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### ALONE WITH HIM

Have you and I to-day  
Stood silent as with Christ, apart from joy  
or fray  
Of life, to see by faith his face;  
To look, if but a moment, at its grace,  
And grow, by brief companionship more true,  
More nerved to lead, to dare, to do  
For him at any cost? Have we to-day  
Found time, in thought, our hand to lay  
In his, and thus compare  
His will with ours, and wear  
The impress of his wish? Be sure  
Such contact will endure  
Throughout the day; will help us walk erect  
Through storm and flood; detect,  
Within the hidden life, sin's dross, its stain;  
Revive a thought of love for him again;  
Steady the steps which waver; help us see  
The footpath meant for you and me.  
—George Kingle.

### THE INDIA UNION CONFERENCE

As perhaps nearly all our readers are aware, the India Biennial Conference meets in Calcutta, November 14. A committee, consisting of Elders Pettit and French and Brother Reagan, has been appointed to provide rooming accommodation for all who attend the meeting. It is advisable therefore that every one wishing room during the meeting correspond with one of these three brethren. Sister Leech will have charge of the dining room, and arrangements for meals during the meeting should be made with her.

We are glad to send out the definite word that Prof. H. R. Salisbury, representing the General Conference, is on the way from America and we expect him to be at the meeting. Brother Salisbury will endeavour to visit and inspect all our different mission stations and become as intimately acquainted with the work and workers in India and Burma as possible. His association with the General Conference Committee and his wide travel both in Europe and America will, we feel sure, make his stay in our part of the Orient one of much profit to the cause in India.

The spiritual interests will be made prominent. We expect the coming meeting will serve to deepen the spiritual life of our workers and all our people who are present. We have been looking forward to this occasion, as we feel certain God will do great things for us as we come together with one heart, in his name, to be guided by him in laying plans for his work. We are in receipt of letters from various parts of the field making enquiries. We know that many prayers have been offered for this occasion, and we suggest that it continue to be a subject of daily prayer, to the end that as individuals those who attend may come together in that humble, teachable frame of mind which God can lead and bless.

It should not, and will not, be an occasion for sight seeing, to see Calcutta. As servants of God, as children of his, thirsting after his righteousness, we should come knowing that he will not forsake those who seek him with a single purpose.

Important problems affecting the work in all its different phases will be up for consideration. We shall need as we have not needed before the wisdom of God, that wise, safe, and aggressive plans may be laid for the future of the message in India. God will surely guide his servants at that time as they look entirely to him for counsel and guidance. May God constrain us to come together expecting great things of him, willing to surrender ourselves and our plans to him, fully believing that he will definitely guide and direct us.

We are also glad to send out the word at this time that four families of missionaries are on their way to India and will be present at the meeting in Calcutta. Eld. M. D. Wood and wife, who have spent many years in Marathi work, are returning to take up work among the Marathi people; Bro. and Sister V. E. Peugh are coming to take up work among the Tamil people of South India; Bro. and Sister G. A. Hamilton come to answer the long-repeated call for workers in Burma; and Bro. C. Belgrave and wife will work in North India. Already Brother Belgrave has done some mission work in the Hindustani language in the West Indies, and thus has some knowledge of the people for whom he is to labour. We believe God is sending these workers to this field. We are thankful that they are all planning to be present at the coming meeting—their presence will be an inspiration—and we are certain they will receive a warm welcome to this land of need.

Again I urge you to begin to plan for this meeting. Let all pray that God's presence may be manifest from the first day to the last service. Let us get as many as possible to attend the meeting.

J. L. SHAW,

#### WORDS FROM WORKERS

BROTHER LOWRY writes that Mrs. Lowry had a hard time crossing from India to Colombo. He says:—

My wife had quite a hard time coming over from India to Colombo. Just as soon as she got to the ship she simply lost all of her strength and was completely exhausted. She was sick all that night and for some time even after we landed. The three days in Colombo, though, seemed to help her a great deal, and before we were ready to go aboard the *Palawan* she was feeling quite well. She is not feeling so well, now, however, because of sea sickness and her former troubles and also a cold which she contracted after coming on board. I am hoping that within another day or two she will begin to feel better.

