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THE FIELDS ARE WHITE

Lift up your eyes—behold the task to which
The Master calls. Earth's fields the reapers
wait,

And low much golden grain is bending now,—
So low that, fallen, soiled, and stained it lies
Because no hand has gleaned! The harvests
ripe

Invite thy love, thy prayer, thy toil. Before
Thine eye and near thy hand the burdened
plains

Are spread. Thy zeal for souls, thine earnest
zeal,

He asks, who loved and lived and bled and died
Salvation to secure for thee and thine.

Thy hand, thy heart, thy brain, thy wealth, he
needs

To-day! Thy hand to reap, thy heart to love,
Thy brain to plan, thy wealth to cleave the way
Through forests dark and jungles deep, and o'er
"His reapers," on to fields as yet unreaped—
Where harvests rich lie waiting for their toil.

The day is now—the day in which for Christ
All labour must be done. Too soon the night
Comes on, when toil must cease, and what is
then

Ungleaned fore'er must lie ungleaned and lost!

—*Ernest G. Wesley.*

Words to Our Workers

BE determined not to please the
enemy by allowing words of unfavour-
able criticism to lead you to retaliate,
or to depress you. Make the enemy's
efforts a failure so far as you are con-
cerned. Then the Lord will draw near
to you, and will give you a rich mea-

sure of love and peace and joy, so deep
and full that even in the midst of the
trial of your faith, you can bear tri-
umphant witness to the truth of the
word of promise. You will have a sense
of the Divine presence. The eyes of
your understanding will be enlightened,
and the truth that at times you have seen
but dimly, you will then see clearly.
You will be able to tell the story of the
cross with a deep appreciation of the
Saviour's love; for this love will have
melted your heart. You will bear about
with you in the daily life the witness
that Christ is formed within, the hope
of glory.

OUR BURDEN-BEARER

Look constantly to Jesus. Take all
your troubles to him. He will never
misunderstand you. He is the refuge
of his people. Under the shadow of
his protection, they can pass unharmed.
Believe in him and trust in him. He
will not give you up to the spoiler. Flee
to the stronghold, and learn that the
power of Christ to strengthen and to
help passes all comprehension. Open
the door of the heart, and let Jesus
enter, to fill your life with his peace,
his grace, his joy. Then you can say:
"Although the fig tree shall not blos-
som, neither shall fruit be in the vines;
the labour of the olive shall fail, and
the fields shall yield no meat: the flock
shall be cut off from the fold, and there
shall be no herd in the stalls: yet I will
rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the
God of my salvation."

Dear Christian friends, drop the bur-
dens that God does not ask you to carry.

The more you think and talk of these self-imposed burdens, the larger they grow, until at last they will utterly destroy your faith and courage. Do not think that when you walk with Jesus, you must walk in the shadow. The happiest people in the world are those who trust in Jesus and gladly do his bidding. From the lives of those who follow him, unrest and discontent are banished. With a full heart they echo the words, "Wisdom's ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace." They may meet with trial and difficulty, but their lives are full of joy; for Christ walks beside them, and his presence makes the pathway bright.

THE SOURCE OF STRENGTH

We must live by the moment, and every moment we are to watch. We can not tell when the hour will come for our probation to close, our work to end. We know that often those who go out from their homes never return again alive; therefore, when you arise in the morning, rise with the praise of God on your lips, and when you go out to work, go with a prayer to God for help. If you have a large amount of work to do, then you have need of much prayer as well. If you have heavy burdens, then you are to seek the throne of God with greater earnestness; and as you seek after God, he takes your hand and lays it in his own.

Wait for a leaf from the tree of life. This will soothe and refresh you, filling your heart with peace and joy. Fix your thoughts upon the Saviour. Go apart from the bustle of the world, and sit under Christ's shadow. Then, amid the din of daily toil and conflict, your strength will be renewed. It is positively necessary for us to sit down sometimes, and think of how the Saviour descended from heaven, from the throne of God, to

show what human beings may become if they will unite their weakness to his strength. Having gained renewal of strength by communion with God, we may go on our way rejoicing, praising him for the privilege of bringing the sunshine of Christ's love into the lives of those we meet. Those with whom we associate will be helped as they come within the sphere of our influence. In listening to our words and watching our actions, they will be strengthened to press forward in the heavenly way.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Wesley's Rules for His Evangelists

BE diligent, never be unemployed for a moment, never be triflingly employed, never while away time.

