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### OUR MAIL BAG.

ELDER Spicer who has been away from the Mission Board Office for six months, sends us a cheering word as he returns, and although the news he writes is in part very disappointing, we are glad to hear from him again:

"Greetings once again. I wish I could be more wordy about it, and chat a bit with you. I do hope you are well and of good courage, for I am sure we are going to give you bad news.

"I know you will not take it too hard that the Committee have decided that it would not be wise for Brother Daniells to make his trip to India this autumn. In spite of everything, and notwithstanding the splendid help and inspiration it would give the field for Brother Daniells to make this trip, yet India and all the other fields, I personally believe, will receive greater help if Brother Daniells stands by during the next few months getting ready for the General Conference.

"The next General Conference must be different, and the President of the General Conference must lead in the preparations for it. This he cannot do if kept away from contact with the different departments here, and kept abroad at the very time when he must be working

with his Committee and the various departments.

"You know the call for the evangelistic help in this country that has kept all hands out in institute work nearly, in fact, practically all the year. This was essential work, and the fruit of it, I believe, will come year by year in future time. The great need in our work is that the great bases of supply in Europe and America shall be kept strong. You know the call that came, and there was reason for it, for a revival of work for the masses in the unreached fields of the home land. I believe now after the next General Conference that more than ever before the General Conference Committee can turn heavier attention to the fields abroad.

"We earnestly considered the possibility of a short visit by Elder Daniells. After my six months away on the South American trip, I have felt to emphasize that not always in making these visits to the fields can the General Conference brethren be expected to make the round of each local station and work. As the work spreads out, it takes so much time that it is out of the question to visit every local station on these trips, as once we could. Otherwise we ourselves would lose our touch with the base of the work, and not be able to do anything at this end, and might as well cut loose and join you permanently in the fields.

"But depend upon it, it was with sad hearts that the brethren took this action; we felt worse in-as-much as the Committee at Loma Linda sent on to you the suggestion, and really, I suppose, the conditional promise. But the Committee

at Loma Linda, as the brethren say now, evidently had no thought of what they were going to do about the next General Conference. Hence comes the disappointment to you, which will be all the greater in-as-much as you felt that the matter was assured, I suppose. We are all downright sorry, but we are all enthusiastically confident that not a heart will sound a minor key in India."

Elder F. M. Wilcox, Editor of the *Review and Herald*, speaks of his visit at Loma Linda and also of the new plans for the *Protestant Magazine*. He writes as follows:—

"As you perhaps know, I spent the winter in the West. It was very pleasant for me to visit the Pacific Coast again after an absence of eighteen years. I was greatly encouraged with the growth I saw and with the spirit which was manifest in the work.

"I specially enjoyed my stay at Loma Linda. We have a wonderful centre developing there. About one hundred and fifty young people are in training as nurses or medical students, and the work there promises great things for the future in my judgment, if those associated with it keep humble and near to the Lord. Arrangements have been made so that Brother Burden will do field work as financial agent, soliciting annuities, donations, etc., and this will be a great help to the work.

"It has been decided to begin the publication of the *Protestant Magazine* as a monthly beginning with October. We already have a subscription list of about ten thousand, made up largely of professional men such, as ministers, attorneys, etc. We hope to raise our subscription list to one hundred thousand. We believe that we can do this. We shall not seek to promote the magazine so much by sales as by the subscription basis. We

feel that the Catholic peril is right upon us. I wish that I had the time and power to present to you the thrilling situation which it seems to me exists in our country over this matter. We are issuing in the promotion of the magazine a circular to be sent out broadcast to our people. This will be published first in the *Review* of June 27th. I hope you will read this as it marshals some startling facts."

Brother C. H. Jones, Manager of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, writes us of the splendid gift of a Cottrell Drum Cylinder Press which the Pacific Press are sending to India.

"After careful consideration we have decided to ship to you a C. B. Cottrell & Sons Co., No. 3 "Triumph" Drum Cylinder Press, with table distribution, as suggested. Enclosed you will find copy of a letter we have just written to the Company ordering same shipped to you. We trust that there will be no delay in the matter of shipment and that the press will arrive in good condition and that you will find it to be just what you want.

