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COME YE REAPERS

THE time is come—the harvest time—

To gather in the grain,
From every hedge and highway,
From every hill and plain.

The bugle call is sounding,
Ho, reapers, speed away!

The night is fast approaching,
And soon will come the day.

Gird on the Christian armour,—
A soldier for the right,
A reaper in his vineyard,
Where lo the fields are white,

O come, young men and maidens,
The spirit calls to-day;

The harvest fields are waiting,
Why linger, why delay.

Like stars, forever shining,
A crown will grace each brow;

The spirit's invitation is
Come, ye reapers, now!

The harvest time is now; for soon
The Master calls no more,
And sheaves will all be gathered in,
And harvest time be o'er.

—Mrs. M. Soilars.

The Fall Council Meeting

THE days from September 1--15 were busy ones with our workers who were in attendance at our fall council and workers' meeting held here in Mussoorie. The first meeting of the executive committee was held at 10 A. M., September 1st. Eight members of our committee were present to take part in the deliberations. As the needs of the various parts of the

field were presented, we were much impressed by the remarkable growth the third angel's message is making in India. The great need is for more men and more means to enable us to step in and occupy the openings which the Lord is making for us on every side. Because of this lack many of these openings must go unfilled. Although the needs are so far beyond us from a human standpoint, yet we realize that numbers do not count with God. It is as easy for him to save by few as by many. The Lord has worked mightily in times past through single individuals who have stood true and loyal to him, and the burden of our council was that the Lord would so cleanse us from sin that his spirit might fill us and make us effective instrumentalities in speedily carrying the gospel of the kingdom to this great land.

The first five days of the meeting were devoted to committee work; but from September 6th to the close, the morning hour was devoted to the study of the various problems which we as workers are facing on every side. Ten subjects had been outlined and various ones led out in the presenting of them, but time was given for free discussion, and I believe much good resulted from this exchange of ideas.

A number of workers availed themselves of the opportunity of attending the meeting by taking their change to the hills at this time, so we had a good attendance, there being twenty-six present.

The following are a few of the actions taken by the committee:—

That we express our appreciation to the

Mission Board for their earnest efforts in our behalf and for the assurance that an evangelist, a physician, and two canvassers will soon be in the field.

That we renew our call for a couple for South India.

That we renew our call for a couple for the work in North India, and that we urge the importance of their reaching the field by the close of 1911.

That we renew our call for an English Bible worker.

That we renew our call for a family for the Karens of Burma.

That we renew our call for another man for English work.

That we call for a couple for the work in Bengal.

It will be noticed that with one exception these calls are now before the Mission Board, most of them having been made at the time of our last biennial meeting. The call for help for the Karens is the longest standing unanswered call before the Mission Board from India, having been first made six or seven years ago. We hope and pray that these calls need not go longer unanswered.

The following resolutions pertaining to our literature work were adopted:—

That all our vernacular literature be sold, with the exception of a special line of small leaflets which will be prepared for gratuitous work.

That all colporteurs make regular monthly reports of work done to the missionary in district where colporteur is working as may be arranged by the committee.

That all workers receiving literature be held responsible for the same, and that it be charged to their accounts.

That where salaries of individuals are less than Rs. 75 a month they be furnished *Oriental Watchman* for Rs. 1-8 a year, post free.

The above are only a few of the actions taken. A more complete report will doubtless be given later.

The workers have now mostly returned to their various stations, but we believe better prepared for the duties be-

fore them. A few have remained to take a much needed rest before going back to their arduous duties on the plains.

C. E. WEAKS, *Secretary.*

Christian Homes

OUR time, our strength, and our energies belong to God; and if they are consecrated to his service, our light will shine. It will affect first and most strongly those in our own homes, who are most intimately associated with us; but it will extend beyond the home, even to "the world." To many it will be a savor of life unto life; but there are some who will refuse to see the light, or to walk in it. They are of that class spoken of by our Saviour when he said: "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." Such are in a very dangerous position; but their course does not excuse any of us from letting our light shine.