Be serious; let your motto be "Holiness unto the Lord." Avoid all lightness, jesting, and foolish talking.

Believe evil of no one; unless you see it done, take heed how you credit it. Put the best construction upon everything. You know the judge is always supposed to be on the prisoner's side.

Speak evil of no one; else your words expressed would eat as doth a canker. Keep your thoughts within your own breast till you come to the person concerned.

Tell everyone what you think wrong in him, and that plainly and as soon as may be, else it will fester in your breast. Make all haste to cast the fire from your bosom.

Be ashamed of nothing but sin, not of fetching wood (if time permit), or drawing water, or of cleaning your own shoes or your neighbour's.

Be punctual, do everything exactly at the time, and in general do not mend rules, but keep them, not for wrath, but for conscience' sake.

You have nothing to do but save sin-

ners, therefore spend and be spent in this work, and always go out to those who want you, but to those who want you most.

Act in all things not according to your own will, but as a son in the gospel. As such, it is your part to employ your time in the manner which we direct, partly in preaching and in visiting the flock from house to house, and partly in reading, meditation, and prayer. Above all, if you labour with us in the Lord's vineyard, it is needful that you should do that part of the work which we advise, and at those times and places that we judge best for his glory.

A Solemn Call

"WE call upon all who believe the great three-fold message of Rev. 14:6-12, to join with us in seeking God for the gift of the Holy Spirit. In no other way can we ever accomplish our world-wide mission and save perishing souls."—*Review*, May 11, 1911. Dear brethren and sisters in the work, does not this sound like Joel 11:15, 16?

"To us to-day as to the first disciples the promise of the Spirit belongs . . . at this very hour his Spirit and his grace are for all who need them and will take him at his word."

"Already many are receiving the Holy Spirit, and no longer will the way be blocked by listless indifference."—*Vol. 7*, p. 33, published in 1902.

"The intensity of desire represented by hungering and thirsting is a pledge that the coveted supply will be given."

"For the baptism of the Spirit every worker should be pleading with God, companies should be gathered together to ask for special help."

But the outpouring of the Holy Spirit demands preparation.

"Notice that it was after the disciples

had come into perfect unity, when they were no longer striving for the highest place, that the Spirit was poured out. They were of one accord. All differences had been put away. And the testimony borne of them after the Spirit had been given is the same. Mark the word: 'The multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul.' Acts 4:32. . . . Then it was that the Holy Spirit was poured out, and thousands were converted in a day. So it may be now. Let Christians put away all dissension."

"When God's people place themselves in proper relation to him and to one another, there will be a full impartation of the Holy Spirit for the harmonious combination of the whole body."

"None of us will ever receive the seal of God while our characters have one spot or stain upon them. It is left with us to remedy the defect in our characters; to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement. Then the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples in the day of Pentecost."

"I saw that the testimony of the True Witness has not been half heeded. The solemn testimony upon which the destiny of the church hangs has been lightly esteemed, if not entirely disregarded. This testimony must work deep repentance; all who truly receive it will obey it and be purified."

"Believe in the Lord your God so shall ye be established; believe his prophets so shall ye prosper."

L. G. MOOKERJEE.

A Hand Book For Missionaries to Hindus

I wish to call the attention of all our workers to a new book entitled "The Arsenal," by J. Fr. Stacker. Some may already have seen the advertisement of this by the Christian Literature Society, and purchased one. If so, you are in posses-

sion of a very valuable help for work among Hindus. "The Arsenal" is the sort of book I have been looking for, for the last ten years. It gives an outline of the Hindu religions, and treats of all the more important doctrines, beliefs, and practices of Hindus and at the same time supplies matter for preaching purposes. So far as I know, it has no equal as a textbook on Hindu religions and will I am sure prove a very helpful companion to our missionaries to Hindus. The price is Rs. 4-12. Order of the Christian Literature Society, Memorial Hall, Post Box 3, Madras.

J L. SHAW.

Obituary

Faithful unto Death

DOUBTLESS many of the readers of the TIDINGS have already heard of the sad death of our dear Brother Last, which occurred in the Patiala jail on the night of the 10th of May.

