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General

LOOK PLEASANT

We cannot of course, all be handsome,
And it's hard for us all to be good,
We are sure now and then to be lonely,
And we don't always do as we should.
To be patient is not always easy,
To be cheerful is much harder still,
But at least we can always be pleasant,
If we make up our minds that we will.

And it pays every time to be kindly.
Although you feel worried and blue,
If you smile at the world and look cheerful,
The world will smile back at you.
So try to brace up and look pleasant,
No matter how long you are down,
Good humour is always contagious,
You banish your friends when you frown.

—Selected.

A FORWARD MOVEMENT

FROM every land comes the cheering word of progress in the proclamation of the third angel's message. Souls are accepting God's revelation for to-day and rejoicing in it. From America, Europe, Australia, Africa, China, Japan, and the islands of the sea comes to us the word that our work is going forward and gaining in power and efficiency. This movement, while advancing among other nations, is also being felt in the India Union Mission. The Lord is going before his people and preparing the way that his servants may see fruit of their labour.

Our publishing work is going steadily forward, and is accomplishing untold good in both the English and vernacular in paving the way for the living preacher. More than seven hundred and fifty subscribers for our two English papers are to be found in Bombay, while a good

number of papers are going into Calcutta. Interests are springing up where our literature has found its way by the faithful work of our evangelistic canvassers.

During the month of March fifty souls signed the covenant to keep God's commandments as a result of the English evangelistic efforts now going on in our Union. Still another English effort will open soon in Simla, with Elders Votaw and Wellman in charge. Cheering word also comes from our mission stations, of increased facilities and increasing interest to hear the message; and from one station comes the word that more than a dozen are studying preparatory to baptism. Thus the forward movement in our own union is being blessed of God.

Elder and Mrs. Shaw, their children, and Bro. Harry Perrin took the S. S. *Cleopatra* for Europe, April 1st., at 6 P. M. Several of the workers from West India bade them Good-bye as their steamer left Bombay. Eld. Shaw left the field full of good cheer, and feeling quite strong physically when we take into consideration the heavy work he did during the last few months in order to have everything in shape for his six-months' stay away from the field. Yet he left the shores of India very reluctantly, although with a strong desire to bring to us from the home land a strong company of labourers to help on the work in all parts of our field. We shall all miss him; our prayers will follow him, and we trust he may return strong and full of courage.

Let us pray for our workers at our mission stations, for our schools, our

canvassers, and our English evangelistic efforts, that the forward movement may grow in power and have many victories during the coming season.

G. W. PETTIT.

"HOMEWARD BOUND"

WE are now well started on our long journey homeward, having left Colombo at noon of the 17th of March. Thus far, the sea has been as quiet as a mill pond, and the food and service on our boat have been of the very best. Our little company consists of Miss Burroway, Mrs. James, our boy Russell, and myself. The weather has been delightful. There are quite a number of missionaries on board, with whom it is a pleasure to converse. Some are from China and know several of our workers there. One passenger has a brother in Australia who is a member of our church. He speaks very highly of our work. While we are away from the immediate scenes of our labour, we are glad for the opportunities afforded to speak about the great themes of this message to interested ones about us.

Going on furlough has its attraction and pleasures. It also has another side. We little realized how closely our hearts and lives were knit to the work and workers in India until we came to say Good-bye. While we knew that we were going only for a short time, still, the temporary separation pulled on our heartstrings very hard. Personally, I could not bring myself to realize that I was actually going on furlough until our boat was two days out from Colombo.

We feel very thankful to God for the privileges which we are permitted to enjoy at this time, and while each day brings many more miles between us, still, we are absent only in body. We think of you toiling on in the heat, in the midst of dangers, confronted with perplexities, and burdened with various cares and re-

sponsibilities; and our prayers ascend daily with yours, that God will impart wisdom, faith, and strength equal to every task.

The last week of our stay in India was one of great trial to Mrs. James and myself. It seemed for a time that cholera would claim my wife as a victim. For more than ten hours she was in its deadly grip; but deliverance came from the Lord in a most wonderful manner. He heard a prayer which my lips could not speak at the time, but which my spirit groaned to utter.

We ask an interest in all your prayers.

