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THE GIFT OF TONGUES

Many long for the gift of tongues, and this is right: but there is one thing more essential than this gift, and that is the ability to use aright the tongue that we already have; for many do more harm than good with it.

David, in describing a citizen of Zion, mentions him as one "that backbiteth not with his tongue, . . . nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour." How many times a rumour is started in regard to a person, and without the facts being known, it is taken up and carried from one to another until all confidence in the person is lost. James well says, "Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth."

If a criticism of another's habits or methods of working seems necessary, why not make it to the one the most concerned, and then allow the matter to rest? It is possible to cultivate an appetite for ill reports and criticisms, and the command given in olden times is as applicable today as when given, "Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people." "Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where no talebearer is, the strife ceaseth."

Why not educate our tongues to speak words that will be a help and will strengthen the hands of our brother or sister? Satan was cast out of heaven on account of carrying bad reports and accusing the brethren, and those who listened to his

reports and helped him in his work were cast out with him. This is still one of his strongest schemes for destroying souls and hindering the work of God in the world.

If we all cultivate the talent of speech by using it to the glory of God, we may expect that the Holy Spirit will work with us, and we may learn to speak in other tongues to the millions of India. Let us pray that the Lord may give us the tongue of the learned, that we may know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary.

L. J. BURGESS.

A WORTHY CALL

No doubt the readers of EASTERN TIDINGS are aware of the fact that about three years ago a leper by the name of Sadhon Sircar, of Gopalganj, embraced the truth. This poor brother has neither fingers nor toes, yet he is doing all he can to advance the truth in the village in which he lives. The recent rains have damaged his house to the extent that unless it is repaired soon it will collapse. Brother Watson has estimated the cost of repairing at Rs. 40. As this poor brother is unable to make the needed repairs, we make an appeal to our brethren to raise the amount necessary. If all will help a little, it can be easily done. Who will be the first to respond?

Send all donations to Mrs. M. M. Quantock, 19 Banks Road, Lucknow.

W. W. MILLER.

"OUR NEW HEALTH JOURNAL"

We wish to secure two thousand subscriptions during the cool season for our new health journal, *Herald of Health*, and I believe they can be secured if all will do what they can to help. And while we

work for this object, we shall also be aiding in the cause of temperance.

The world to-day is filled with intemperance, and moral leaders and reformers are widely proclaiming that we are like old Rome in our degeneracy. The time for us to do something worth while for temperance is now, and the way to do it is to scatter *Herald of Health* far and wide; for it will treat of temperance in its various phases as well as of other health principles.

So, let us take hold of this work with a vim, and at once, and accomplish a two-fold result, that of starting the new health journal with a good substantial subscription list, and aiding the cause of temperance, which in this land, as elsewhere, sadly needs assistance. I will be glad to aid you in any way possible. Write me at the office.

H. C. MENKEL.

Field Reports

BURMA

Since our return to Burma from Mussoorie we have been kept quite busy with the work in Rangoon and elsewhere.

I have visited Meiktila twice, once to hold communion service with the company there, and again to counsel with Brother Steevens in regard to land for the Meiktila school. I plan to visit Maulmein next week.

The interest in the message in Rangoon is good, and there are a number of interested ones studying with us. Besides our meetings during the week, Brother Beckner holds a Bible study on Monday evenings for those who are interested. Yesterday I had the blessed privilege of baptizing five souls. These have been studying the truth for a number of months, and have been keeping the sabbath for some weeks. Nearly fifty people were present at the baptism, among them quite a number of strangers from the city.

During the past ten months, eleven have been baptized and taken into the church in Rangoon. Four others are keeping the Sabbath who have not yet been baptized.

Our hearts are filled with praise to God for his goodness.

R. R. COOK.

A WEEK IN THE JUNGLE

One of the most pleasant, if not one of the most profitable, weeks of my life has just closed. In company with our four Santhal workers and my assistant in Bible work, Prova Mitter, I left the mission bungalow last Sunday afternoon for a trip among the distant villages, returning Friday afternoon.

We tried to choose a route where there were many Santhal villages, as our Santhal boys are better fitted to work among their own people. Interspersed among these, however, was an occasional Mohammedan or Hindu village, where Bengali was understood and spoken, thus giving work to Prova and myself. Each morning after worship, all, excepting one or two who remained behind to prepare breakfast, started out and visited one, two, and three villages. At eleven o'clock we returned to our covered carts. In the afternoon, we again visited several villages, closing with a magic lantern lecture in the evening.

Although the people were busy preparing for the Poojah, we had no trouble getting a crowd. The boys with their country fiddle would begin to play and sing, and it was not unusual to have one hundred gather about us. In the evening as we exhibited the pictures, we sometimes had several hundred spectators. All were usually very orderly, and eager questions were often asked.

To show the love and zeal some of our Santhal boys have for the work, I want to relate our last day's experience. We left our carts at seven o'clock in the morning, without having had our break

fast, and walked through rice fields where we could not take the cow carts. After singing and preaching until eleven o'clock, I told the boys to go back and have breakfast. One of them said, "No, Miss Burroway; this is our last day. We want to visit many villages. We can eat other days; but this last day let us work." I allowed them to continue, and we worked until three o'clock, visiting eight villages.

The people heard us gladly, so much so that if we passed a village without stopping, some would run out and call us in. We were able to touch only a little corner, while all about lies a great unworked field. I do praise God for this experience, as it has given me a glimpse of the great need. It has also brought me nearer the workers, and given me a confidence in them that I could not have had otherwise. Some of them do love God and his work, just as much as do we who come from another land.

I hope the workers will all pray for our little band in Karmatar.

DELLA BURROWAY.