A personal letter from Mrs. Votaw gives the following interesting items:—

I have been home but two evenings, I believe, since Elder Comer left more than a month ago. We have now a class of nine preparing for baptism. We meet the class twice a week for special studies, and then we have a private hour when we are getting one lady ready. Mr. Votaw is determined no more shall be baptized that are not thoroughly rooted and grounded. Just at present we have the largest enrollment at Sabbath-school we have ever had. We have an average attendance of about 39 out of 44 members.

The long-looked-for time has finally arrived, and the evangelical effort in Calcutta is in full swing. Three meetings have already been held in Theatre Royal. At the first service they had an attendance of 400, with a donation of Rs 60. Of the meetings, Brother Pettit writes:—

Elder Comer preached a fine sermon last night. We had some very fine people there, business men, High Court Judge and wife, etc. The work in Calcutta is onward.

Miss Jones writes of the meetings:—

They certainly had a good Seventh-day Adventist sermon. One man said it convinced him that the Bible must be inspired.

Brother Comer also writes:—

We are all anxious to see the most accomplished in the shortest time and with least expense, and this looks to me like one of the ways. My courage is good in the work, and while I fully realize we are entering the very

last of the conflicts and I tremble as a man to think of what is before us, still I feel to take a firmer grip on that Great Right Hand and go forward.

Brother James sends us two letters from two of his orphan boys. He says of them:—

When we went to that village four years ago these children were naked heathen. We put them into the school and taught them faithfully. Last year they were baptized. Both boys are interested in our work. Brother Thomas has had Isaac with him in Palamcottah canvassing for our paper this week during a short vacation of the school. I will hear later how they have succeeded.

The letters are written in English, and certainly are a recommend to the untiring efforts of Brother and Sister James. Fruits like these must be very encouraging to the seed sower. J. L. S.

#### FORWARD MOVEMENT

SABBATH afternoon at the conference was indeed a feast of good things. Contrary to the usual programme carried out at previous conferences, the afternoon sermon was dispensed with. In its place a "forward movement" was announced. At the close of the meeting, which lasted more than three hours, it was evident to all that the new departure was fully justified. Many expressed themselves as never having attended a more inspiring and enthusiastic gathering since embracing the truth.

After the usual opening exercises, in which the large congregation heartily joined, Brother Fitzgerald briefly announced the nature of the meeting and why it had been arranged for. He said that since the ministerial institute held at Watford last December, all the workers felt the deep need of faith and courage to attempt greater things for God and his cause. Accordingly, during the last six months they had in the strength of the Lord gone forth to labour on a much larger scale than hitherto. Whether they

were justified in launching out as they had done would be amply demonstrated by the reports of the workers that would follow. Following this introduction, Brother Fitzgerald called on the workers one by one to tell what great things the Lord had done for them. It was truly inspiring as each worker told of the marvellous way in which the Lord had blessed the increased efforts put forth in his name.

Prayer was offered by W. T. Bartlett, and a double quartette sang "Moment by Moment."

Brother Fitzgerald, in his opening remarks, said:—

"Many of us have felt for some time that we were not moving quite as rapidly as we ought to be in our evangelistic work. We had been restricting our campaign altogether too much to our tent work, and the tent season was confined to about one-third of the year, so that we were running rather too easily the other two-thirds. We were taking small halls, at small expense it is true, but with small congregations and small results. Last year's institute gave us an inspiration to undertake better things.

"On January 1st the Union District was formed, and I felt that we must move forward in the district. Personally, I felt it was incumbent upon me as chairman of the District Committee and president of the Union to enter into real, active work as a minister in the field. I thought of this with some trepidation, for I knew that if I began a series of meetings there, various people would be looking that way, some sympathetically, some critically. Some of my good friends, the presidents of conferences, have entertained the same sort of feeling. But I felt it was absolutely necessary to move forward.

