

To *Ed. A. G. Daniels*  
*From L. G. Mookerjee of Calcutta, India.*

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## A WORTHY CAUSE.

One of the most earnest men we have seen among the Indian people who have accepted the truth, and certainly one whose heart is full of love for our people and our work, is our old leper brother at Gopalgunje, E. Bengal. Those who were at the bi-ennial conference at Calcutta two years ago probably remember his earnest, beaming face as he told how the Sabbath truth came to him, and how that he knew he must obey the truth when he saw that the same Jesus who healed his leprosy years ago also kept the Sabbath when he was on the earth among men.

Although he has suffered much persecution, this dear brother has remained steadfast, unmovable in the truth, during the past three years. At our meeting in E. Bengal held recently we found that his house is sadly in need of repairs. Unless it is taken in hand before long and new posts and walls and thatch put in, it will give way before the E. Bengal winds some of these days, and our poor brother will be without a place whereon to lay his head. About Rs. 80 is needed to put the house in good condition so that it will stand as long as he is likely to need it.

In consideration of this need it was thought good to ask our people, as they feel impressed, to help in this work. There has been given already Rs. 47 of the Rs. 80 required. This leaves Rs. 33 to be donated by our people. Who will join us in this good work? Please send all donations for this purpose to International Tract Society, 19 Banks Road, Lucknow, stipulating that it is for the leper brother's house.

J. C. LITTLE.

## FIELD REPORTS.

### EAST BENGAL MEETING.

Our Sabbath-keepers in East Bengal were called together in meeting at Gopalgunje, January 27-31. Bro. Mookerjee went on a week ahead from Calcutta to make preparation, and the services were held at his place, where commodious quarters were found. Other brethren in attendance were, J. C. Little and A. G. Watson and the writer. Bro. Mookerjee has a good, substantial house, well raised from the ground on wooden posts, with broad floors, cane walls and partitions, and a thatched roof caned underneath. The roof is high, making it very comfortable for hot weather, and the house is so located on the bend of a river as to get a delightful river breeze when the wind is blowing. A small church building, with three other smaller buildings suitable for native brethren to live in with their families, all go to make the location at Gopalgunje a very desirable place to carry on mission work. The buildings are together at the edge of the village, though far enough out to be private and separate.

We had a good meeting. Brethren came from several villages to be present, and their fervent prayers and earnest testimonies were inspiring. We could not but wish that all our workers might have been present. Our dear leper brother came on his pony to the meeting. He had been pleading with God for his blessing from the time he heard of the appointment of a meeting at Gopalgunje, and his prayers were very surely and definitely answered.

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Four services were held each day. Bro. Little spoke twice through an interpreter, and Bro. Mookerjee gave three lantern lectures on gospel themes. Many Hindus were present and appeared very favourable. In fact, they besought us to continue on in mission work at Gopalgunje. At one meeting when the signs of Christ's coming were presented, an opportunity was given for those who wanted to get rid of sin and prepare for this great event to arise, and seven Hindus stood up. At another time six arose, three of whom were headmen of different villages near by. They afterward asked us to pray for them. The writer gave a series of Bible studies on the Spirit of Prophecy for the benefit of our Sabbath-keepers. Several council meetings of the local committee for Bengal work were also held. All seemed to feel that the good work started at Gopalgunje should go forward and be strengthened. From all we heard while there, Gopalgunje is regarded as a healthy location. Barring the months of September, October, and November, it seems quite probable that workers with reasonable health will be able to work there and keep well. But after our workers have had more experience we shall be better able to speak. It was decided to ask Bro. A. G. Watson and family to locate at Gopalgunje for the present. There is surely a very large and encouraging field of labour before him. The Hindu population seems decidedly friendly. As many as two hundred were gathered at the evening meetings which were held, and a good interest was manifested. The literacy of the men of this district seems exceptionally high, being estimated at 40 per cent.

On Sabbath, the last day of the meeting, Bro. Poddar and the leper brother were baptised, Bro. Little performing the rite. In the afternoon the ordinances were held for the first time with the East Bengal

Sabbath-keepers. They greatly enjoyed the occasion. Our meetings terminated with a stereoptican lecture by Bro. Mookerjee, who explained the parable of the ninety and nine, and showed a series of beautiful, soul-touching slides representing our Saviour's effort in saving the lost. We believe he has planted a plant of truth in East Bengal which shall not be rooted up.

J. L. SHAW.

#### MEDICAL WORK IN LUCKNOW.

Very little was done at our treatment rooms during December; as our work had just commenced, and considerable advertising had to be done. But January more than paid expenses, and we were able to meet some of our back indebtedness. We have a good class of patrons, and the best patients are officers from the cantonments.

Many inquiries have been made as to whether we would continue the work here all summer or just get people interested and then move out. There is quite a large per cent. of the English population who on account of business connections are compelled to make Lucknow their place of residence the year round; and it seems that many of these people would be glad for some refreshing treatment when malaria and various hot weather troubles are prevalent. The weather during January and the fore part of this month was quite cold, and the hot season will almost be welcomed by some here at the mission.

During January 120 treatments were given, 70 to gentlemen, and the rest to ladies, the total netting about Rs. 450. Bro. and Sister Leach, our new nurses from America, are out in the field canvassing, and are meeting with very good success; as a result they feel much encouraged at the outlook. We all are very busy, in the publishing house, Tract

They need help for the ministering of the sick,  
need training schools and boat to  
do work in those places only  
reached by boat.

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Society, and treatment rooms, and our courage is good.