"Our Board thought that we had better ship only one press at present. After trying that you could tell better what size and kind of press would suit you best to follow this. I have no doubt that when you have come to a definite decision our Board will be willing to forward another press.

"We all have a special interest in the work in the Orient and rejoice that we have the privilege of furnishing some of the facilities to help carry it on. Shall be glad to hear occasionally in regard to the progress of the work, your future needs, etc."

Concerning the mission station in N. W. Rhodesia under the supervision of Elder W. H. Anderson, Sister J. V.

Wilson, who has been visiting the station says as follows:—

“Brother Anderson certainly has a fine station here. There are two good brick houses, one for himself and one for his helper, many rooms for the boys, store rooms, and outfittings, so it makes quite a show. He has a nice orange orchard, small trees, but loaded with fruit this year for the first. The next day after I came I helped pick a few hundred beautiful navel oranges, measuring from 12 to 15 inches around, more like small pumpkins you see, and he sold them quickly at 25s. per hundred, and could have sold many more had he had them. He has a herd of nearly three hundred cows and oxen, and sixty calves have been born this year, so you see they are growing into money fast. I presume you noticed in the *Review* that he is making this station self-supporting this year. He will do it all right with no serious bad luck. The price of food stuff is high here. The school work is successful, and he is turning out teachers as fast he can to open up new out-stations. It is really wonderful what the gospel has done for the natives here. I like to attend their meetings and look into their faces, though I cannot understand a word they say. I will visit the Bulawayo mission on my way home, also stop at Victoria Falls three days.”

### WORDS FROM WORKERS.

BROTHER Beckner, writing from Mandalay, tells of the success he is having in taking orders for the Burmese quarterly.

“The TIDINGS came yesterday and was pounced upon by every one in the house. It did our hearts good to read the good reports of the work in India. Glad to hear that South India is getting out a paper. If they will send me some single copies every month, I will get a few sub-

scribers for them as I go out with the Burmese paper. I have taken thirty yearly subscriptions for the Chinese paper, and hope to obtain 100 before General Meeting. Up to the present I have taken 860 subscriptions for the *Burma Watchman* and sold about 705 single copies. I am setting my stakes high for subscriptions before the General Meeting.

I hope the papers do not run short, but I fear they will before the next issue is out. I think the October number should be not less than 7000. Mandalay is becoming very well worked, so I will be going to some of the towns up and down the river and railway in the future. Mrs. Beckner plans to go with me and work for the *Oriental Watchman* and *Herald of Health*. She has taken some orders in Mandalay.

“You may look for 3000 or more paid-up subscriptions for the *Burma Watchman* when we come to Calcutta.

“I wish we had eight or ten good men to go out with these papers. There is not a Burman selling them now. If we had ten good men in Burma they would take 200 orders a month and in addition sell a lot of single copies. I would like to see this paper enter every Burmese village in Burma.”

The past month at the Calcutta Treatment Rooms has been unusually successful for this season of the year. We quote as follows from Brother Reagan's letter. It shows the long hours and hard work of Brother and Sister Reagan in the heat:—

“Herewith statement for July. I am glad we have come out Rs. 469-2- to the good.

“Mrs. Reagan gave 144 treatments' worth Rs. 534-4; and I gave 152 treatments, worth Rs. 504. Mrs. Reagan has created a record for the ladies' side,

both in the amount taken in, and the number of treatments given. She really worked hard to do this. From 6. A. M. to 6. P. M.

"We have every reason to be thankful for the way the Lord is providing us with work and giving us the necessary health and strength to cope with it."

Sister Mary Gibbs writes as follows of the work and workers in Burma:—

"Mr. and Mrs. Votaw went yesterday. The L. G. is to visit the school at Meiktila tomorrow.

"Mr. and Mrs. Williams sail for England, via Madras on Friday, he is to take his first year's examination in Burmese tomorrow morning. Am quite sure he will pass as he has studied so hard. (He passed, Ed.)

"Mr. Baasch is up-country working with the Burmese papers. A telegram came to-day ordering several hundred more papers as soon as possible.

"I have taken on a case that has to be treated five times a week, making me ten massages to give a week, and they are so far away and far apart."

Brother Edward Thomas who has charge of the work at Nazareth, Tinnevely, in the absence of Brother James and Brother Lowry, writes encouragingly of the progress of the school and other mission work at that station.