The circumstances of Brother Last's death were given us by a friend of his living at Umbala, and are about as follows: The neighbours being disturbed by his preaching, had Brother Last arrested, but as no charge was brought against him he was released. Some time after he was seized again by Mohammedan neighbours, bound, and taken to the jail, where a false charge was made against him. He was beaten and confined in the jail. As to what other abuse he received we can only guess; but from the effects of his treatment he died within five days, before being given a trial. His wife visited him in the jail and tried to secure his release but without success.

We became acquainted with Brother Last in 1907, at which time he became interested in the message of the Sabbath and the soon coming of our Lord, which

he soon accepted with his whole heart, and was baptized at Mussoorie the following year. After his baptism he was a zealous herald of the coming of the Lord. During the last two years he has been traveling and preaching at his own expense, with the help of donations received from various ones.

All who became acquainted with Brother Last were impressed with his earnestness and integrity, which we have never seen more marked in any of the people of this country with whom we have had any dealings. He was never contented except when going about preaching the message to his people and teaching them to flee from the wrath to come. We trust that the harvest may reveal some fruit of the seed he has sown.

L. J. BURGESS.

Field Reports

Madras to Colombo

DEDUCTING seven days spent in travel, visit to our Tamil mission, etc., my report this month represents but three full weeks of actual canvassing. In this time, however, the Lord has given me cash sales of Rs. 283, or a weekly average of Rs. 90, 40 per cent. of which have been for "Great Controversy," "Heralds of the Morning," "Object Lessons," "Seer of Patmos," *Oriental Watchman*, etc., containing present truth.

My best experience was in Cuddalore and Negapatam, where in a number of instances I seemed specially directed to those who could appreciate our religious literature. Some of these interests have been awakened by the faithful labours of our lady canvassers and others whose footprints I have traced all the way from Calcutta, more than 1,500 miles.

My two days' visit with Elder and

Mrs. James at Nazareth was of more than ordinary profit and pleasure. By the blessing of God a solid work has been wrought there in the face of a most forbidding situation and frequent soul-trying experiences, and this by the plain, patient preaching of the Word, illustrated and re-inforced by sympathetic, practical Christian ministry. Elder James related many instances of special wisdom, grace, strength, and healing power granted in times of crises. The present is a time of healthy growth and expansion, and prospects are bright for the future.

I am now settled for perhaps two months' hard work in Colombo, Ceylon. I have read with much interest the report from our workers in the *MAY EASTERN TIDINGS*. May we never forget to remember each other at the throne of grace, that our lives may be precious in God's sight and our efforts wisely directed and blessed to the salvation of souls. Of course, I am especially anxious just now for this great island. I praise God for continued health and daily tokens of his loving care and blessing.

F. O. RAYMOND.

The Garhwal Industrial School

THE last month has been one of hard work here at the Garhwal station, made possible by the excellent climate and healthful surroundings. Our school-house begun about two months ago, has been so far completed that we were able to begin our second year of school the first of June in our new quarters. The students all were very happy, as well as we.

Fourteen new students have been enrolled since the 1st of June, making a total of 115 since coming here a year ago. Some of these have dropped out during the year, as is always the case,

but we now have nearly eighty on the register, most of whom are regular in attendance. Ten of our boys began the third reader of the "True Education Series" which we received from America. These books are full of Bible instruction, given in a simple and pleasing manner which holds the attention of the pupil. We now have classes from the 1st grade to the 7th grade, giving instruction in Hindi, Urdu, and English, besides other studies which go with the various grades. Bible instruction is given the first place on the program, and we endeavour to give it in a way that will command the interest of the students.

We received a visit yesterday from the deputy commissioner, who seemed pleased with the work. He especially commended and encouraged the industrial feature, which he thinks important. Last evening he gave us a pleasant surprise in the present of a large bear skin. This is the nearest we have come to seeing one of these animals up here, although they are said to be numerous in the jungle near-by.

Sister Chilton is enjoying her change to the bracing climate of Garhwal, and we trust will be much benefited. Sister Scholz intends leaving for Almora next week to join Elder Wellman and family in their study of the language.

