me, in company with Bro. Miller, to make an enjoyable trip to Babolmohal, one afternoon, and at noontide the following day three men and a woman, all Santals, were baptised in the river by Bro. Miller, in the presence of a representative gathering of heathen Santals from the adjoining villages. The candidates had been prepared by Bro. Barlow.

On the 28th of October the family went to Koro, a village some four miles distant from Karmatar. The road is a good one, and the bullock cart ride out there seemed to be enjoyed by both the older and younger members. We camped in a pleasant grove, a few minutes' walk from the village. The day was cool, a little sport was indulged in by most of the company before dinner.

After dinner a few of us visited the village and spoke to a small congregation, and read to them from the Holy Scriptures. At the close of the meeting a goodly number of Bengali tracts were left among the villagers as silent witnesses for Jesus. The people appeared grateful for the visit, as they turned out quickly from their cottages when the evening hymn was being sung, listened attentively to the talk and reading, and eagerly accepted the literature that was distributed among them.

On the last day at Karmatar a man saluted me on the road opposite the school house. I returned his greeting and as he seemed inclined to improve the acquaintanceship, began to tell him of the love of God in sending his Son to die for us that we may be saved. "I was present when you people spoke the other day in the village of Pindaree. Your words pricked me." (Pindaree is two miles from Karmatar, we had visited it the evening previous to our excursion to Koro.) The brother is a fisherman by profession. May the Lord make him a fisher of men.

I was glad of the help received from the older boys of the school in the village work. Their singing almost seemed essential to the services. The Lord bless them, and the work and workers in Karmatar and surrounding villages!

A. G. WATSON.

SIMULTALA.

A few weeks ago we had a pleasant visit from Elder W. Miller, and Brother A. G. Watson. They came up from Karmatar for a day or so and while here they interviewed several new Sabbath-keepers and baptised four, all Santals, three young men and one young woman. They had been under Bible instruction for several months. Our school students left for a few months leave during the ploughing and sowing season. I get all the anxious ones together daily and gave them Bible studies on Present Truth and now four sabbath keepers are helping us in the work among the Santals in this district.

One of the four, a school student by the name of "Jagor" after a long struggle and much thought, came forth and asked for baptism. Just before his baptism his wife and child who were staying here with him, decided to go home and ask her parents permission before she could be baptised. Jagor's mother and father were also here on a visit and told him not to be baptised until they came again to see him, but Jagor was very anxious to be baptised and remain and work for Christ.

A few days after his baptism he went to see his wife and child also his parents and brother. He returned and tells us that he was asked why he was baptised and all about it. He at once witnessed for Christ and the truth, and his mother who some days before told him that if he killed her first he might be baptised, but she could not bear the thought of losing him and of the persecutions and punishment they would have to bear from the fellow tribesmen as parents of one who is baptised, now says as it is over, she has decided to come sooner or later and live and learn with her son more about Jesus the only Saviour from sin and the truths he

has found in God's word. His young wife and child will also rejoin him in the near future. Pray for Jagor and his family.

Jagor with several others will go out with me in camp soon to visit the district to make arrangements to open one or two new village schools and station some of these Santals preachers in the district. David is now in charge of Simultala and Fateh in charge of Basmata school. The others are helping me with tract and village work. We have several new tracts now ready for circulation and three more are in the press on "The Sabbath," "Tobacco and Alcohol," "Signs of His Coming," "First Angel's Message," etc. They will make nice little booklets, with nice coloured cover and some illustrations. As soon as I can get all from the press we may sell them for a few pice each. We wish to visit two large melas early in Jan. about sixty miles from here with our tracts and papers.

To-day I received a post card from a Santali Christian man who was with us some years ago and professed to keep the Sabbath but was not willing or ready to be baptised. He writes to-day: "I am now ready for baptism because I know about the Sabbath" and sends a text of scripture as follows, "To him therefore that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." James 4: 17. I think this young man must have been reading some of our tracts on the soon coming of Christ and the Sabbath etc., which have lately been circulated in his district by some of our preachers who went on tour with tracts and papers about 50 to 60 miles from here. They went forth without any tent or shelter except what they could secure on the way from those who were friendly to them. We need 2 tents very much indeed for our district itinerating work among

the Santals and others. My old tents are now worn out.

Another young man from Cuttack Orissa came to me to-day with David our preacher, seeking baptism. I gave him a copy of Luke's Gospel in Oriya, also a Bengali Bible to study with David for a while. May God convict these dear souls of sin, of righteousness and of judgment to come.

Yours Seeking Souls,—W. A. BARLOW.

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ATTENTION!

IN Upper Bengal during the cool season many of the poorer people suffer from the cold. Sister Barlow has requested any readers of the *Eastern Tidings* who may have clothes of any description, old or new, to spare to send them to her at Simultalla, E. I. R., and they will be well used and thankfully received.

"Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed his sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then he bade them, 'Follow me'."

Ministry of Healing. Page 143.

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INTERNATIONAL TRACT SOCIETY.

39A, Free School Street, Calcutta.

THE date of our meeting has been set from Dec. 28th. to January 12th. Let all note the date and plan accordingly.

On arriving in Calcutta, all delegates to the general meeting should go first to No 39-1 Free School St., where the Reception Committee will meet them and assign them to their rooms.

Bro. J. L. Shaw and wife, Bro. R. R. Cook and family of Boulder Colorado Sanitarium, Bro J. S. James and family, Miss Bertha King, Mrs. L. L. Mccamely, Miss Rachel Johnson, Mrs. E. Rouf, and Eld. G. B. Thompson left London on the S. S. India and the Lord willing will arrive in Bombay Dec. 14.

It is possible that Dr. Menkel and wife, and Dr. Ollie Oberholtzer will reach us a short time after Bro. Shaw and party. Truly God is working for this field, and how grateful we should be for these new recruits. May we all do our part in making it as pleasant as possible for them.

All who wish the committee to provide rooms for them should write to A. G. Watson, 105 Corporation St., Calcutta. and write as early as possible, and state what kind of accommodation you want, for how many you wish us to provide and the length of time you expect to stay. Should any one write for rooms and then

not come to take them we shall expect them to pay the person from whom the room is rented if he demands it.

Bro. Thompson comes as a representative of the General Conference to assist us in this important meeting. He will have many good things to tell us in regard to the work in general, and the great importance of forwarding the "third angel's message" in all the earth. None who are interested in the work of the Lord can afford to stay away if it is possible for them to attend.

Bro. Shaw has been wonderfully blessed by the Lord in the restoration of his health, and is glad to come back to India to take up his appointed work again. All who are acquainted with Sr. Shaw know that her heart is in India. She writes that she was never so happy as when at last they were booked for India. We are sure that all will join us in welcoming not only Bro. Shaw and wife, but all the workers who come with them to assist us in finishing the work.

Eld. Spicer writes that he would have been glad to attend our meeting, but, as he had already been absent from his office for several months, and was somewhat behind in his work, he thought it best for him to remain at home, but we all know that his heart is with us. And he is not alone in this. Eld. Daniells has worked hard to provide help for this field, and we thank the Lord that He has blessed his efforts. Bro. Shaw tells us that the Gen. Conference Committee devoted a large part of one day talking over the needs of this field. Let us work hard this coming year, that those at the head of the work may have cause to rejoice with us.