"Very much interested to learn all you have said about our school in North India. Well, we all also think very much of our school in South India. We have on the roll to-day 92 children including boys and girls. I am sure you will be very much interested if you come over to this side of the country and pay a visit to our school. We, the teachers always stand before the students as living representatives of the message. We realize the greatest want of the world is the want of men. Men who will not be bought

or sold, men who do not fear to call sin by its right name, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall. Realizing this we try our best to impress the truth on the minds of the youth while they are still young and tender, and while their minds are not darkened with very much of their heathen doctrines. Almost every day we see some advancement of our students in the truth. It is a great pleasure for us to watch and see how each individual is trying to have a closer walk with their Saviour. We are sure, by God's help, we will very soon have some young men and women whom we can trust and lay responsibilities upon in carrying this message.

"Lately we were brought into close quarters by certain circumstances which compelled us to organize a boarding school of our own. Twelve children have their boarding in this organization. Now these children are entirely under our influence both day and night. This gives a better opportunity for us to train them in the ways we desire. My wife and I take a great deal of interest in keeping this school going with system and order."

"WHILE the great final reward is given at Christ's coming, true-hearted service for God brings a reward even in this life. Obstacles, opposition, and bitter, heart-breaking discouragement, the worker will have to meet. He may not see the fruit of his toil. But in face of all this he finds in his labour a blessed recompense. All who surrender themselves to God in unselfish service for humanity, are in cooperation with the Lord of glory. This thought sweetens all toil; it braces the will; it nerves the spirit for whatever may befall. Working with unselfish heart, ennobled by being partakers of Christ's sufferings, sharing his sympathies, they help to swell the tide of his joy, and bring honour and praise to his exalted name."

## Field Reports

### CALCUTTA.

It is always with interest that I read the reports from the workers month by month in *Eastern Tidings* so I must not take without giving.

I am still endeavouring with the Lord's help, to place truth before the people of Calcutta by means of the magazines. A good work has been done by these in the past. Every day I meet those who have received, or are receiving, the *Watchman*, and speak very highly of it. It is surprising to see how many people are familiar with the truth. Some express a desire to study it more. I am so glad public meetings will soon begin here that they may hear the entire message.

The residence section is now nearly finished, and I have begun canvassing in the business offices. I felt very incapable of doing this, but I sought God for the needed help. He has surely prepared the way so that I have not been refused an entrance once. The men in charge are kind, and give me permission to speak a few moments to each one of the assistants. In one office to-day, I received four paid orders. Of course there are times when it is not so easy, but "we are labourers together with God," and what greater helper could we desire? Pray that some seed may fall on good ground, and bear fruit for the kingdom of God.

P. A. RICK.

### SOUTH INDIA INSTITUTE

We have just closed a very interesting and profitable institute for our colporteurs who were assembled at this place, and those who attended have now gone to their fields of labour. Nine persons took the regular training. One

came from Madras, five from Tinnevely, one from Pondicherry, and two were from Trichinopoly.

This was undoubtedly the most unique and interesting institute I have ever had the privilege of conducting. Our sole stock of literature consisted of four small tracts on doctrinal subjects, and the Bible. We had no printed canvass or prospectus, not even a book to study. Our men were all of limited education, some having never been away from home in their lives. But these things are of little hindrance to a man of faith and strong determination, and God can accomplish wonders where there is a willing heart and mind.

Our institute was divided into three sessions. At 7.00 A. M. we had a Bible study especially designed for workers. At 10:30 A. M. we took up practical subjects and had drill on various points of business. Most of the day until 6:30 P. M. was spent in canvassing in the city and other duties, at which time we gathered to study the fundamentals of the Message. Inasmuch as the chief instrument to be handled by our men would be the Tamil journal in which would be presented the various phases of truth from time to time, it seemed quite essential that our colporteurs be thoroughly familiar with the leading points of our faith. This was the chief object of all our efforts during the institute.

While the institute was in progress our Tamil journal was going through the press. Finished copies were given us just at the close of our session so the workers could have some drill on its contents and how to present it. We all greatly rejoiced that it was possible to have this journal for the men to take to their fields. Before dividing them among the men we all knelt around the bundles and asked God to bless the pages of truth

as they were placed in the hands of the people, and in a special manner to sustain and bless those who were to carry them. A number of our colporteurs joined audibly in this petition.