L. J. BURGESS.

Gopalganj

Two months have slipped by since, in accordance with the decision of the Advisory Board, we arrived here. It was about an hour before Sabbath when our row boat, in which we spent two hours coming from the steamer, drew up and moored in the canal that forms a part of the boundary of the mission property which was to be our home. The bungalow, before it was purchased by the mis-

sion, had been occupied by tenants who were still in possession when we arrived. So, without saying anything to them or anyone else, we decided to spend the Sabbath in the boat. Evening after the Sabbath, we invited the man who had leased the house to an interview on our boat, and endeavoured to make it plain that it was necessary for him to vacate with all possible speed, since it had been more than a month from the time he had received notice to deliver up the premises. He informed me that it was just two days since the building had been begun in another part of the town of a bungalow into which they meant to move, but that it would not be ready for a month. He strongly urged me to return to Calcutta with Mrs. Watson and six-months-old Naomi, as there was not another house in the place which we could use. We informed him that this was not our plan and that we were willing to stay at Gopalgunj until the house was ready for us to move into. The room, separate from the bungalow, that had been used two years ago by our medical work was being repaired for the purpose of storing our things. This was hurriedly fixed up, and after living three days in the boat, we took up our abode here surrounded by as many of our earthly possessions as could be tolerated in the small room. Our cooking and dining was accomplished in the narrow verandah of Brother Poddar's house. In this way we lived one month.

We experienced two or three of those storms known as "nor-westers," but our cabin weathered the winds and rain splendidly, and we thanked God for his loving kindness. Our property is right on the river which forms part of its northern and western boundary, so that we are quite unprotected from the relentless fury of the mighty winds that

blow. The last visitation of the kind occurred three nights ago. It continued for nearly two hours, and was the most severe we have experienced since coming here. The bungalow swayed and creaked, so that we expected to see part of the roof or walls crash in any instant. There was hardly a square foot of floor that remained dry in that part of the bungalow struck by the storm. The furious rain came in through the thatch roof and mat walls, laving the floor and most of the articles of furniture, not sparing our beds and mosquito nets. With Naomi in our arms, we called upon God for deliverance, not knowing how soon we should have to abandon the bungalow; for the storm appeared to increase in intensity, while the thunder roared and the bolts seemed to fall all around. We truly felt that "the prince of the power of the air" was at work. This province of Eastern Bengal and Assam is notorious for loss of life by storms and tidal waves. Beginning in the commencement of the time of the end, 1787, up to 1900, the loss of human life resulting from these disturbances, as indicated in the statistics published by the government, has been estimated at from 500,000 to 1,000,000, while the loss of cattle would be about double these figures.

We have done but little during the two months we have been here: visiting the people in their homes while canvassing for our Bengali paper, ministering to the sick, and receiving visits from them has been our work. However, we have had many opportunities for presenting to them "Christ and him crucified." Up to date, seventy-four paid orders have been registered for the paper, the great majority of which were from others than Christians. We have every prospect of seeing this list steadily

increase month by month. These heathen people are beginning to feel that we mean to help them; for they seek our advice in various matters, in all of which we endeavour to faithfully represent to them the principles of the gospel? From the first they have been pleading with us for medical aid, but the way has not opened yet. We have thought that the openings for a surgeon and physician to preach the third angel's message to the poor, trusting people in these parts are limitless. If it please God, may our medical work soon begin here. There are also some prospects of doing school work, but we have not yet been able to arrive at a wholly satisfactory arrangement.

Last night our home was visited, and the thief succeeded in taking out of the bungalow two trunks. He turned out the contents, but, finding no money or valuables, left everything and decamped. He cut the mat wall to effect an entrance. We knelt and thanked God for deliverance.

We need a stereopticon with good gospel slides for the heathen, and are wondering whether some of the brethren and sisters in the States would not provide such an outfit as readily as those at the Philadelphia Institute assisted in the matter of the organ for India. The cost would hardly be as much as the amount of the contributions for the organ, and the plant would be devoted to the work for those who are "without Christ . . . having no hope."

A. G. WATSON.

"THERE is in the heart of every man an earnest desire to know how he may be victorious in the time of temptation. There is one sure way of escaping from the overmastering power of the tempter, and that is to keep busy."

Items of Interest

—THOSE who are visiting among the homes of Mussoorie are meeting with many good experiences. Several homes have been opened for Bible studies, and it is hoped that some fruit may be gathered in for the kingdom this season.

—ELDER MILLER is planning to attend camp-meetings in the Lake Union Conference. He expects to make India's needs prominent at these meetings, and would be glad for any information of recent developments of the work or any new calls for help.

—A NOTE from Elder James informs us that he has accompanied Mrs. James and the boys to Bangalore, the boy's school having opened again, and will remain there for a time for a rest and change. The rains have broken, and they are quite comfortable.