"We went into a neighbourhood in

North London where there were about half a dozen halls within easy reach. We found one that would seat 350 people at a rental of 4/- a meeting, very cheap indeed, but still it was only third or fourth rate. Another place was first rate for our work, but it would cost us 25/- every Sunday night. We came to the conclusion that the better hall would be the more economical. We secured another hall, in connection with a public-house, for week nights. We advertised. We appealed to our people for help, and they responded well. Watford gave us £47 and the others did proportionately. For thirteen Sunday nights we had an average attendance of just over 300; on Wednesdays our attendance averaged 120. At the end of the time thirty persons had signed a covenant to keep the commandments. Eighteen have already united with the church, and others are coming along. As to finances, our collections paid all the rents and other expenses in connection with the halls themselves, and left a balance to the good. We used the money the churches gave us to do the advertising and bear other expenses.

"I felt anxious to succeed because I wanted for myself and for all the workers throughout the field to gain an inspiration for a forward movement, and while we were doing that in Wood Green, other brethren elsewhere were taking hold with enthusiasm, launching out, and they will be able to tell you this afternoon that the Lord has rewarded their courage and faith and given them good results for the efforts put forth."

S. G. HAUGHEY. "At the close of the institute we began looking around in South London to find a suitable place. It was three or four years since I had conducted a large effort, and to go into London and hold meetings was a task which made me feel rather timid. I was

never more conscious of my own weakness. However, we looked in several districts and seemed to be shut up to one large hall, the Balham Assembly Rooms. The church in Balham agreed to help meet the expense, and we decided to launch out. We had the hall for thirteen Sunday nights, all the dates that were vacant. Two services were held every Sunday evening, for we saw that it would be impossible to present the message in the time otherwise. The first evening we had at the first service 120. at the second 90. Our attendance increased, and it was at its largest when the series ended.

"During the time of the meetings we had from half a column to two columns in three of the local papers, which gave very good reports. Interested people came from West Norwood and other adjoining districts. As a result we have gathered out some souls in several districts. While none have yet been baptized, we know of eleven or twelve who are definitely keeping the Sabbath. A number more are deeply interested and studying. This work has been followed by a tent effort in Toating, and now that this has closed we are uniting the two interests in a hall effort midway. We have felt very much the lack of a lady Bible worker.

"We are fully convinced that successful efforts can be carried forward in London. The Lord has blessed us in years past in the cities of the north, and we are fully convinced that the Lord is ready and waiting to bless every effort put forth in the great metropolis."

W. A. SHAFER. "We started early in March an effort in a hall seating 300 in one of the suburbs of Bristol, from which we can work three large districts. We started by thoroughly advertising the meetings. Our attendance began with 225, the next week it was 300, and the

third week it was a great pleasure for me to have to add to the advertisement, 'Come early if you want a good seat.' That Sunday the hall was not able to accommodate the people who came, and a number were turned away. The people came regularly and the attendance stayed at about 300 till the thirteen weeks' period expired. Shortly before the close we presented the Sabbath and several took their stand. Subsequent meetings have been well attended, and the interest is still growing. Up to the present time twenty-eight good souls have embraced the truth. Our Sabbath afternoon attendance ranges from forty to fifty. The presentation of the Spirit of Prophecy helped some to take their stand. Five policemen have been coming to the meetings.

"I have given six or seven addresses at adult school classes and Sunday afternoon P. S. A.'s. One man and his wife are coming into the truth through an acquaintance thus formed.

"The church in Bristol has stood by us faithfully, donating £13, and helping in other ways throughout the effort. We are thankful for God's blessing. It has renewed our courage in the work, and I can see that the Lord has glorious things in store for us, and I want to continue in the school of Christ, ever studying to become a more efficient worker in his vineyard. The Spirit of God is moving on the hearts of the people everywhere in this time of unrest, and if we step out boldly before the world, the Lord will secure us a good hearing for our message."