Eld. Lowry was able to be with us during a greater portion of the institute and rendered valuable help in the Bible studies. Bro. Thomas was up from Tinnevely and threw himself into the programme with the usual zeal and earnestness, and Brother Devasaheyam gave us appreciated help in some of the services. Above all the Lord was present by his guiding Spirit and all were greatly encouraged. In the early morning of the last Sabbath of the institute five persons were baptized, most of whom were the first fruits of the work started here more than a year ago.

On July 29 the men were sent out two and two in nearby territory so their work could be more easily superintended. As I write this (Aug. 5.) the first reports of three men have arrived and the total sales for the week for each far surpasses my fondest expectations. I hope to be able to publish a list for one month in our next TIDINGS. Pray that God will greatly bless the colporteurs all over India and Burmah. J. S. JAMES.

### SIMLA

SINCE my last report written in April, from Poona, I have been for the most part at Mussoorie and Simla in North India. This is my first visit to the Himalayas and is of course full of interest as well as benefit healthwise.

It was a real pleasure to meet some thirty of our workers at Dehra Dun and Mussoorie. The special kindness of many of these I shall long remember, and with renewed health and strength, I feel myself under added obligation to make all count for the most in the Master's service.

I have now been two weeks in Simla,

hard at work, but greatly favoured by the kind hospitality of Brother and Sister Mills. Being at present the seat of the Government of India, the station is a very important one, and of peculiar difficulty. But while the great majority seem well satisfied with their position in this world and in the popular churches, it is refreshing to find a few earnest souls meeting regularly for the study of God's truth for this time. I pray to be made a means of encouragement and blessing to these dear friends.

My cash receipts for July were Rs. 332/-, 70% was for our religious literature.

I am coming in contact with much of the good work done by Brother Poley at Lahore and elsewhere. May the Lord sustain and bless each one of the dear workers and water the seed sown.

F. O. RAYMOND.

### BURMA

"My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please." The above text is as true today as it was two thousand years ago. If this be so then we have great results to look forward to in Burma. The printed page, which is God's word, is being scattered as never before. The spirit of God is definitely impressing minds and preparing them for the reception of the truth.

During last month I have been very much encouraged by the way people have expressed themselves in regard to our literature. People who were in possession of such books as "Patriarchs and Prophets", and "Christ's Object Lessons" ordered "Great Controversy" and "Daniel and Revelation." One gentleman who was in possession of half a dozen of our books, added to his library, "Desire of Ages" and "Daniel and the Revelation,"

and ordered as well fifty tracts sent him every month.

My trip last month was to the Shan States. The scenery there is beyond description, and the people are interesting. At Maymyo in a week I secured orders for Rs. 331-14. I also visited Hsipaw and Lashio, and the Burmese mines.

The Shans, like the Karens, are waiting for the Saviour who has waited so long for them. My earnest prayer is that the books left behind may be the means of pointing them to him.

The two Tamil boys travelling with me secured nearly two hundred subscriptions for the Burmese "Watchman."

Pray for the canvassing work in Burma. God's message for to-day is being scattered like the leaves of autumn. The printed page can go, and is going, where the preacher cannot. They can speak on every subject wisely and well, and as the angels' told the shepherds where to find Jesus, so these books and papers will tell many souls of Him. W. CARRATT.

### PROGRESS

REPORTS of progress continue to come in from the far East, and especially from China. Again I quote from a letter just received:—

"It would do your heart good to be with us just now. The war came on suddenly, and seemed to put an end to our work. As suddenly, we find the doors reopened. To our great joy, we find that in place of the work having been stopped, God has been carrying it on for us. In one place, a whole company has been added.

"When the revolution broke out, we were publishing 34,000 copies of the *Signs* each issue. To-day our orders run more than 40,000. Does this sound like the Loud Cry? What would you think of going to one of our primary schools

and expect to find there the material for your best canvassers, then having made your selections, send them out without a day's training to prosecute a vigorous campaign in the cold. This is what China is doing.