We need divine help if we would keep our lights burning. But Jesus died to provide that aid. He extends the invitation, "Let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me." Cling to the arm of Infinite power; then you will find him precious to your soul, and all heaven will be at your command. "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light," we shall have the companionship of holy angels. To Joshua it was said, "Thus saith the Lord of hosts: If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge," "I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by." They are the angels of God. Joshua must have a living, confiding trust in God every day; and then angels would walk with him, and the power of God would rest upon him in all his labours.

Then, Christian friends, fathers, and mothers, let your light grow dim? No, never! Let your heart grow faint, or your hands weary? No, never! And by and by the portals of the celestial city will be opened to you; and you may present yourselves and your children before the throne, saying, "Here am I, and the children whom thou hast given me." And what a reward for faithfulness that will be, to see your children crowned with immortal life in the beautiful city of God!

Mrs. E. G. WHITE.

Sabbath-school Report

I REGRET very much that this report is so late: but "Better late than never" I believe applies in this case; for our report is so good this quarter that all will be glad to receive it. It is by far the best I have ever sent to the general conference office. Following are a few extracts from a letter from our general secretary after she received our March report, which was not nearly so good as is this month's:—

"DEAR SISTER BRUCE: Your letter has come across the water and across the land, and found its way safely to my desk. I am very much pleased with the increasingly good reports which you are sending in from India. . . . Under the heading 'Honour Roll of Foreign Missions,' I am giving all the conferences and mission fields outside of the home field which are giving all their donations to missions, and India has an honored place in the list. I am sure it means much to bring order and system into the work in as large and difficult a field as India. It seems strange that our work has developed so that in far away India successful Sabbath-school conventions can be held." Speaking of the work in general, she says that the increase in the

gifts to missions over that which was given during the first quarter of 1910 is about Rs. 13,500.

This certainly is encouraging, and we can be very thankful that we have the privilege of having a part in this work. Our increase this quarter over the same quarter of 1909 and 1910 is considerable.

Membership reported	June, 1909,	195
"	" " 1910,	261
"	" " 1911,	575
Donations	" " 1909, Rs.	122-9-11
"	" " 1910,	343-7-4
"	" " 1911,	448-4-5

You can see by this that our report is very encouraging, and yet our donations have not increased in proportion to our membership, due partly to the organization of what might be termed the heathen Sabbath-schools from among poor children who are not able to give anything; but I believe that wherever it is possible all should be encouraged to give. Let us all press forward in the good cause until the work is completed.

REPORT

Babulmohal,	31,	20,	Rs.	16-2-9
Calcutta,	21,	18,		34-15-9
Calcutta Bengali,	36,	33,		13-8-
East Bengal,	61,	50,		15-1-3
Karmatar,	26,	24,		23-10-3
Karmatar Jungle,	80,	75,		
Tatal Bandi (under Karmatar),	60,	49,		
Deosa,	33,	33,		
Rangoon,	42,	37,		112-1-
Meiktila,	22,	20,		46-5-
Lanovla,	12,	11,		28-5-3
Sherkot,	9,			
Kalsi,	23,			
Nazareth,	120,	88,		12-3-8
Lucknow,	14,	12,		57-2-3
Naya Ganw,	15,	15,		3-2-9
Mussoorie,	30,	23,		56-5-
Mussoorie Hindustani,	12,	9,		2- -
Mandalay,	8,	7,		12-13-3
Panvel,	29,	17,		6-9-6
	575,	541,	Rs.	448-4-5.

E. E. BRUCE, *Secretary*

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Field Reports

Jodhpur, Ajmer

THE Lord has richly blessed my efforts during the last month.

After leaving Hyderabad I visited Jodhpur, where I met with good success and rich experiences. The first six houses I visited I sold seven "Heralds of the Morning" and took a subscription for the *Oriental Watchman*. Although Jodhpur is an isolated station, still our books had already found their way there. One gentleman was in possession of a copy of "Coming King," and another was a subscriber to *Oriental Watchman*.

