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Field Reports

HINDUSTANI WORK, NAJIBABAD

THE writer, with Elder W. W. Miller, left Mussoorie on the 25th of July for a visit to Najibabad and Lucknow. After a pleasant walk down to Rajpur and a rather exciting ride from there to Dehra, during which one of our horses fell and cut his knees badly, we left Dehra at 2:15 P. M., arriving in Najibabad at 7 P. M. After calling upon the workers, we spent the night at the dak bungalow, which is excellently furnished and gives good accommodation to travellers.

The following day we had the pleasure of visiting the dispensary during their busy hours, and although not admitted to the room itself we were permitted to see something of the good work that Sisters Kurtz and Shryock, assisted by Sister Shotto Mitter, are doing. During the day we were there, forty-eight cases were given treatment of some kind; and on some days the number runs well up into the fifties. Beside the dispensary work, considerable outside work is being done, and these calls to outside patients are constantly increasing. The cases vary from simple sores, colds, fever, etc., to difficult

and often serious sicknesses which try the skill of the medical workers. The results have been so excellent, however, that the workers are well known and respected in all of the district, and calls constantly come from villages from ten to fifteen miles away.

In addition to the medical work in Najibabad, we have also a Hindustani girl's school under the charge of Sister O'Connor, who is assisted by Brother and Sister Caleb, of the Hindustani force of workers. The school is making good progress in spite of difficulties, and is accomplishing much in the lives of those attending. Besides the in-school work, these workers are teaching in both Hindu and Mohammedan homes, thus making an entrance where for the present there is no hope of getting the children to attend a Christian school.

Sister Minnie Singh is doing zenanna work in the city, with apparently good results. This work is one that progresses slowly; but there is much to encourage in the beginning made.

Other workers are stationed here; but of these, Brother Massih has been sick for a number of months, and is only now able to get about in his regular work. During his sickness, Brother Singh has been filling his place, selling our publications in the trains on the O. and R. Railway. Considerable Hindustani literature is thus distributed.

It was decided for the writer to locate here for the present, and help in planning for the work, so that more might

be done for the surrounding villages. It was also decided to move the dispensary to a new location which would not involve such close contact between the patients, many of whom are afflicted with serious disorders, and the home of the workers. A neat little place was found, nicely located, which will soon be opened for use.

The outlook in Najibabad is very encouraging, and the workers are doing faithful service in giving help both to the bodies and the souls of the people.

S. A. WELLMAN.

THE GARHWAL SCHOOL

OUR school opened June 1st, with an attendance of forty boys, which has since increased to over sixty. We could have many more if we had room for them; but at present our accommodations are taxed to the utmost, and we have had to refuse many applications. We also have a village school of twenty-five boys about three miles from here, and there is an urgent call for a school from another village three miles the other side of us, where about forty boys are waiting for instruction. These people have offered us a house for the school and master. We hope to step into this opening as soon as we can find a suitable teacher.

At present we are holding the school here in two rooms and the veranda of the bungalow, living in the third room. The boys are seated so close together on the floor that there is no room for the teachers to walk about among them without stepping on some one. The majority of the boys live on the place, going home once in two weeks for a couple of days to renew their supply of flour and dahl, which they bring back on their shoulders over the steep mountain paths.

We have never met a class of students

who seemed more eager to learn than these boys do. Usually the first sound that greets our ears in the morning, often before daylight, is the busy hum of the boys preparing their lessons for the day. In fact, about a week ago we were awakened at one o'clock in the morning by the same sound. For some reason, the boys had wakened and, evidently thinking it time to get up, had begun their usual morning study.

We open school each day with prayer, followed by a Bible lesson in which the boys manifest a deep interest. With one or two exceptions, none of them had ever heard the name of the Saviour before coming to us. Some of them are asking us for Testaments that they may read the Bible for themselves. We have a special service for them on the Sabbath, and usually quite a number of them attend our Sabbath evening worship. This is the seed sowing in Garhwal, and we trust in time to reap an abundant harvest.

In addition to their studies, the boys spend two hours daily in manual work. This, with doing their cooking, washing their clothes, carrying their water from the spring, and gathering their wood from the jungle, keeps them so busy that they have no time to get into mischief.

We have been much encouraged by a gift from the young people of California of fifty each of Nos. 1, 2, and 3 of the "True Education Series" of readers for use in our school. This will be a great help in teaching these boys the truth; as the government books are full of fables and fairy stories.

We are happy to report that our head teacher has taken his stand for the Sabbath since coming to us. We feel that the Lord has especially raised this young man up to help in this work; as he is a native of Garhwal, well educated

in both Hindi and English, and withal an excellent teacher.

We are occasionally reminded of our surroundings by the roar of a tiger in the jungle; but we are happy in our work and too busy to feel lonely.

GEORGIA A. BURGESS.

NAJIBABAD

I CAME to Najibabad July 3rd to join Misses Shryock and Kurtz in the medical work. Miss Kurtz was in Mussoorie at the time of my arrival and I found Miss Shryock and Sister Minnie Singh very busy. I went right to work. That night I stayed with Brother Caleb's baby, which was very ill. The third day after my arrival I began to help Miss Shryock in the dispensary.

The work here is a little different from the work at Karmatar, where I was working before; as we treat only women. The largest number of patients we have had in one day since I have been here is 56.