"To-day we received a consignment of paper costing us \$1,500 gold. Our presses are running night and day, with work in sight that may demand this special rush for nearly three months. The special object of our effort just now is the June issue of the *Signs*, which is to have a four colour reproduction of the new national flag of China for a cover. Our mandarin edition is 65,000, and the Wen-Li 40,000. Orders in for the July edition promise a like total for that issue. Sounds good, does it not?"

While as yet we are not running large editions of our papers in this field, there is certainly room for a similar work among the millions of India. The success of our Indian colporteurs is increasing; but we need an army of consecrated workers in each section of our field to hasten on the message of the Lord's soon coming.

In the home land, our canvassing force is made up quite largely of the youth from our schools and colleges, and China finds her school the recruiting ground for colporteurs. May our Indian schools serve the same purpose, sending out many consecrated youth to become agents of God for the finishing of this work.

C. E. WEAKS.

*The Oriental Watchman* for August comes out with a neat, two colour cover, the illustration being a portrait of the Czar of Russia. Among the contents are articles on the "Intensity of War Training," Netherlands and the Reformation," and "The Seal of Heaven." It is an especially good number of this excellent journal.

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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.

—MISS CHILTON has taken up her work in Lucknow after an agreeable change and rest in Garhwal. Her zenana students eagerly welcomed her back.

—PASTOR W. R. FRENCH and Brother C. E. Weaks are making a trip this month to East Bengal in the interest of the canvassing work in that part of the field.

—THE Mussoorie Treatment Rooms have had the largest patronage the past month of any month in their history. It has been necessary at times either not to accept patients, or defer their coming until a later date.

—SISTER SHRYOCK who has been nursing Brother Perrin's little daughter while ill with fever, has now gone to Agra to nurse the youngest child of Brother Janes, who is very ill.

—We regret to record the death of the infant daughter of Brother and Sister J. Janes in Agra, August 11. As Brother and Sister Janes were entirely alone in Agra, the presence of Sister Shryock, was a great comfort to them in the last hours.

—OUR youngest child in the magazine family is a Tamil quarterly bearing the name of *Present Truth*. Though we cannot read more than the titles of the articles it contains, we like the appearance of the magazine and think it is one of the best looking children in our journal family, which now numbers five, not counting EASTERN TIDINGS.

—PASTOR PETTIT and wife and Sister Rachel Jones left Mussoorie for Calcutta, Aug. 4th. Though they are much missed in Mussoorie, we are glad the time has arrived to begin work in Calcutta and that they are to have a part in it. An important evangelical effort will soon be under headway in that metropolis. We shall do well to remember this in our petitions before God from day to day.

—We have received word from Brother Lowry that Sister Lowry has not been making much improvement of late. The doctor whom they have consulted thinks the changeable weather at Kodaikanal at this season of the year is too severe for her. We thank God that He is giving these fellow-workers courage and fortitude at this time. Brother Lowry passed his second examination in Tamil several weeks ago.

—PASTOR JAMES reports the baptism of five souls at the close of the Canvassers' convention which was held last month. Others are investigating the truth. Nine canvassers went from the institute into the work. We received a group photograph of all who attended the institute, and we hope all our readers can see it later on.

—PASTOR ENOCH and wife were unexpectedly called to Mussoorie by the serious illness of their daughter Pearl. She is now making favourable recovery, and Brother and Sister Enoch will remain for a month's change. Meanwhile, Pastor Enoch is rendering very helpful service in the meetings in Mussoorie.

—THE Advisory Board held a minority meeting recently in Mussoorie to make the estimates for the India Union Mission field for the year 1913. Brother W. E. Perrin and Sister M. M. Quantock have been in attendance and are remaining in the hills after the meetings for a little change.

—THE time set for the Bi-ennial Meeting is Nov. 14-24. The meeting is to be held in Calcutta. We anticipate one of the most profitable occasions in the history of our work in India. We hope to see all of our workers in attendance, and as many as possible of our people generally.

—BROTHER AND SISTER MATTISON are nicely located in Bombay, and report encouragingly of their canvassing work in that great city. Brethren Weaks and Enoch were able to meet them on their arrival from America and assist them in beginning work.

—PASTOR COMER writes encouragingly of the work in Rangoon; the interest still continues good. He reports that several are about to take their stand. Brother Comer and family expect soon to leave for Calcutta to take part in the effort there.

—A NEW edition in French arrived recently in Calcutta. It is strictly masculine.