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### Dispensary Work

OUR first dispensary work in India was begun in 1897, at 154, Bow Bazar Street, Calcutta. Dr. O. G. Place, G. P. Edwards, Samantha Whiteis, and Maggie Green were the first medical workers. Both hospital and dispensary work were carried on. A number of patients were nursed and treated on the premises. But the Bow Bazar hospital and dispensary work did not seem to give sufficient encouragement to make it advisable to continue. The government providing dispensaries for the poor who were able to pay little or nothing for their medicine, it did not seem wise to go forward with the undertaking, and the workers in medical lines in Calcutta have since then made most of their efforts for English speaking people.

In the spring of 1899, G. P. Edwards moved to Karmatar, preparing the way for Elder Brown, who soon after started a dispensary. He had very much the advantage in doing medical work in that he was able to speak to the people in their own tongue. The news of a Doctor Sahib, as they called him, spread far and near. The mission house became known as the doctor's bungalow. Sick people were brought from many different

villages. Some came as many as twenty miles, and it soon became evident that medical work in the vicinity of Karmatar was appreciated. But smallpox got in among the orphan children who had been brought from Calcutta to Karmatar and Brother Brown contracted this dread disease and was taken away just when the dispensary seemed to be making for success.

From the death of Brother Brown until the present time dispensary work has been carried on almost continuously. The sick have continued to come, and workers located at Karmatar have almost felt themselves compelled to care for them. But the great difficulty and drawback has been that of not knowing the language. Excellent nurses have worn themselves out treating the sick while not able to speak to the people in their own tongue. An immense amount of humanitarian work has been accomplished, and were it not for the fact that to us is committed the giving of the gospel of present truth, we should feel more highly satisfied with the results of the work at Karmatar. Undoubtedly, a splendid work has been done, and a very favourable impression has been made in surrounding villages. The work of Sister Samantha Whiteis and others who have worked so faithfully and unselfishly will not soon be forgotten by the villagers for many miles about the station.

Had those workers had the language, had they been able to teach the gospel while healing the sick, we feel certain a

large number of Indians would have accepted Christ. But some lasting work in Calcutta, canvassing and Bible work for Europeans, made it impossible for our workers to settle into language study uninterruptedly. However, we believe there are better days ahead for Karmatar. Our workers are getting where they can teach Christ to the people in their own tongue, and God is giving them fruit for their faithful efforts.

Our dispensary workers should ever remember that their chief work in India, is not to treat the sick, but to teach the gospel. There are so many sick and suffering that our small force of workers could bury themselves in humanitarian work for Indian people, and the message we are called to bear be lost sight of.

As dispensary workers take time for the language and study of the Bible, as they teach the gospel to the people and train local native helpers to care for the sick, their efforts will meet with success, converts will be made, and the work will grow. May the Lord give us wisdom to see and plan for a large ingathering of souls as a result of the medical missionary work we are doing in India.

J. L. SHAW.

### Allahabad Exhibition Special Watchman

WE are sure that our brethren and sisters will be interested in the preparations that are being made for the January number of the *Oriental Watchman*. At our recent general meeting it was voted to make a strong effort in behalf of our good paper and to do all that lay in our power to increase its circulation; hence, we desire to take you into our confidence in the preparations for the coming year. Month by month we shall have something to say as to the plan for the succeeding numbers.

The January number will be especially devoted to the presentation of developments of the last century in invention, discovery, science, and knowledge, both of the Bible and of the world, in the light of the prophecies of the Word. The last fifty years have been remarkable ones in the history of India. The India of to-day is a remarkable revelation of what lies before us in the coming years if its development continues. These things mean much to this people beyond the mere fact that we are forging ahead. It tells strongly the imminence of those stirring events that the prophecies foretell and of the near appearing of the Blessed Master. In the *January Watchman* it is our intention to place before the people of India the Bible view of all this remarkable progress and development. They are awake to the conditions now as never before. It is our duty to make plain the meaning of this progress in the light of the Bible.

The cover of the January number will be an exceptional one. It will be a dark maroon colour, with an inset half-tone picture of the main street of the Exhibition. A Bible picture will be used for a frontispiece on page two bearing upon the subject matter in hand. The first four pages of the reading matter will be devoted to the Exhibition itself, and will be illustrated with four views taken on the Exhibition grounds; this will be followed by an article on the Increase of Knowledge, by Elder Shaw; Our Remarkable Century, by the Editor; The Increase of Bible Circulation, A. O. Tait; What Think Ye of Christ, J. S. James; the Editorial Department, with the article on the Holy Spirit and other short articles; the Health Department, with fresh and original material; the Home Department as usual, and the Question Corner if room permits. Al-

together, the number will be an exceptional one, and should have a large circulation.

The Lucknow church has already pledged itself for four hundred and fifty copies and will still take more. Will not the churches in India follow this example, and press the circulation of this number wherever possible. Our workers and people may thus be able to do much to place the truths as revealed in the Word and in the developments of the day before their communities. Let us hear from all the workers and churches at once with their orders for this issue of the *Oriental Watchman*.  
S. A. WELLMAN.

### Redemption

As the inspired apostle John beholds the height, the depth, the breadth of the Father's love toward the perishing race, he is filled with adoration and reverence; and, failing to find suitable language in which to express this love, he calls upon the church and the world to behold it.

"Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God." What a value this places upon man! Through transgression, the sons of men become subjects of Satan. Through faith in the atoning sacrifice of Christ, the sons of Adam may become the sons of God. By assuming human nature, Christ elevates humanity. Fallen men are granted another trial, and are placed where, through connection with Christ, they may indeed become worthy of his name, "sons of God."

Such love is without a parallel. Children of the heavenly King! Precious promise! Theme for the most profound meditation! The amazing love of God for a world that did not love him! The thought has a subduing power upon the soul, and brings the mind into captivity

to the will of God. The more we study the divine character in the light of the cross, the more we see mercy, tenderness, blended with equity and justice, and the more clearly we discern innumerable evidences of a love that is infinite, and a tender pity surpassing a mother's yearning sympathy for her way-ward child.

"Every human tie may perish,  
Friend to friend unfaithful prove,  
Mothers cease their own to cherish,  
Heaven and earth at last remove,"

—but no change, can attend Jehovah's love.

But to make known to man the love of God and to bring them to share his grace—even this was not the only purpose of the Saviour's life of suffering and death of shame. Results of yet deeper significance, of infinitely greater extent, flow from the sacrifice of the Son of God. By the death of Christ not only man is set free from Satan's power, and uplifted from the pit of ruin, but the justice and mercy of God, and the immutability of his law, are vindicated before the universe.

The government of God is not, as Satan would make it appear, founded upon a blind submission, an unreasoning control. It appeals to the intellect and the conscience. "Come now, and let us reason together," is the Creator's invitation to to the being he has made. Isa. 1:18. God does not force the will of his creatures. He cannot accept an homage that is not willingly and intelligently given.

He desires that all the inhabitants of the universe shall be convinced of his justice in the final overthrow of rebellion and the eradication of sin. He purposes that the real nature and direful effects of sin shall be clearly manifested to the end that all may be assured of the wisdom and justice of the divine government.—*Selected*.

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EASTERN TIDINGS is published the 15th of each month, and all copy should be received not later than the 10th.

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—ELDER WELLMAN and Brother Burgess went up to Garhwal for the close of the school, which occurred on Tuesday, the 6th.

—WE understand that the plague became so bad at Meiktila that the workers found it necessary to close the school and go to Rangoon for a time.

—BROTHER WEAKS returned Tuesday from his trip in the interests of our papers, and now feels that he can talk about canvassing in India to effect.

—ELDER FRENCH, Sister Little, and Miss Brunson went recently to Khulua and Barisal, visiting Brother Little's grave at Khulua and looking over the situation at Barisal and removing Sister Little's things.

—ELDER AND MRS. SHAW and Doctor Menkel went last week to Calcutta for the Bengali counsel held there on Professor Prescott's return from Burma. They returned this week, while Professor Prescott remained for a few days to visit the different stations in Bengal.

—WE are glad to state that though a telegram was received Sabbath morning announcing that Sister O'Connor had contracted the plague, later word gave the cheering report that she was better. Brother and Sister Burgess left on the evening train for Najibabad to be of whatever assistance they could, and write that all are getting along nicely now.

—BROTHER WEAKS recently called our attention to the fact that he was receiving some good reports from the canvassers. He had just heard from Brother Raymond, in South India; Brother Poley, in North India; Misses Reid and Kurtz, Agra and nearby stations; and Miss Breag, in Central India, all of whom reported encouragingly. Brother Raymond took cash orders last week to the value of Rs. 99-6, while Brother Poley has been finding some who are interested in the truth.

—ELDER WELLMAN and the editor of EASTERN TIDINGS visited the Exposition the 13th, the former gathering data for use in the January *Watchman*, which will be largely devoted to the Exposition and what it really means to India in the light of prophecy. One thing in which we were interested was the fact that some of the things for which *Herald of Health* stands are being given prominence. Charts, etc., show the effects of liquor on different organs of the body, and books and pamphlets in abundance are found calling attention to the necessity of sanitation and other healthful measures. We are not sure that these facts might not be of assistance to those soliciting for *Herald of Health*. If leaders of thought see the importance of making a display along this line, thinking persons should be interested in a paper devoted to this very work.

—BROTHER DUDLEY MEYERS, who for nearly two years has worked in the Watchman Press, left Tuesday for Australia, where he will work in the school press and go to school. This will be a double advantage to him; for besides the school privileges, his work in the office there under modern methods will be of much benefit in getting ready for real work in the publishing department of the third angel's message. We trust that his fondest hopes may be realized and that he may come back to India a full-fledged printer.

—BROTHER ENOCH writes encouragingly of the work at Panvel, where he is now located. There is little mission work being done there, so he is not interfering with other established missions. The people seem glad to have him come, and at a cattle and agricultural fair just now on he has been given a place on the program, also asked to act on the cattle judging committee. As thousands will be in attendance, this will serve to introduce him to the people and doubtless help in opening up the work to no small degree.

—WE recently made up some note books for one of our workers to use in language study, and can offer to others 89 sheets of 10 lb. English ruled paper, 6½ x 8 inches, substantially bound, and perforated or not perforated as desired, at annas four. Postage, one anna.

—BROTHER MOOKERJEE, accompanied by Marcus, spent several days in Lucknow the last of November taking a rest and considering the Bengali publishing work.