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PRAYER

To stretch my hand and touch him,
Though he be far away;
To raise my eyes and see him
Through darkness as through day;
To lift my voice and call him—
This is to pray!

To feel a hand extended
By One who standeth near;
To view the love that shineth
In eyes serene and clear;
To know that he is calling—
This is to hear!

—Selected.

NEARING ADEN

Just a few words to thank you all for your words of encouragement and good cheer which we found awaiting us as we boarded the ship at Bombay. It is with regret and sorrow, as you know, that we leave the work in that great land; for the work, workers, and friends in India have come to be a part of our life. But as the Lord seems to be leading our steps in other paths, we must willingly submit and hope that even yet we may be able to see the triumph of the work in India. I am confident that a few weeks of rest and treatment will make Mr. Shaw quite himself again. And while we are called away, India will live in our hearts.

It was very hard to leave father; but he feels that India is home, and until the Lord indicates otherwise, he will remain, and for the present, at least, see the development of some of the Annfield property. I wish to thank the workers

who have so kindly offered to act the part of a son and daughter to dear father. He has been a loving, faithful parent to me, and I know that as we sow so shall we reap.

God is wondrously favouring us as we journey on. The first three days at sea were very bad; in fact, we left Bombay in a storm. But now we are sailing in quiet seas, under most favourable circumstances. There is a nice class of passengers on board. Several of them have met our workers in different places in India. One very nice English lady is interested in some points of truth. She tells me that Sister Johnston has brought her the *Oriental Watchman* for two years, and it is evident she has been a faithful reader of it. As the seed is sown, how little one knows where it may bear fruit. The lady was much impressed with the earnestness and conscientiousness of the one who carried the paper to her.

The work will go forward in India as never before, and you all are indeed highly favoured to have a part in it in that great and needy field. With Christian greetings, I am,

One who is leaving home,

BESSIE L. SHAW.

STANDARD OF ATTAINMENT

Arrangments have been made through the Young Peoples' Department of the General Conference for extending to the young people of India and Burma the privilege of qualifying for the Standard of Attainment examinations which are issued by that Department twice every year.

A certificate of attainment is issued to such as successfully pass the examinations in Bible doctrines and denominational history. Church officers should encourage

the young people in their companies to qualify for these examinations.

Any who are interested and desire further information, please write to the undersigned.

H. C. MENKEL.

DISPENSARY REPORT FOR AUGUST, 1909

Mussoorie, number of patients treated, 1,148
Gopalgunj, March to August, - - - - 2,009

Although we have waited until the last minute, only the above dispensaries have reported. The attention of all medical workers is called to the following action of the committee: "Voted, that all treatment rooms and medical workers be instructed to report monthly all statistics regarding medical work to the medical secretary of this field."

Please send in your reports the first of the month, to enable me to make out my report to the home secretary promptly.

H. C. MENKEL, M. D.

Field Reports

DEHRA DUN

No doubt you will be interested in learning something about our work here. In connection with our girls' school we have had a training class for women, which has been attended by five, two of whom are our own people. One of the three others is a young Mohammedan woman who is anxious to become a Christian, but who, of course, has much to learn, with about the same amount to unlearn; for she is steeped in superstition and error. Please remember her case before the throne of grace, that she may be led out into the full light of the gospel.

Another young woman has been a very hopeful case from the beginning. As each point of truth has been presented to her, she has accepted it gladly, and she has tried to live up to all the light

she has had on health reform and other points. Her health, unfortunately, has not been very good, due to malaria, and this has helped to discourage her some. But, if the Lord wills, we expect to send her up to Mussoorie for a while, both for her health and also to get an experience in the dispensary work there. The other woman is the wife of one of the men who have been attending Brother Burgess's Bible school, and who was baptized recently.

Our school department has been doing nicely. The girls have taken an interest in their studies, and have made good progress. We aim to give the Bible the first place, and have made it a practice to commit some of it to memory each day. We have had to go slow on account of the very little ones, but thus far have committed the first, twenty-third, and twenty-fourth, and nearly all of the nineteenth Psalm. The children take great pleasure in learning these verses. In addition to the different studies, we have sewing classes daily. The girls do their own cooking, too; so you see we manage to keep pretty busy. Pray for us, that this school may be a light in Dehra Dun.

A. O'CONNOR.

A TRIP TO BURMA

Those who were at the Lucknow meeting will remember Brother A. W. Steevens, of Meiktila, Burma, who brought to the conference the good news that influential Burmese and others were desirous that our Mission open an industrial school in Upper Burma. A committee, consisting of the Burmese workers, Elder Shaw, and Dr. Menkel, was appointed to investigate the proposition. This committee visited Meiktila in February and looked carefully into the matter. The project was considered favourable by them, and it was decided to recommend that it be developed. For this purpose a man was

asked for from America to take charge of the school, and Brother Steevens was to go forward working up the proposition.

The matter finally came to the attention of Sir Thirkell White, the lieutenant-governor of Burma, who became interested in it and requested an interview with the promoters of the scheme and the representatives of the Mission. He appointed July 19 as the date for the interview. Owing to Elder Votaw's absence in America, this request for an interview from the highest representative of the British government in Burma placed Brother Steevens in an anxious position. But as a result of our good telegraph system, the writer was soon on his way to represent the Mission at the interview.

H. H. received us very pleasantly. He asked Brother Steevens concerning the progress of the project up to the present and its prospects for the future. The writer gave information concerning our system of industrial education, and the polity and financial standing of the denomination. Oo Saw Maung, subdivisional magistrate for the Meiktila District, spoke concerning the real want existing in the community for such a school.