We feel grateful for the way in which the Lord has worked for us here. Our medical work thus far has been the means of smoothing off some of the rough edges, so to speak, and lending a strong, helping hand in our other work. Let us therefore rejoice in hope; be patient in tribulation; and continue instant in prayer.

H. J. JEWELL.

#### DEHRA DUN.

We arrived here safely yesterday [Thursday] morning, and after taking a chotta hazri with Bro. Beck, started out to find a place for our school. We expected to have to hunt some little time, as Dehra is quite full at this season of the year. But we asked the Lord to lead us, and we believe He did. We found a house in just the right location. It has six good-sized rooms, two bath rooms, and three verandahs and six godowns. There is a good large open compound also. The rent asked was Rs. 35 a month, but when we offered to take it for the year at Rs. 300, the landlady took the offer up. This will amount to Rs. 25 a month. Of this, Sr. O'Conner will pay Rs. 15, which will leave Rs. 10, to pay for the school. We had secured the place and were moved in and settled by 12 o'clock, and took our dinner in our new home. We felt very thankful to be able to get things arranged so soon, and it gave us confidence that the Lord had gone before and prepared the way.

L. J. BURGESS.

#### AN EXPERIENCE IN LUCKNOW.

February 13, just before the evening service, three tourists from France and Belgium were passing 19 Banks Road, and their attention was attracted by the sign "Seventh-day Adventist Meeting Hall." They at once came in to inquire who Seventh-day Adventists were, and

what they believed. They said they had toured England and the United States, and had never heard of Seventh-day Adventists before, and they were anxious to know just what the name stood for.

During the few minutes' visit they asked many questions, and seemed especially impressed with the idea of Christ's soon coming. On leaving, they were given several tracts, such as, "Fundamental Principles of Seventh-day Adventists," "Is the End Near?" "Signs of Christ's Coming," "Which Day Do You Keep, and Why?"

Had it not been for the sign "Seventh-day Adventist Meeting Hall," these intelligent people might have only associated Lucknow with the scenes of the mutiny. As it is, their interest was at least aroused by the notice of the meetings, and let us pray that as they read the little tracts their hearts may be impressed by the simple truths.

MRS. J. L. SHAW.

#### BURMA.

Dr. Menkel thoroughly enjoyed his visit to Burma. He spent about a week in Rangoon and delivered a lecture each evening to a most enthusiastic audience. The keen interest shown in the principles of right living as presented was an inspiration to the Doctor. He writes, "Surely the Lord has a people in Burma who will receive all of His truth and be ready in both body and spirit to meet their Saviour." Our workers in Burma are alive to the great work before them and go at it with determination. Dr. Menkel spent a couple of days with Bro. Stevens in Meiktila, and was very much interested in the school question there. One day was spent with Dr. Oberholtzer. The Lord has blessed in her work. She has a nice little house, and is well prepared to do good work with the people.

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Bro. J. C. Little returned to Lucknow the first of the month to help get the Watchman Press installed in its new home.

Miss Bertha King went to Bombay last week with Sister McCamly and Miss Johnson, expecting to remain a few days and have her eyes examined and treated.

Our workers will be interested in learning that a favourable reply has been received to our application for registry for the *Oriental Watchman* and the *Good Health* at their new home, and they have been duly registered.

A telegram was received last Sabbath from Bro. P. R. Hanson asking for the prayers of the brethren here in behalf of their baby boy, which was very sick. Earnest prayer for the recovery of the little one was at once united in, and a telegram sent back, letting them know that hearts here were beating in sympathy with theirs.

The last word from Eld. Shaw was dated February 9. He had just met Dr. Menkel, who had come from Burma, and they were both off to Tinnevely. He reported a very pleasant evening spent at the home of Sister Owens' son, Mr. Duff, in Madras. They were very much disappointed that Bro. James had not found it possible to visit them and hold some meetings. In fact, their faith was so strong he would come that they engaged a tent and sent out announcements of the meetings. This is only one of many openings for the work in this great land.

Eld. and Mrs. W. A. Hennig and Miss Hattie Andre spent Sabbath and Sunday, January 30, 31, at Lucknow. Bro. and Sister Hennig, who have spent several years in the Australasian field, are returning to America for a time, while Sister Andre goes as a delegate from Australia to the general conference. Eld. Hennig spoke to the believers on Sabbath, and on Sunday evening addressed a good audience on the subject of religious liberty.

A four-horse-power Cundall oil engine has been received for use in the Watchman office, and will be set up as soon as possible. This will add much to the convenience and facility for getting out literature, in which our workers generally will rejoice, as well as those at the office.

Since Bro. Jewell's article was received and put in type, Bro. and Sister Leech have been compelled to return to Lucknow, Sister Leech having taken sick. She is now improving, but will probably be confined to the house for a couple of weeks.

Bro. L. F. Hansen and family had intended to visit for a time in Europe, but a recent letter from them tells us that they changed their plans and went straight through to America. We are glad to hear that they had a safe journey.

The January issue of EASTERN TIDINGS was gotten out under rather untoward circumstances, and a mistake was made in the volume and number. It should have been Volume 5, Number 1, which all our readers will bear in mind.

Mrs. L. L. McCamly, accompanied by Sister Rachel Johnson and Master Harry Gilbert, left Lucknow the 12th inst. for Bombay, whence they were to sail on the 15th for America.

## NOTICE.

As in former years, a daily bulletin will be issued this year, giving a full account of the proceedings of the General Conference while it is in session. Those who desire copies of the bulletin will please send in their orders to the International Tract Society as soon as possible.