[Other reports from A. E. Bacon, J. D. Gillatt, A. D. Armstrong, H. C. Lacey, and John Taylor are given in the same article in *Present Truth*, but space will not permit our publishing them. We feel profoundly thankful to God for the rapid progress of the work in England.—J. L. S.]

## Field Reports

### KARMATAR

In company with three of our workers, I visited the large mela held at Deoghur, for the purpose of selling our literature.

The vast majority were Hindi-speaking people, who could not read, speak, or understand Bengali. Fortunately, however, we had a good supply of Hindi books with us. By using a few words of Hindustani and a few of Bengali, we managed to make ourselves understood. We were on the ground a part of three days, and put in about a good day and a half of work. We sold 200 Hindi and Bengali books. In this city of the Hindu gods, scores of people would not touch our books, and some who attempted to examine them had them torn from their hands by the priests; but God worked upon the hearts of many to buy. Christians of other missions sold a goodly number of the gospels.

Praise God for the promise that his word shall not return to him void—even though placed in the hand of the hardened Hindu.

D. BURROWAY.

### BOMBAY

I KNOW the workers in India have expected to hear from us direct before this. But we have been very busy since arriving here—most of you know by experience what we have had to meet upon entering the work in this field. However, we are very glad to be in India. The needs of this people appeal to us, and we hope to live so near the Saviour that he can use us and make us a blessing to them.

The Lord has blessed my efforts in scattering our literature. I am glad to find those who desire the truth and who are interested in our work. Satan has many agencies at work in this large city,

but there are many honest hearts here who should become acquainted with the truth. I know the *Oriental Watchman* will be the means of opening the hearts of such people for the effort soon to be put forth here. At present, I am working the offices. I find the people very nice, and I enjoy the work. I have worked most of the European residences but have scarcely made a beginning with the natives.

We are looking forward with pleasure to the general meeting, where we can meet the workers, also receive a feast of good things from the Lord. I ask your prayers in behalf of the work that is being done, and that is to be done, in this great gateway to India.

MILTON M. MATTISON.

#### BURMA

I WAS glad to be able to visit Moulmein again, after an absence of about eight months. I must confess, however, that I went there with doubts as to how some of the people would greet me. During my first visit, in January last, I found people very reluctant to subscribe for our papers. They said they knew all about Seventh-day Adventists, and that they did not feel very favourable toward them or their publications. On my recent trip people were not only glad to see me again, but expressed high opinion of our literature. One man gave his order for two years ahead, although his subscription has not expired. I remember meeting, during my first visit, a man who said he had no use for Seventh-day Adventists, but after pressing very hard, I managed to take his order for the *Watchman*. He now says it is an excellent paper and one he enjoys reading very much. In addition to this, he has taken "Daniel and the Revelation," and is ordering books for his children.

I could only stay in Moulmein one

week, as I had to be back in Rangoon, at the beginning of October to deliver a number of books previously ordered. During my stay there I sold six copies of "Daniel and the Revelation," two copies of "Ministry of Healing," and quite a large number of health books. One copy of "Daniel" was sold to a minister and another to the head master of a mission school.

Good seed was sown there during January; it has now been watered, and God has promised to give the increase. Let us pray that it may bring forth an abundant harvest. W. CARRATT.

#### NORTH INDIA

As the time comes for another monthly report, I am thankful for a place among the workers, though the work accomplished seems very small. September was spent chiefly in Amballa, Bareilly, and Naini Tal. The first two places are important military stations, while the last one is the summer headquarters of the United Provinces government, and with the beautiful lake is perhaps the most charming hill station. I can testify also that the steep mountain sides furnish the canvasser ample exercise as he seeks to visit all the bungalows, some of which are one thousand feet above the town.

The month was a rather strenuous one, with cash receipts of only Rs. 333-3. But in every place, some one is found to really prize our message-filled literature, and the toil is forgotten. Perhaps but one such soul is found in a whole day; but who can say that the day has not been a successful one, even though cash receipts be small.