CALCUTTA

Five of our church members were taken away recently within sixteen days by the hand of death. September 22, Brother Deb Mookerjee, who used to lead out in the singing in our Bengali church, expired, and the next day his sister breathed her last. October 3, their mother died, leaving the husband, two sons, and a daughter. Of these, the Lord took the youngest son, Phoni Bhusan Mookerjee, October 6. Then, on the 8th, the eldest son of the family, who was planning to leave his college and join our medical work, went to his rest. This leaves the father of the family, who is a wanderer from the fold, and the youngest daughter, about eight years of age.

All these deaths took place at the home, at No. 1, Dehi Serampore Road, where

the grand-father, L. C. Mookerjee, lives, and where we hold our Bengali meetings. This has been a great shock to Grand-father in his old age; yet he is braving it through the blessed hope that soon they will awake, and he can embrace his loved ones nevermore to part.

The departed all expected death, and were prepared to meet it. They confessed their faults, made every wrong right, and enjoyed sweet communion with the Saviour until the last. I was glad to be by their side and read to them the Scriptures, to pray with them, and to nurse and comfort them in their affliction. They were all interred in the Lower Circular Road burial ground. In my absence, a Baptist man, with the assistance of a Methodist minister, buried the first two. I conducted the services of the last three.

Several have been brought nearer to God through this sad experience, and it has also softened the stony heart of the father, who left his family eleven years ago and has been enjoying the present pleasures of this world. Surely these have brought glory and honour to the cause of God; for which we "rejoice in tribulation."

The cause of death was the epidemic called beri-beri or epidemic dropsy, characterized by swelling of the feet, fever, bowel, heart, and kidney trouble. This epidemic is raging in Calcutta and suburbs, and is carrying away many of the natives. The rest of us are sheltered and protected in the land of Goshen, claiming the promise of God in the 91st Psalm.

We feel deeply over the fact that the enemy of souls has taken advantage of these deaths and scared the public away who used to attend our meetings regularly, so that we have none coming except our three workers, not even their families.

Pray for our Bengali church, especially the bereaved and the sick among us.

L. G. MOOKERJEE.

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LUCKNOW, - NOVEMBER (15TH), 1909

Printed by W. E. Perrin, at the Watchman Press, 19 Banks Road, Lucknow.

—Doctor and Mrs. Menkel are spending a few days here at Lucknow, assisting in getting out the first number of *Herald of Health*.

—There is a reviving here at Lucknow. Last Sabbath, fifteen, besides the Hindustani brethren and sisters, were present at Sabbath-school.

—Misses Boardman, Loveday, and Breag spent several days in Lucknow on their way to Bombay to work in the interests of *Herald of Health*.

—Miss Brunson is now located at Lucknow for the winter to assist on the new health journal, the first number of which will be ready in a few days.

—Elder Miller and family are coming to Lucknow this week, and hence all correspondence for Brother Miller should be sent to the office address here instead of to Mussoorie.

—At the close of the season at the Mussoorie Sanitarium, Brother George Steevens returned home to Burma, and Brother Lake went to Calcutta to assist in the treatment rooms during the winter months.

—Brother and Sister Burgess surprised us Sunday, the 7th, by dropping in and pitching their tents for a few days' stop. To-day, they go on to Agra to get ready for the convention to be held there the 20th to the 23rd.

—A company of workers from America, Brethren Wellman, Lowry, Kelsey, and Thurber, with their families, and Miss Estella Sechrist, are due to arrive in Bombay, December 3. Brother Barlow and family will land in Calcutta, December 10.

—Recent word from America makes it uncertain that Elder Campbell will be able to come to India. Sister Campbell's operation has proved very heavy, and she does not seem to rally from it as would be desired. From one source the news comes that their coming is delayed one year; from another, word is received that they are not coming. So it seems that prospects for their taking up work in India are not exceptionally bright. We hope that definite information may soon be received.

—We should ever remember that nothing can be done against the truth, but for it. Not long since a certain minister in India took it upon himself to denounce Seventh-day Adventists and their belief publicly from his pulpit. But only recently, during a special series of meetings, an evangelist from America preached in the same pulpit a powerful sermon on the Second Coming of Christ. He stated publicly that the pastor did not wish the subject introduced, but said he could not be stopped. Thus a part of the truth has been vindicated from the same pulpit whence it was denounced; and during the vindication interested eyes were turned upon one of our people who was present.

—Elder Enoch wrote on the 8th instant that he was just leaving for a five days' prospecting trip down the Bhima river territory. Evidently, he is getting ready to "lengthen" his cords and "strengthen" his stakes.

—Dr. Menkel gave an interesting address on "The Alcohol Crave, Its cause and Cure," in the hall here at Lucknow last Tuesday evening, which was much appreciated.

—Brother Mookerjee's report from Calcutta was written for last month's EASTERN TIDINGS, but was received too late for publication.

—Miss Belchambers has returned from her work at the health food factory in Brother Grenville's absence.

MEDICAL WORK FOR OCTOBER

Tinnevely, treatments given, - -	1,319
Mussoorie, " " - -	453
Bhaluty April to November - -	127
Calcutta Treatment Rooms - - - -	44
Total,	1,843

A Mistake Often Made

The use of don't for doesn't.

"Don't is a contraction of "do not"; hence a short course in analysis will make plain how vulgar it is to say, "He don't," in other words, "He do not." With the subject in the third person and singular number, the word "don't" should never be used. Always say "doesn't": for "don't" "doesn't" meet the requirements.

Authority.—"We may not use 'don't where 'do not' would not be appropriate. 'Don't' can not have for a subject a substantive of the third person, singular number."—*Essentials of Our Language.*