I visited the regent of the Marwar States, Sir Partab Singh, and sold him a book. I also sold several copies to other gentlemen of the state. One Maharaja and the principal of a college took a copy each of "Heralds of the Morning." May the Holy Spirit touch the hearts of these people as they read of the coming Saviour. We must not forget that it is "not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." During the three days spent in Jodhpur my sales amounted to Rs. 140.

Ajmer is a large railway centre, the R. M. Ry. having several large workshops here. In this place our literature is well known and liked. Such books as "Patriarchs and Prophets," "Great Controversy," and "Coming King" are in the homes of some of the people. Surely, such books as these will present to the readers the truth as it is in Jesus.

My sales for the month are as follows:—

"Heralds of the Morning,"	38
"Christ's Object Lessons,"	2
"School of Health,"	47
Subscriptions for <i>Oriental Watchman</i> ,	3
" " <i>Herald of Health</i> ,	25
Other health books,	2

This makes a total of Rs. 518-12, of

which Rs. 270 are cash collections.

I truly thank almighty God for calling me into the work, and for giving me success. To him be all the glory. My prayer is that I may indeed be "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," also that the people amongst whom I labour, may say, as did the damsel possessed with a spirit of divination, but with a truer meaning, This man is the servant of the most high God, who will show unto us the way of salvation. This is what I am here for.

After waiting patiently for several days, I received the July EASTERN TIDINGS. I was very glad and encouraged to read the interesting reports of the different workers. May God continue to add his blessing is my prayer.

W. CARRATT.

Babulmohal

I AM glad to send a short report of the work again to the TIDINGS, and can truly say that the Lord has been with us and has blessed the school work both in the training and village schools, although we did not have a very large attendance during July, and August, on account of some students having to go home and help their parents to plough and plant the rice, etc. I am sure this experience does them good and keeps them in touch with the farm life or cultivation work. Although we have some ploughing and general gardening going on here we are busy setting out the young papaya trees and preparing for a good crop of tomatoes, and we hope to send the most of them to our Health Food Company for canning, and in this way we shall be helping to make the school self supporting. With papaya and tomatoes growing, we shall not be able to do much with the weaving until we have

a weaving house and more looms as well as a good, practical weaver employed.

Only a few days ago we had the pleasure of seeing a young woman follow Christ in baptism. She was from the village that Phuloo came from and who was baptized last year at Babulmohal. These two have been companions since childhood and came out from heathenism under much persecution—the last one who was baptized had been beaten and threatened by her mother time after time. Only the Sabbath before her baptism we heard loud cries in her village; and it was her mother who was beating her daughter with a stick for attempting to come into the mission station to hear of Jesus and his saving power from sin and eternal death by his death on the cross. Pray for her and her parents.

W. A. BARLOW.

God's Own Witnesses

How often is the evangelistic canvasser brought face to face with the fact that in most unexpected ways and places God has his own faithful witnesses—bright examples of his saving grace and transforming power. These may not have heard the third angel's message, nor come to recognize the binding claims of the seventh-day Sabbath; but they are true to the light that has come to them, and God is using them in a remarkable way. Truly, those who have advanced light and are carrying the last warning message must never become spiritually proud or bigoted, but, rather, walk very carefully and humbly before God.

It was my privilege this month while canvassing in Colombo to hear from the lips of a Singhalese broker a testimony of complete self-surrender, consecration, and devotion the equal of which I have seldom heard. His dark-skinned face beamed with holy joy as he related

his experience. He showed me his Bible and little book of memory verses, which have been his companions for twenty-five years. For a long time he was very prosperous, became well known, and had many and influential friends who never hesitated as a matter of personal favour to advance him 10,000 rupees.

But it seems that this prosperity in great measure waned his affections from his God, so that severe chastisement became necessary. In one year, 1901, he lost Rs. 65,000, and was brought to poverty; but that was not enough. Then came a telegram announcing the drowning at sea of his eldest son, and later that a second son had committed suicide. This broke him all up and brought him in full and complete surrender to the Saviour's feet. That was ten years ago.