One day Miss Shryock and I went to a village in a cow cart to see a very sick patient. It took us all the afternoon to reach there. The cow carts here are different from what we have in Bengal, and the road being very bad, we received a good jolting. In the evening at 9 o'clock when we returned home we were very hungry and enjoyed our dinner very much.

Once a Mohammedan woman came to us for help. She did not know where our dispensary was, so she went to the Government dispensary to find out. The native doctor there told her that we did not know anything, and not to come to us, and wanted to take the case. She did not want to be treated by a man so she was going home thinking she would not be able to find us. By this time she was completely exhausted; as she was in a very critical condition.

So she stopped at the traveller's inn, and a man there told her that he would find us for her. He and her brother came immediately to our house. We worked over her for four hours, and when we left we were not certain whether she would live or not. Her relatives mingled their prayers with ours while we worked. We gave her treatment twice a day for ten days and she fully recovered.

She paid us well, and the day she was leaving insisted upon our taking some more money. Besides, she sends us large baskets full of mangoes quite often.

We have been to her village twice since then. The first time she sent her bullock cart for us and prepared us a good dinner. While we were at her house the patients simply flocked to us. We had about 76 patients that day. Even when we got into the cow cart to come home they flocked around us for help; but as the night was coming on we could not wait any longer. We distributed many papers also. The second time we were there Miss Kurtz told them about the second coming of Christ, and they were very much interested in it.

Until the first of this month we were using the front part of our bungalow for the dispensary. Brethren Miller and Wellman paid us a visit and suggested that we move our dispensary away from the house. We found a small bungalow with one large room and a small room and a large veranda. We felt that the Lord helped us to find this place. It has the appearance of a small hospital. We are all of good courage. Remember the work here in your prayers.

SHOTTO MITTER.

"TEMPERANCE keeps the senses clear and unembarrassed, and makes them seize an object with more keenness."

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—MISS BRUNSON is at Annfield to remain until general meeting.

—ELDER AND MRS. JAMES and Wilbur are spending the time until general meeting at Annfield.

—BROTHER BECKNER came over from Burma a few days since and will enjoy a change at Annfield for a few weeks.

—AFTER six or seven weeks of rest at Mussoorie, Miss Burroway returned to her work at Karmatar the first of the month.

—HAVING found it necessary to take a rest, Sister Bruce went to Mussoorie the latter part of August and is now feeling much better.

—MRS. MEYERS and the boys went to Mussoorie the last of August and are enjoying the benefits of invigorating mountain air.

—BROTHER WATSON was feeling much better at last reports, and, we understand, is assisting Brother Mookerjee in the work in Calcutta.

—ALL will be pleased to know that Prova Mitter is recovering nicely from an operation which she underwent at the Sanitarium the latter part of August.

—BROTHER KELSEY is carrying on the work in the men's department of the treatment rooms at Calcutta while Brother Reagan enjoys a vacation at Darjeeling.

—RECENT word is to the effect that Brother Cook gained twenty-five pounds on the way home. This is good news, and will be accepted as evidence that he will soon be able to take up work in the homeland.

—BROTHER WEAKS is experiencing a disappointment over word recently received that it had been decided Brother Williman would not come to India. Recent lists of subscriptions sent in indicate that results may be accomplished by faithful efforts in the canvassing field; and we trust that Brother Weaks may be blessed in building up this branch of the work.

—NOT a few were much surprised by the cablegram received August 10th announcing that Brother and Sister Shaw were returning to India. It seems that efforts to find a new superintendent for the work here were futile, and so when the matter of Brother Shaw's returning was brought up it was soon settled, and he is on the way, trusting that added physical strength will be given as it is needed. They were to sail from London the 6th inst., and expect to arrive in India about October 1st.

—IN order to give the editor of EASTERN TIDINGS and his family a longer vacation, Brother Wellman came down from Najibabad sooner than he at first contemplated, and relieved Brother Weaks from work at the office that he might have time to devote to canvassing before the general meeting. However, Mrs. Weaks was suddenly taken sick, and he has had to postpone his trip.

—"TRUTH is stranger than fiction"; but, "To be forewarned is to be forearmed," and so when readers of EASTERN TIDINGS hear very strange things which, nevertheless, are really true, they should in no wise be surprised or discomfited.

—SISTER LITTLE has received many expressions of sympathy with her in her bereavement, and wishes us to say for her that they have been encouraging and are appreciated. Had she time, she would be glad to answer each one personally; but at present this is impossible.

—BROTHER WELLMAN is having an attack of fever which promises to keep him at home for several days.

IT PAYS

"It pays to wear a smiling face
And laugh our troubles down;
For all our little trials wait
Our laughter or our frown.
Beneath the magic of a smile
Our doubts will fade away,
As melts the frost in early spring
Beneath the sunny ray!"

SABBATH SUNSET

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| OCTOBER | 1, | - - - - - | 5:49; 5:51; 5:50. |
| " | 8, | - - - - - | 5:43; 5:46; 5:44. |
| " | 15, | - - - - - | 5:36; 5:42; 5:38. |
| " | 22, | - - - - - | 5:31; 5:38; 5:34. |
| " | 29, | - - - - - | 5:25; 5:35; 5:39. |

The times given are for Calcutta, Madras, and Bombay, respectively.