I am now seventy five miles east of Lucknow, working along the Bengal North-western Railway toward Calcutta, and as our books and papers seem more truly appreciated in the smaller, out-of-

# Obituary

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ELDER GARDINER KELLOGG OWEN, who for something like twelve years has been doing work in connection with the mission in India, died at Lucknow, Friday morning, the 18th of October, at the age of seventy-four years and one month, having been born in Monroe County, Michigan, U. S. A., on Sept. 19, 1838. For some weeks, while still in Mussoorie with his son-in-law and daughter, Elder and Mrs. Shaw, he had been suffering from dysentery, but this had apparently been stayed, and he, with his daughter, had made the journey to Lucknow. Unfortunately, the disease returned in an aggravated form, and although all was done that was possible, after four days he passed quietly away.

Elder Owen was one of the early workers in this message, entering the evangelical work in Tennessee, U. S. A., some thirty-five years ago. He started the work in New Orleans, which has since grown to considerable proportions. He also laboured with success in California, Nevada, and Michigan before coming to India in 1901, and although in advanced life, did faithful work in Calcutta with Elder Shaw, and in Colombo with Elder Armstrong. In recent years he has helped in various ways in Mussoorie, Lucknow, and Calcutta, always presenting a cheerful, happy countenance, which was a faithful example to his younger brethren.

Elder Owen leaves three brothers, one sister, and his daughter and her husband to mourn his loss, all of whom are, as was he, looking forward to the soon coming of our Master. This blessed hope opens the portals of the tomb in glad expectation of the resurrection of the righteous and softens the heartache which would otherwise be a heavy burden.

We laid Elder Owen to rest in the opening moments of the Sabbath, while our workers sang those sweet hymns of comfort which point us to the day of joyful meeting in the better land. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer, assisted by Brother Weaks.

S. A. WELLMAN.

the-way district stations, I am endeavouring to reach as many of them as possible, though it means extra travel and effort. My daily prayer is that God by his Spirit and Providence will bring me into touch with those whose hearts he has prepared, and give me meat in due season for them.

May we as workers ever remember each other at the throne of grace.

F. O. RAYMOND.

HAVE the courage to stand for God, even if you have to stand alone. Have the courage to say nothing when you have nothing to say. Have the courage to remain "on the fence" as long as the mud is knee deep on both side. Have the courage of two evils to choose the lesser, but of two wrongs to choose *neither*. Have the courage to believe in God with all your heart, and to own his name everywhere.—*Selected*.

"WHAT was hard to bear will be sweet to remember.—*Spurgeon*."

## Canvassing Notes

BROTHER CARRATT has started a re-canvass of a part of his territory, and is meeting with good success when we consider the fact that the same towns were worked less than a year ago. Where he used "Heralds of the Morning" and "Practical Guide" last winter, he is now using "Ministry of Healing" and "School of Health."

It has been a long time since we have given Bombay a good, thorough canvass. But Brother and Sister Mattison have been located there since they arrived in the field in July, and Brother Mattison has been successful in taking a large number of subscriptions for the papers. He writes that he finds many who seem deeply interested in the truth.

ALTHOUGH Brother Rick has been working the territory in and near Calcutta nearly all of 1912, he still finds plenty to do, judging from his reports. We have a large list of names for the papers from India's metropolis.

THE new capital, Delhi, has already been entered by the canvasser. Brother Poley is working there, and is doing quite well. After finishing that city, he will work the towns down the Gangetic plain toward Jhansi. This territory has been worked very little during recent years, so we bespeak a successful campaign for Brother Poley.

OUR vernacular workers are meeting with excellent success in some parts of the field. Especially has this been the case in South India. One worker who draws a wage of only Rs. 10, a month, made sales last month of Rs. 24. Others did almost as well for the time put in. One of the secrets of the above brother's success was that he worked *full* time. That brings success in India, the same as in other lands.

THE second number of the Tamil paper is now in the hands of the colporteurs. It is a very attractive number. Though we can not read it here at the office, we judge from the description given of the contents by Brother James, that it will be a good seller. Several improvements have been made over the previous number, though that was excellent. The first number of the paper was a 3,000-edition. We understand that No. 2 is 4,500.

