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LET US BE KIND

LET us be kind;

The way is long and lonely.
And human hearts are asking for this blessing
only—

That we be kind.

We can not know the grief that men may bor-
row,

We can not see the souls storm-swept by sor-
row.

But love can shine upon the way to-day, to-
morrow—

Let us be kind.

Let us be kind;

This is a wealth that has no measure,
This is of heaven and earth the highest trea-
sure—

Let us be kind.

A tender word, a smile of love when meeting,
A song of hope and victory to those retreat-
ing,

A glimpse of God and brotherhood whose life is
fleeting—

Let us be kind.

—Selected.

A Consecrated Ministry

IN his life and lessons Christ has given a perfect exemplification of the unselfish ministry which has its origin in God. God does not live for himself. By creating the world, and by upholding all things, he is constantly ministering to others. "He maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."

This ideal of ministry the Father committed to his Son. Jesus was given to stand at the head of humanity, by his example to teach what it means to minister. His whole life was under a law of service. He served all, ministered to all.

Again and again Jesus tried to establish this principle among his disciples. When James and John made their request for preeminence, he said, "Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Since his ascension Christ has carried forward his work on the earth by chosen-ambassadors, through whom he speaks to the children of men, and ministers to their needs. The great Head of the church superintends his work through the instrumentality of men ordained by God to act as his representatives.

The position of those who have been called of God to labour in word and doctrine for the upbuilding of his church, is one of grave responsibility. In Christ's stead they are to beseech men and women to be reconciled to God; and they can fulfil their mission only as they receive wisdom and power from above.

Christ's ministers are the spiritual guardians of the people entrusted to their care. Their work has been likened to that of watchmen. In ancient times sentinels were often stationed on the walls of cities, where, from points of vantage, they could overlook important posts to be guarded and give warning of the approach of an

enemy. Upon their faithfulness depended the safety of all within. At stated intervals they were required to call to one another to make sure that all were awake and that no harm had befallen any. The cry of good cheer or of warning was borne from one to another, each repeating the call till it echoed round the city.

To every minister the Lord declares: "O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel, therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth and warn them from me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require of thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it, . . . thou hast delivered thy soul."

The words of the prophet declare the solemn responsibility of those who are appointed as guardians of the church of God, stewards to the mysteries of God. They are to stand as watchmen on the walls of Zion, to sound the note of alarm at the approach of the enemy. Souls are in danger of falling under temptation, and they will perish unless God's ministers are faithful to their trust. If for any reason their spiritual senses become so benumbed that they are unable to discern danger and through their failure to give warning the people perish, God will require at their hands the blood of those who are lost.

It is the privilege of the watchmen on the walls of Zion to live so near to God and to be so susceptible to the impressions of his Spirit that he can work through them to tell men and women of their peril and point them to the place of safety. Faithfully are they to warn them of the sure result of transgressions, and faithfully are they to safeguard the

interests of the church. At no time may they relax their vigilance. Theirs is a work requiring the exercise of every faculty of the being. In trumpet tones their voices are to be lifted, and never are they to sound one wavering, uncertain note. Not for wages are they to labour, but because they cannot do otherwise, because they realise that there is a woe upon them if they fail to preach the gospel. Chosen of God, sealed with the blood of consecration, they are to rescue men and women from impending destruction.

The minister who is a co-worker with Christ will have a deep sense of the sacredness of his work, and of the toil and sacrifice required to perform it successfully. He does not study his own ease or convenience. He is forgetful of self. In his search for the lost sheep he does not realise that he himself is weary, cold, and hungry. He has but one object in view—the saving of the lost.

He who serves under the blood-stained banner of Emmanuel will have that to do which will call for heroic effort and patient endurance. But the soldier of the cross stands unshrinkingly in the forefront of the battle. As the enemy presses the attack against him, he turns to the stronghold for aid, and as he brings to the Lord the promises of the Word, he is strengthened for the duties of the hour. He realises his need of strength from above. The victories that he gains do not lead to self exaltation, but cause him to lean more and more heavily on the Mighty One. Relying upon that power, he is enabled to present the message of salvation so forcibly that it vibrates in other minds.