J. S. JAMES.

GARHWAL TO BOMBAY

ABOUT two weeks were spent in Garhwal, re-roofing a building and opening the school for the season. The prospects for the present year are good, and Brother Belgrave is entering upon the work with courage and zeal. After seeing the school in working order, I returned to Lucknow to prepare for our trip to America. The day I left Garhwal the boys requested a holiday, which was granted. We held a short farewell service of song and prayer, and a few words of parting exhortation were spoken. The spirit of the Lord came near, and many of our boys were moved to tears. After the meeting, students and teachers accompanied me for about four miles down the mountain.

Two pleasant weeks were spent in Lucknow, after which we took the train on the 2nd of April for Bombay. After passing Jhansi, the road runs through a rocky and desolate plain, the heat of which reminded us that we were still in India. As I sat looking out through the window, the monotony of the blistering plain was broken by the sight of a native watching a herd of goats browsing the bushes alongside the track. There was

a friendly shade-tree near by, but, instead of seeking refuge under its shady boughs, the herd boy was seated with his back to the sun, on top of a large rock, apparently enjoying a sun-bath. We were glad to reach Bombay in safety, where the temperature was much cooler and a refreshing breeze was blowing from the sea. Brother and Sister Pettit shared their pleasant rooms with us.

The Sabbath was spent with Elder Enoch and family in Lonavla. It was a cause of rejoicing to see the company of faithful souls who have taken their stand on the Lord's side. About half of the Sabbath-school is made up of a class of bright faced boys, from ten to fifteen years of age, who take a real interest in the school and come from choice and not from necessity. There are others who would like to come, but are not allowed to do so. Sunday morning a baptismal service was held. Miss Dey, a Bengali sister who has been studying the message for some time, was the candidate. Her position as private instructor in the home of an Indian prince will enable her to bring the message to native people of influence.

A very pleasant day was spent with Brother and Sister Wood, who are busy opening up the new station at Kalyan. The foundation for the mission bungalow is being laid. The place is beautifully situated, on a high piece of ground about two miles from the town. The dispensary and school work is opening up nicely, and a very friendly spirit is being shown by the native people. Brother and Sister Wood make a strong team, as they both speak the language well and are heart and soul in the work.

We expect to sail to-morrow, so will say a reluctant farewell for the present, hoping that it may be the Lord's will to bring us back again to India soon to help finish the work. L. J. BURGESS.

West India Mission

G. F. ENOCH, - SUPERINTENDENT

BOMBAY

WE have been on the Bombay side for three and one-half months. In our work among the people we find some honest souls willing to study the Word. They are not satisfied with the spiritual food they have been getting, and often speak of the worldliness in the churches and the tendency toward atheism. This class opens its homes to us, and seems to hear the word of life gladly.

So far, our work has been in distributing literature, visiting, and holding Bible readings and cottage meetings. Elder Enoch spent a few days here helping us to get into a few homes where he was acquainted. We have organized a little Sabbath-school, which is growing in interest. This baby school in this great city, we hope to see grow into a powerful factor in the work. In seven Sabbaths of operation, collections amounting to Rs. 23.8 have been received.

We feel encouraged over the work in Bombay, which is beginning in humility, and look for a material growth by the blessing of God. Three have recently signified a desire to unite with us in keeping all God's commandments. Pray for the work here, that the truth may find a lodgement in every honest heart.

MR. AND MRS. G. W. PETTIT.

LONAVLA

MARCH 29 and 30 were banner days for the work in West India. After so many days of language study and pioneer work in virgin territory, the Lord cheered the hearts of the workers and set the seal of the Spirit to the work by giving us the nucleus for both an English and an Indian church. All the workers in West India, together with Elder and Mrs.

Shaw, Brother and Sister Weaks, and Brother Harry Perrin, spent Sabbath, March 29, at Lonavla. After a sermon on church organization, seventeen precious souls signed the covenant as the first step towards organizing the first Seventh-day Adventist church in West India. These, with some of the workers, will be organized into an English church before next quarterly meeting. After this good meeting, thirty believers gathered around the Lord's table, and the Lord drew very near. Several testified that it was as blessed a communion service as they ever enjoyed.

At 6:00 p. m. Elder Shaw preached a very helpful sermon to a crowded house. At 7:00 a reception was held by the sisters of the company, to give Elder and Mrs. Shaw opportunity to meet all the believers in the station, as well as to present them with a farewell address and wish them God-speed on their long journey.