He is now a hard working broker and commission merchant mingling with the city's busy throng, but one of the happiest Christians I have ever met, in his every day business intercourse ever magnifying the power and grace of God. He has a large family, with heavy expenses and no fixed or certain income, but lays every care upon the great Burden Bearer and makes him absolutely first in everything, and is being remarkably prospered in business.

To encourage me he purchased "Great Controversy," "Heralds of the Morning," "Christ's Object Lessons," "School of Health," and *Oriental Watchman* for one year.

In these he will find that which I pray may bring him into the full and glorious light of present truth.

Another native gentleman, a well known member of the bar, purchased "Heralds of the Morning," because he noticed that I was engaged in tract society work. He says he has great faith in the circulation

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—BROTHER CARRATT and Sisters Burroway, Kurtz, and Reid were in attendance at the workers' meeting.

—ELDER AND MRS. ENOCH, also Miss Reid, are remaining in Mussoorie for a few weeks before returning to their work in West India.

—SISTER SCHOLTZ is now at Kirkville for rest and treatment, not being able to do all for her health at Almora that seemed advisable.

—EASTERN TIDINGS is several days late this month, owing to the council and worker's meeting continuing until the regular time of publication.

—BROTHER DAVIS was able to continue his work here in the Press only a few days last month, having become seriously ill. He is now spending some time with a sister at Asansol.

—WHILE in Mussoorie attending the council, Elder Wellman was disturbed a few days by news of Thelma's being sick. However, she improved, and it was not necessary for him to return home at once, as he at first planned.

—SEPTEMBER 5th a program was given at Annfield school which was enjoyed very much by the members of the committee and others in Mussoorie. Parents, especially, were glad to note the progress being made by the pupils.

—IN order to relieve Brother Lake, arrangements were made for Brother Mookerjee to take charge of the Calcutta Treatment Rooms, while Brother Reagan takes care of the work in Mussoorie. It is encouraging to note that both treatment rooms are doing well this year.

—BROTHER LAKE sailed for England, August 31st, for the purpose of taking class work at Caterham during the winter and thus further preparing for work along sanitarium lines. Sister Lake is stopping with her folks until time to open up the treatment rooms in Mussoorie next season.

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of God's Word and he wished to help me along.

Another well known native physician purchased "Great Controversy," "Heralds of the Morning" and "Best Stories." The well educated native pastor of a large church was glad to secure "Object Lessons" and subscribe for *Herald of Health*.

In the office of the leading daily newspaper of Ceylon, the foreman produced an old copy of "Great Controversy" and purchased "Object Lessons" because written by the same author. A government servant of twenty years purchased "Object Lessons" because convinced that I was in a good work.

These and other similar experiences occurring within a few days have greatly encouraged me, showing as they do that the Spirit of God is actively at work on this island, where the teaching of Buddhism, Hinduism, Mohammedanism, Catholicism, Theosophy, etc., seem to be all but universally accepted.

I have worked hard all through August, putting in about 55 hours a week in quite inferior territory. But with the Lord's blessing the month closed second only to July, with cash receipts of Rs. 441-12.

Before this reaches the readers of EASTERN TIDINGS, Colombo will have been finished and I have started on my tour through the island. May I have a continued interest in your prayers.

F. O. RAYMOND.

Obituary

ENOCH.—Died, at Panvel, August 27, 1911, of malaria, Gerald Enoch, aged 5 years, 9 months, and 14 days.

Gerald was sick but two days, and his death came as a shock to the workers gathered in Mussoorie as well as to Brother and Sister Enoch. But the sorrow is mitigated by the "blessed hope." His last words were a prayer, "Forgive me all that I have done wrong, for Jesus'sake. Amen." Sisters Wagner and Reed responded to a telegram and assisted in caring for him during his sickness, also in the arrangements for burial, which occurred at Bombay.

Brother and Sister Enoch have the sympathy of all, but especially of those who have suffered a like experience, in this their time of sorrow.