He who teaches the Word must himself live in conscious, hourly communion with God through prayer and a study of his word; for here is the source of strength.

Communion with God will impart to the minister's efforts a power greater than the influence of his preaching. Of this power he must not allow himself to be deprived. With an earnestness that cannot be denied, he must plead with God to strengthen and fortify him for duty and trial and to touch his lips with living fire. All too light is the hold that Christ's ambassadors often have upon eternal realities. If men will walk with God, he will hide them in the cleft of the rock. Thus hidden, they can see God, even as Moses saw him. By the power and light that he imparts, they can comprehend more, accomplish more, than their finite judgment had deemed possible.

Satan's craft is most successfully used against those who are depressed. When discouragement threatens to overwhelm a minister, let him spread out before God his necessities. It was when the heavens were as brass over Paul that he trusted most fully in God. More than most men, he knew the meaning of affliction; but listen to his triumphant cry, as, beset by temptation and conflict, his feet press heavenward: "Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen." Paul's eyes were fastened on the unseen and eternal. Realising that he was fighting against supernatural powers, he placed his dependence on God, and in this lay his strength. It is by seeing him who is invisible that strength and vigour of soul are gained, and the power of earth over mind and character is broken.

A pastor should mingle freely with the people for whom he labours, that by becoming acquainted with them he may know how to adapt his teaching to their needs. When a minister has preached a

sermon, his work has but begun. There is personal work for him to do. He should visit the people in their homes, talking and praying with them in earnestness and humility. There are families who will never be reached by the truths of God's Word unless the steward of his grace enter their homes and point them to the higher way. But the hearts of those who do this work must throb in unison with the heart of Christ.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Hindus and the Sermon on the Mount

THERE are some elements of the Christian religion which appeal more forcibly to the Hindu mind than others. Sharrock, a missionary of long experience in South India, mentions, "The sinless life of Christ, his sublime teaching, and the sacrifice of himself for the good of man." Speaking farther he says, "All the ideas of forgiveness, gentleness, and patience displayed in the gospel, as for example in the parable of the Prodigal Son, appeal to them, being consonant with their own conceptions of what is good and right." On the other hand, says a Brahman, "You may preach for a week on the excellence of Christ and Christianity, and we will hear you gladly; but when you say that Christ is the only Saviour, and that Christianity is superior to Hinduism, then we will not listen to you."

It is refreshing to the missionary in India to find that perhaps the most powerful appeal to the people of this country is the life and character of Christ. N. C. Mookerjee puts it this way: "As to the things which have the greatest appeal, the character of Christ is the first thing. It is wonderful to think how tacitly the grandeur of this character is admitted on all hands, his meekness, purity, selflessness, and forgiving spirit. The quarrel is with

Christians and Christianity, not with Christ."

It is a striking fact, observes Mr. Andrews, that "In the conversion of almost every great and leading Christian of the North it was the sermon on the mount that gave the impetus. I believe," says he, "the pure ideal ethical picture of Jesus Christ in the gospel, is to the educated Hindu, the greatest of all attractions to the faith." Dr. Hooper supplements this opinion. He writes, "The moral law of Christ in the sermon on the mount appeals most to the ordinary Indian mind."

It is, therefore, our privilege and duty to present to the Hindu people of this country that wonderful exposition of the Law of God as given in the sermon on the mount. It is present truth, and meets the needs of Hindus and Christians alike. Let us, therefore, live it in our lives, print it in our literature, and preach it in our sermons.