Sunday was the same blessed day for the native work that Sabbath was for the English. Elder Wood gave a most excellent discourse on the church and its privileges. The writer then explained in detail what was involved in the signing of the covenant, after which fourteen took the solemn step. We also had a very blessed communion service. It was the first time our native brethren and sisters had taken part in the ordinances of humility. The Lord drew very near and set his seal to the ordinance, and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

On Tuesday, April 1st, we gave Brother and Sister Shaw a good send-off. They had a comfortable boat, but we felt that they were not very keen on leaving India. It seemed quite possible that Sister Shaw was expecting to be sea sick, judging from the way she looked when Brother Pettit told them he was very fond of the salmon over in the Atlantic and they must be sure to give them his compliments.

Our work in West India has now taken on permanent form, and the workers are full of hope for the future, both of the English and the vernacular work.

GEO. F. ENOCH.

KALYAN

THE month of March was a prosperous one at the Kalyan station. We had earnestly prayed the Lord to sift out of our ranks any unworthy and useless ones. One master refused to go where he was sent, and resigned. Just before he left we learned that he was deeply in debt to several Hindus and Mohammedans, which surely would have had a bad influence on our work. Another mission servant came desiring baptism, but our suspicions were aroused, and we told him he must wait. We waited just long enough to learn that he was a deceiver, and he left of his own accord when he saw he could not persuade us to believe in him. Another couple were also after the loaves and fishes. They both secured work among us, and we placed their child in our school at Panvel. They, too, soon revealed their true colours, and left for other mission stations to attempt deception there. Yes, we feel prospered when the Lord delivers us from these hypocrites. We have a small company of whole-hearted, earnest, native brethren and sisters at Kalyan. They are studying the message in a way that is truly encouraging.

The dispensary work continues to grow and increase. We have a good hold on the Mohammedan community. This work is entirely self-supporting.

The work of excavating for the foundation of our mission house is completed, and lime, sand, etc., are being hauled for the building. Although Kalyan is a warm station at this time of year, the sea breezes at Sunset Ghat at 11:00 A. M. are delightful. We are sure that all

our workers and friends will want to pay us a visit when we are settled there. We have had the pleasure of entertaining the following guests the last month: Brother and Sister Shaw; Brother and Sister Enoch; Brother Pettit; Brother Weeks; Brother and Sister Burgess; Brother and Sister Kelsey; Brother Harry Perrin; Brother and Sister Rick; Mr. and Mrs. Elsom, of Bombay; and Rev. Willobee and wife, of the C. P. Miss Reid comes to-night.

We attended the quarterly meeting at Lonavla and had a profitable time. Our first Marathi quarterly meeting was held at Kalyan March 30. Many of the workers from Panvel were present and made up a company of about twenty who took part in the communion service. Fourteen signed the covenant, and we hope before long to have a Marathi church at Kalyan.

The Hindus, Mohammedans, and Parsees have all been kind and generous to us, sending us in large trays of fruits, sweets, melons, and fowls. A Parsee wedding was conducted on our front verandah, the missionaries taking part in the social side of the affair. One Brahman family has come to us to be instructed. They say they have no faith in stones and dumb idols, and all want to become Christians.

During the month we have opened one new village school and Sabbath-school. About fifteen are in attendance. The heathen children bring an offering of grains, shells, and coppers to the Sabbath-school. It does us good to hear them repeat the ten commandments and the Lord's prayer. Many young people are making application to enter our training school, and say they desire to study the Scriptures with us.

We all have good health and many happy days, and the blessing of God is upon us. M. D. Wood.

CANVASSING AMONG THE PARSEES

DURING the last two months we have been working mostly among the Parsees of Bombay, and are glad to report that we have had some very encouraging experiences. We believe that the time has come when God is opening the hearts of even these people to the gospel. As we called at their homes with the literature we were treated very nicely, and many of them expressed their appreciation of missionaries' efforts. One of them said that as a people numbering about seventy thousand in Bombay, they are becoming more favourable to Christianity.

It is true that many of our orders were for the health magazine; but a goodly number were also taken for the *Watchman*, especially from those who had been receiving the *Herald of Health*. It may be encouraging to know, also, that quite a number of Mohammedans ordered the *Watchman*.

It is our earnest prayer that God will water the seeds of truth among these people, who are without a Saviour, and that every honest soul may be gathered in the harvest. We enjoy the work together very much. At this writing we are out on the Indian Ocean, aboard a British India steamer, nearing Karachi, where we shall work next. May we have the prayers of all who read this.