—MISS REID and Miss Wagner send in favourable reports of their work in Bombay. Both have patients and are giving treatments sufficient to considerably more than pay their salary, while at the same time Miss Reid has opportunity to study the language.

—BRETHREN CARRATT and Poley were working in Lahore until just recently, when we understand they moved to Quetta. The Lord has been blessing Brother Carratt since he entered the canvassing work. His sales the first week after reaching Lahore were Rs. 130.

—THE Mussoorie Treatment Rooms are giving on an average five and six treatments a day. Miss Loveday is treating the lady patients in addition to her office work. The dispensary is having from twenty to thirty patients a day. The workers, realizing the great importance of making the teaching of the Word of God first in their dispensary work, require patients to wait for the morning gospel exercise before being treated.

—THE time is drawing near when all our workers contemplating vernacular work will have passed their first year examination. Elder French in a few weeks will pass his first year examination in Bengali. Elder Votaw hopes to make satisfactory arrangements so as to pass his first year's examination in Burmese within the next two or three months, while Elder Enoch is hoping to pass his second examination in Marathi before the end of the year.

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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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—MISS CHILTON went recently to Garhwal for a well-earned vacation.

—ELDER FRENCH reports the baptism of another candidate recently at Karmatar.

—MISS BRUNSON, in addition to her language study, is relieving Miss Boardman of the Calcutta Treatment Rooms for a month's change, which she has well earned.

—BROTHER WEAKS is giving a large share of his time to evangelistic work in Mussorie. In addition to assisting in the public services, he is finding entrance for Bible readings in several homes.

—KIRKVILLE HOUSE is filled with patients and roomers, and the treatment rooms are doing nicely. Dr. Kennon, of the Free Baptist Mission, of Bengal, is spending a few days there, his wife being a patient.

—BROTHER MOOKERJEE reports special interest in the Bengali Sunday evening services. One evening the hall was crowded, and several left unable to get a seat. The Sabbath question was on this occasion under consideration.

—A REPORT to hand of Brother Beckner's sales of Burmese literature shows a sale of 1,110 copies in five days, at average of more than 200 a day. Of this number, 140 were gospels and the remainder a Burmese tract upon the Second Advent. Brother Beckner hopes to pass his second year examination in Burmese before the close of the year.

—THERE seems to be some possibility of getting land for mission purposes within a mile or two of Najibabad. Miss Kurtz has interviewed both the Collector and the Tahsildar. The latter said he thought it was quite probable that we could get land, but it would be necessary to see the Lieutenant Governor. The dispensary is having about all it can do, and is giving from thirty to forty treatments a day.

—ELDER SPICER sends the following word: "Do not be discouraged with us up here, and send the word of cheer to the mission stations. The brethren in America do not mean to forsake India. At the same time, now that we are getting face to face with India, China and heathen Africa—fields that produce few resources—we must face the fact that we cannot send an unlimited number of workers to the front. We shall have to work away with the men and means available, trusting the Lord to do great things even with inadequate equipment."

—WE are again assured of Professor Prescott's continued interest in India by a letter just received by Elder Shaw. He thinks we are quite certain to get at least one evangelist for English work this year, and possibly more. He assures us that the call for a physician is receiving careful attention by the Mission Board. We much regret to learn that the condition of Professor Prescott's health makes it advisable for him to cancel his appointments for the coming season and spend the summer out of doors building up his health.

—DR. AND MRS. MENKEL spent some time at Philadelphia attending the Institute, and also stopped a few days in Washington, where the Doctor met with the General Conference Committee while considering Indian affairs. Sister Menkel's health is somewhat improved, and they both purpose to do all they can for India.

—BROTHER R. R. COOK, who is now at the Sanitarium, Boulder, Colorado, reports very favourable conditions healthwise. He and Sister Cook now feel themselves physically fit for India, and are looking forward to the time when they can be back in the field again.

—THE work with our literature in East Bengal has been going on encouragingly during the last few months. The sales by the colporteurs there have increased very materially.

—A GOOD rain on the night of the 13th inst. materially cooled the atmosphere here at Lucknow, and signs seem to give promise of more.

—WE understand that Brother and Sister Kelsey have been spending a few days with Elder and Mrs. Enoch, at Panvel.

WE may be sure there is deliverance from every unfavourable condition of our lives when we have fitted ourselves to accept it.—*Charles B. Newcomb.*