J. L. SHAW.

The Call to Be a Missionary

FOR my part, I have never ceased to rejoice that God has appointed me to such an office. People talk of the sacrifice I have made in spending so much of my life in Africa. Can that be called a sacrifice which is simply paid back as a small part of a great debt owing to our God, which we can never repay? Is that a sacrifice which brings its own best reward in healthful activity, the consciousness of doing good, peace of mind, and a bright hope of glorious destiny hereafter? Away with the thought in such a view, and with such a thought! It is emphatically no sacrifice. Say, rather, it is a privilege. Anxiety, sickness, suffering, or danger now and then, with a foregoing of the common conveniences and charities of

this life, make us pause, and cause the spirit to waver and the soul to sink; but let this be for only a moment. All these are nothing when compared with the glory which shall hereafter be revealed in and for us. I never made a sacrifice.—*David Livingstone.*

Field Reports

Bangalore

BANGALORE is a city of nearly two hundred thousand people, and is a military post and the residence of many pensioners and retired Europeans. A strong English effort was put forth here at one time, but with unfortunate results. For nearly a month I have worked in and around the city, with comparatively small returns. My cash receipts for February were Rs. 340-, 40 per cent. of which were for our message-filled literature. By March 15 I hope to enter the Bombay Presidency.

I praise God for continued health and the privilege of searching out some of the waiting, honest-hearted ones, with our important literature. May God keep us all faithful and true till the work is done.

It has been a rare privilege to spend four consecutive Sabbaths with our own people, and I have greatly appreciated the privilege of counsel with Elder James.

F. O. RAYMOND.

Babulmohal

SINCE writing last to the TIDINGS we have been visiting distant villages, looking up our school boys and their parents, also visiting Cingalia, where Jegon is stationed doing school and evangelistic work among the heathen. They have erected a small house for the students, and when I visited the students last, twenty-one were enrolled. It is quite a

jungly place, with beautiful, wooded hills near by and plenty of wild beasts prowling about. We were told that a huge bear was killed near the school a short time ago, and a large tiger last year. We held several lantern and gospel services with the students and parents at Cingalia, also in other places near by the camp. We are in urgent need of a village teacher at Domoria. The heathen are calling us there and want a good teacher. There is a house ready for the teacher, and many students are promised. The first of the year we re-opened the boarding school after a month's leave. We have quite a fine class of students; but, sorry to say, small-pox has broken out and several have been laid low. Some have gone home for treatment. All will be vaccinated. Pray for this part of God's vineyard.

W. A. BARLOW.

Additional Items

—MISS BURROWAY writes: "Our Mohammedan continues coming daily to study. He is fearful of coming out openly because his wife and babe may be taken from him. She comes from a wealthy Mohammedan family, and is a purdah woman. We cannot tell yet what the result will be."

—BROTHER BARLOW recently sent us a list of the boarding students at the Babulmohal Boarding School. He now has twenty-three boarders, the average age of whom is about 17 years. He also speaks very favourably of some of his pupils and hopes in time to have some good workers from among them.

—OUR workers especially will be pleased to know that one of the best locations in Lucknow has been secured for the publishing house and mission headquarters. The transfer was made yesterday, and it is hoped that arrangements for the erection of a needed addition to the present building can be made within a few days. Full particulars will be given next month, also a picture of the bungalow.

—THE *Northern Union Reaper* says: "An invitation has been addressed to the officers of the General Conference to hold the next general conference meeting in the city of Nashville, Tenn. The invitation was signed by the governor of the state, mayor of the city, the president of the Board of Trade, and other leading citizens. The invitation includes an offer of a large auditorium seating 6,000 people, a large theatre seating 3,000, the Masonic Temple, or the choice of two beautiful parks with all their appurtenances. This offer is a result of the splendid advertising done during the sessions of the Southern Union Conference at that place, in which much information was given as to the rise and progress of our denominational work."

—THE workers at Lucknow greatly enjoyed entertaining the new workers from America. At the reception held the night after their arrival it was interesting to hear Brethren Pettit and Comer tell of their experiences in answering the call to come to India. They come to the field with a firm belief that God has sent them, and are ready and anxious to begin English evangelistic work. Elder Comer spoke to the Lucknow church Sabbath, March 2nd, and told some touching incidents of how our people at home are sacrificing even bare necessities for the furtherance of the cause of truth in other lands.

—ELDER AND MRS. LOWRY have left Nazareth because of Sister Lowry's health and are now in Bangalore. Dr. Mann has returned from paying them a visit. He finds Sister Lowry's health in a condition which requires an invigorating climate and tonic treatment.