MR. AND MRS. P. A. RICK.

NOTES

PLANS are being laid for a strong evangelistic effort in Bombay soon after the rains. We ask an interest in the prayers of all, that a suitable location may be secured and the right steps taken to gain and hold the attention of the people.

APRIL 9 we bade farewell to Brother and Sister Burgess on board the French *S. S. Australien*. They had good quarters, but were very loth to leave India's shores, where they have spent so many years. We wish them complete restoration to health and a speedy return to India.

MISS REID has passed her first examination before the Board of Examiners appointed by the various missions operating in the Marathi area. Miss Reid found the language school in Poona organized by the same missions very helpful. She is stationed in Kalyan until the opening of the big effort in Bombay in the fall.

BROTHER AND SISTER KELSEY move this month to Panvel to take charge of the work in that station. The work in Panvel has opened doors in various directions, and there are already some enquirers whom we hope to see become true Christians. One interesting feature of the work, both in Panvel and Kalyan, is that of the great interest shown in the message by the caste people. We hope for sufficient converts from high caste people to give a proper mould to our work.

THE Kalyan dispensary is prospering beyond our most sanguine expectations. It is well equipped with separate rooms for men and women, and a room for purdah women. We wish all our people could step in and see Mrs. Wood and the nurses at work. Last month Sister Wood preached 22 vernacular sermons, distributed 452 pages of literature, treated 889 cases at the dispensary, had 28 outside calls, and took in Rs. 71 in donations and fees; which is a very good record for the youngest dispensary in India.

We were glad to have with us at quarterly meeting Miss K. B. Dey, a Bengali lady who has been for ten years private tutor to the daughter of the ruling prince of Bhavanagar. She first came in contact with the truth through Sister Ranson, matron of a large woman's hospital in Ahmenabad, who was baptized a year ago in Lonavla. She has now fully identified herself with us. We had a very impressive baptism in Lonavla, April 6, when Miss Dey was baptised. She goes to Srinagar next month to be companion to the wife of the heir-apparent of Cashmere. Thus we shall have a representative of the message among the ruling princes of North India. Miss Dey asks the prayers of our people in bringing the message before those whom she meets.

"EIGHT hours for work, eight hours for sleep, and eight hours for what you will, is the best rule ever invented to bless mankind, and you should adjust your pursuits to it."

"God is more ready to forgive the blotted page of endeavour than the blank page of surrender."

Bengal Mission

W. R. FRENCH, - SUPERINTENDENT

BABULMOHAL

DURING the holidays last winter, while our Santali students were spending a few weeks with their friends and relatives, our school teacher, Matla, and myself went out camping, and visited two melas with our vernacular and English literature. We sold many thousand pages of Santali, Hindi, and Bengali literature, and preached the signs of the end of the world and of Christ's soon coming. Other missionaries and their native staff were in attendance at the melas. The first mela was held at Bounsi, a place of pilgrimage where thousands of Hindus gather yearly. There is a new railway station on the Bhagalpur and Bounsi Railway. We did some good business among the passengers at the station, and the printed page has gone far and wide through the Bhagalpur Division. On our way to Dumka, we met Santals who were anxious about attending school. We invited them to Babulmohal, and now we have several students attending school. One is very anxious to read English.

We have a good number of students attending this year, and the seed sown at the Bounsi and Dumka melas will bring forth fruit to the glory of God. I sold several books and took orders for our papers during the time. I also got the promise of several students from Dumka for our school at "Annfield." To God be all the praise and glory.

W. A. BARLOW.

THE HEALTH FOOD FACTORY

SOME of our readers and others may not be aware of such an institution as the Sanitarum Health Food Co. To these, and to our many patrons and well wish-

ers, we wish to state that the work is progressing slowly but surely, and we solicit your support.

We have received very encouraging reports from various quarters lately regarding our foods. We feel thankful to God for all this and his manifold blessings bestowed on us in the past; our prayer is that he may continue to bless us, that we in turn may be a blessing to others, to help them both physically and spiritually. "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" 1 Cor. 6:19. We place ourselves as humble instruments in his hands to be used of him; and to him be all the praise, glory, and honour. I believe that this work has much to do in giving the message to the people.

There is a wide field for our health foods among both the Europeans and the English-speaking Indians, but it has to be brought to their notice. We are therefore advertising through our literature and the commercial press.