H. H. followed all that was said with the keenest interest. The questions asked by him showed that he fully understood all that was involved in a project of this kind. Brother Steevens and the Burmese representatives promised to raise the sum of Rs. 35,000 in cash. On behalf of the Mission, I promised that if this sum were raised, and at least fifty boys given us and a grant of land from the government, we would take the responsibility of providing a qualified superintendent and teachers, and be responsible for its upkeep. H. H. wished to know if we required a grant-in-aid from the start. My reply was that we preferred to start the school along our own lines without it, with an invitation to the edu-

cational authorities to inspect the school and its standards, leaving the matter of grant-in-aid for future negotiations. He seemed well pleased with this idea. However, he assured me that if we would adopt the text-books required by them, there would be no difficulty in getting it from the start. In response to our request for land, we were told to apply for it through the regular channel, and it was likely that we would get the amount of land that the local government is allowed to grant for such a purpose. In this locality, this will be about fifty acres. After nearly an hour's interview concerning the matter, H. H. dismissed us pleasantly, assuring us of his interest in the project and wishing it success.

The burden for the immediate future rests on Brother Steevens and those living in the vicinity, who are using every endeavour to raise the cash required before the enterprise can be launched. This surely seems a providential opening for us among the Buddhist people, and I bespeak the prayers and co-operation of all our people in the behalf of those who have this burden to bear.

G. F. ENOCH.

Obituary

SINGH. - Died, at her home in Narauli, near Moradabad. August 28, 1909, Mrs. Singh, wife of Patras Singh.

Patras Singh has recently joined us. He spent a few weeks with us at Mussoorie during this season, at which time he and his son were baptized. His wife was hoping to take some Bible studies with us preparatory to baptism. We believe she was a follower of the Lord and walked in what light she had received, and we trust she will have a part in the first resurrection. Brother Patras Singh and family need our prayers and sympathy at this time. L. J. BURGESS.

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LUCKNOW, - SEPTEMBER (15TH), 1909

—After the committee meeting, Elder Miller made a trip to Calcutta, to look after the interests of the work there.

—Brother F. O. Raymond arrived in Calcutta Sabbath, September 4, and is now being initiated into the mysteries of the real "Indian summer," instead of the make-believe one of America.

—Miss Bellechambers is in Calcutta for a few days relieving Brother Grenville, who will go to Mussoorie for a visit with Mrs. Grenville and to make the acquaintance of the junior manager of the Health Food Co., who arrived at Mussoorie some three weeks since.

—Probably the larger part of the readers of EASTERN TIDINGS are already engaged in language study; but those who are not thus employed, and who wish to improve their English, will do well to consider the correspondence work now being offered by the Educational Department of the General Conference. An immense amount of good is being done by correspondence schools, and if you are interested, you should see the *Review* for particulars.

—The fall committee meeting was held at Mussoorie, September 1-7. Those attending the meeting were: Elders Miller, Enoch, James, and Little; Dr. Menkel; Brethren Cook, Watson, and Burgess; and Sister Quantock. The editor of EASTERN TIDINGS was present one day during the consideration of the publishing work. Plans were laid for extending the work, and it is to be hoped that each meeting of the kind may give evidence of the prosperity and growth of the cause in India.

—The following words of appreciation of the *Oriental Watchman*, which were recently received, are very encouraging: "I beg to acknowledge that I have been receiving your paper for our library regularly for these four months. It is very kind of you to send it free. May the Lord bless you more and more for the good work you are doing for the extension of his kingdom in this land. Many of your articles are very helpful to your readers. . . . In the Lord's hands it is doing good to us. With salaams and best wishes."

—Those interested in Christian education will desire access to the new educational magazine being started. The announcement says: "This magazine should be to the educational work what *Life and Health* is to the health work." Order of International Tract Society. The price is 50 cents a year.

—Returning from the committee meeting, Elder Enoch spent one day here at the Watchman Press, planning for the November number of the *Watchman*, which is to be a special dealing with the work of Christ as our Saviour, Priest, and Coming King.

—Immediately following the meeting of the committee, Brother and Sister Cook terminated their vacation at Annfield and left for Burma.

—Brother Beckner reports Rs. 230 mid-summer offerings. Burma wants more workers, and will help in the expense of bringing them.

HINDUSTANI ITEMS

—On his return trip to Lucknow, Amar Nath sold about eight hundred Hindi and Urdu pamphlets along the way. Thus he has scattered seeds of truth that some day will bring forth fruit.

—We receive encouraging news from Sister Kurtz, who has been conducting a day school in the suburbs of Naini Tal. Notwithstanding the rains, the school has continued to grow, and last month there were thirty-seven names on the roll.

—At the close of the rains we expect to take our tent and visit various places where work has been opened up among Hindustani people. We hope to find some recruits for our training school next season, and will probably spend most of the cool season in this itinerating tent work.

—We are often asked if any Mohammedans are receiving the message. Not long since, through the efforts of Brother Massey, a young Mohammedan woman was brought to our school in Dehra Dun. She has a desire to become a Christian and to learn more of the truth. In order to do this, she was obliged to leave a wealthy family and comfortable home and come among strangers. She is taking up Bible studies with Sister O'Connor and trying to learn what it means to be a Christian. We shall watch her progress with interest and hope that she may find in us an example of the life of Christ that will draw her to him.

L. J. BURGESS.