BROTHER BECKNER has been demonstrating that large sales can be made with the vernacular literature. His sales have reached almost Rs. 60 in a single week. This was all done with vernacular papers and tracts. A large list of subscribers has been obtained for the Burmese journal. Although it is next to the baby in our journal family in India, it is almost in the lead from the standpoint of yearly subscribers. Our Burma brethren hope to have 3,000 regular subscribers by the time of the coming conference. This will be an excellent record.

C. E. WEAKS.

"THE more we yield to selfishness the less heart we will have in the prayers we force our lips to utter. With self dethroned and God enthroned, our hungry and tired souls can enjoy to the full the riches and the rest of God's abundant blessing. The words of our prayers will not fall about us then like the dead leaves of autumn, but will reach the very throne of the Infinite, and bring down showers of blessing."

"WE spend days of trouble and nights of anguish, while the Comforter waits unheeded by our side."



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—ELDER and Mrs. Wellman have been enjoying a month's vacation in the Garhwal.

—THE address of Elder Shaw, who has moved his office for the winter months to Lucknow, is 17, Abbott Road, Lucknow.

—BROTHER REAGAN is taking a well-earned change in Mussoorie. Bro. J. W. Asprey is relieving meanwhile in the Calcutta Treatment Rooms.

—ALL pupils of the Annfield School taking the government examination in music, both instrumental and vocal, passed, and some of them with honours.

—THE Mussoorie Treatment Rooms had a record month for September, the receipts being something more than Rs. 2,100. They will continue doing work until the first of November.

—ELDER FRENCH has passed his higher standard government examination in Bengali. This, after much study in connection with many other duties, comes as a justifiable encouragement.

—Do not fail to read the article regarding the biennial conference, on the first page. We fully expect the presence of the Lord with us and a very profitable occasion as we meet together in conference in Calcutta.

—SOME of the more influential citizens of Najibabad are very desirous that a hospital for women be opened in their city. The dispensary for women is meeting with a growing patronage, as many as ninety being treated in one day.

—THE mission offices and Watchman Press are getting quite well settled in their new premises. The safe with combination lock ordered for the treasurer's office and the new Cottrell press donated by the Pacific Press Publishing Association have both arrived.

—ELDER Shaw and Brother Weaks spent nearly a week in Simla, studying the truth with some who are deeply interested in the message. There is an urgent call for public effort in Simla. A very neat and suitable hall accommodating about two hundred people, in a very central position, can be obtained for holding services.

## THE SECULAR PRESS

ON the streets of Calcutta one evening recently news boys were conspicuously holding up their bills on which were the following words: "Armageddon," "Seventh-day Adventists," and "The Balkan Crisis."

Curious to know what this meant, I bought a copy of the paper and learned that it was the result of an interview with Elders Pettit and Comer by a newspaper reporter. Is not this another evidence that God will do a quick work in the earth? He is surely giving the people of this great city an opportunity to know "present truth." P. A. RICK.

## "YOU HAVE NEVER STOOD IN THE DARKNESS"

(Words used by a Red Indian chief as he pleaded that to him and his people might be sent the white man's Book of heaven.)

You have never stood in the darkness  
And reached out a trembling hand,  
If haply some one might find it,  
In the awe of a lonely land,  
Where the shadows shift so strangely,  
And the quick heart beat is stirred,  
If only a leaf be rustled  
By the wing of a passing bird.

You have never stood in the darkness;  
You do not know its awe;  
On your land a great light shineth,  
Which long ago you saw,  
For the light of the world we ask you,  
We plead for the Book which shows  
The way to win to his footstool,  
Which only the white man knows.

O voice from out of the darkness!  
O cry of a soul in pain!  
May it ring as the blast of clarion,  
Nor call God's host in vain!  
By the pierced hand which saved us,  
Let ours do their work to day,  
Till from those who tremble in darkness  
The shadows are swept away.

—*Illustrated Missionary News.*