—BROTHER LAKE, who has been in England, reached his home at Hyderabad on the 25th of last month. His wife has unfortunately not been well during his absence. Brother Lake expects to be in Mussoorie in time to open up work at the Treatment Rooms.

—ELDER FRENCH writes that the boat question, which has been under consideration for several months, has finally been settled. East Bengal is to have a five-horse-power motor boat. This will add very greatly to the success of the work in that part of the field.

—A HOUSE has been rented for our workers in Burma, at Thandaung, a hill station of between four and five thousand feet altitude. This will give a change from the heat without the necessity of coming to India.

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

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

—THOSE wishing the new year book should send in their orders at once. Price, including postage, As. 14.

—THE school children en route to Annfield School passed through Lucknow last week. The teachers expect a good year in school.

—ELDER FRENCH and Brother Weak's are taking a trip to Gopalgunge, East Bengal. in the interests of the Bengali literature work.

—THE last word from Brother Burgess is that the prospects of a good school in Garhwal for the coming year are encouraging. A number of new students are expected.

—ELDER ENOCH is contemplating an English effort in Lonavla, beginning about the first of April. Elder Wellman is trying to arrange his work so as to assist him for a month or two.

—SISTER BECKNER has returned home from the hospital. She has since been canvassing some in Mandalay for *Oriental Watchman* and *Herald of Health*, and is enjoying the work very much.

—THERE was a long article in one of the Moulmein papers about the beliefs of the Adventists on the Eastern Question. It was by Bro. F. M. Dana, of the Greater New York Conference. Bro. Votaw, who read it, says that it was well written. This may come as the result of the press bureau work in America.

—ELDERS PETTIT and COMER and their wives and Sister Jones arrived in Bombay, February 23rd. After remaining in Bombay at the home of Elder Enoch over the Sabbath, they came on to Lucknow. Elder Pettit and wife and Sister Jones have since gone to Dehra Dun, where they will work for a few weeks preparatory to going to Mussoorie later on. Elder Comer and wife have left for Burma, to work in Rangoon until the break of the rains, when it is expected that these workers will join their forces in one effort in Calcutta.

—THE late book by Mrs. E. G. White entitled "The Acts of the Apostles" is full of counsel and encouragement to the missionary working amidst heathen surroundings. It is a veritable manual for the foreign missionary. The article on the first page is taken from the chapter entitled "A Consecrated Ministry."

—MISS AMY BOARDMAN, after four years' service in India, sailed the first of the month for Africa. Her faithful work, both in Mussoorie and at the Treatment Rooms in Calcutta, will not be soon forgotten. We wish for her a pleasant passage and a happy future in Africa.

—BROTHER PETER RICK is having good success in selling single copies of the *Oriental Watchman*. In addition to a good list of subscriptions, he also sold copies in one week to the amount of Rs. 12-8.

—WORD comes from Elder Votaw that another Karen man is keeping the Sabbath. Agitation is on among the Karens. He fears that work will begin among them before there is a man to take charge of it.

"A STRANGER"

HAVING just arrived in India to join the workers of this great and populous field, I know of no better way to cease being a stranger than to say a word to them through *Eastern Tidings*. I do not like the term "Stranger," and so am glad for this opportunity of removing it from our vocabulary here in India.

It has been a pleasure to us to meet several workers whom we have known before, also others for the first time. We appreciate the cordial welcome given us by our dear people here, and already feel quite at home.

May the monthly visits of the *Eastern Tidings* bring the best of tidings to each lover of truth, that of souls gathered and new interests awakened.

G. W. PETTIT.

BENGALI CANVASSING WORK

THE Calcutta paper workers increased their sales of *Juga Lakkan* during the month of February. Their report is as follows:—

	RS. A. P.	
R. C. Dey,	34 subs.,	14 Sales, 13- 6-0
A. Mundel,	21 " 124 "	10-13-0
B. C. Nath,	10 " 513 "	11-12-0
P. C. Bhattacharya,	13 " 170 "	8- 5-0
P. Biswas,		1-12-0
K. Biswas,		6- 9-0

Rs. 52- 9-0