In thanking those who patronise us, we would ask you to make a special effort to make our foods known to your friends, and thus give us a helping hand in building up the work. I feel confident that if our workers and church members would help in this way, much would be done to encourage the work.

I am thankful to God that I have been permitted to have a humble part in this great work of his. Remember the food factory at the throne of grace.

T. W. ASPREY, *Manager.*

EXPERIENCE WITH YUGA LAKSHAN

THE last three months and a half, with but one break when my wife and I went to Gopalganj to move our household effects to Calcutta, have been spent in working for our Bengali paper, *Yuga*

Lakshan. Up to the first of February, efforts were put forth on the one-pice edition, in company with the Bengali brethren. We sold single copies, not booking subscriptions, as we were expecting the new four-pice edition to be ready shortly. As we went out together to some of the háts (bi-weekly bazaars) outside the city, also to some of the usual daily bazaars held within the city limits, our Father added his blessings. We enjoyed our labour very much; and although we often had to substitute a sandwich for a regular meal, we were blessed with good health.

Since receiving the new paper, I have been out to sell single copies with my brethren only once; the reason being that only two months of the cool season were left, and we wished to work for yearly subscriptions. During this two months' effort I have taken 632 paid subscriptions besides selling about two hundred single copies; for which I feel heartily thankful to our Elder Brother. I have had the evidence that he has been with me on my visits from house to house.

On one occasion I called at a small postoffice out in the northern section of the city. The man in charge, a Hindu, subscribed, and, passing the magazine to his assistants, asked if they would like to add their names. One man, also a Hindu, after glancing it over, said, objectingly, "This paper speaks of Jesus." The man addressed said: "And what if it does?" The objector, after looking through it a little more closely, wrote his name as a subscriber. On my calling a few days after, as arranged, for the money, both men had it ready.

I have met several old subscribers (Hindus), who have quite willingly renewed their subscriptions. Nearly all these 632 subscribers are Hindus, although there are a few Moslem names on the list.

Here is an extract from a few lines written by a Hindu youth: "I gladly acknowledge receipt of *Yuga Lakshan* for the month of January. I wrote a letter to you some days back, telling of not having received this copy. I beg leave to add that this copy is full of instructive and interesting articles, and the get-up is very nice."

A man of respectable Hindu family, who bought a copy of one of the Bengali brethren at a sacred place of the Hindus, on the occasion of a great religious festival, paid me a visit, as he said, to enquire further into the things he had read in the paper.

Often on the street cars, travelling to and from my place of labour, orders have been given and the amount of subscription paid. Again, on the street corners, paid orders have been noted.

I thank God for the willingness of the people to take our literature, but have been feeling the need of following up this work by personal labour in the homes of subscribers and by a well-directed public effort. May he, in hope of whose soon coming we love to labour, speedily provide a little band of faithful labourers whom nothing will discourage or daunt, for this most important work among the many thousands of educated, English-speaking youth connected with the large colleges and institutions of this great educational centre. A. G. WATSON.

North India Mission

S. A. WELLMAN, - ACTING SUPT.

NAJIBABAD DISPENSARY

THE number of patients attending our Dispensary is considerably more than at this season of any previous year. We are this year having from 40 to 50 patients daily instead of 25 to 30, and are looking forward to a very busy time during the

summer season. Last year we had 80 to 90 patients daily during the hot weather.

We feel to give praise and thanks to our kind Heavenly Father for the blessings he has been pleased to vouchsafe to this department of the work, for many have been restored to health. We rejoice in the privilege of being co-workers with God in relieving the suffering; but what we long for is to be a help to them spiritually. Although we are only able to give short gospel talks, as they are always in a hurry to return to their homes, or, if not this, the children become restless, yet we believe that God will have a care for his Word, and that it will not return unto him void, but rather bear fruit to eternal life.

A young Hindu boy about 12 or 13 years of age, coming to the Dispensary for treatment seemed especially attentive to the Bible talks. He was able to repeat much of what he heard, and also often attended our Sabbath-school. He is now attending our school at Garhwal, and in a letter to his mother a short time since, made the statement "My heart is toward the Lord." Our prayer is that he may wholly consecrate himself unto the Lord and be only the beginning of an abundant harvest gathered from Najibabad.

Please remember the work here before the throne of grace.

BERTHA A. KURTZ.

GARHWAL INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

AFTER spending some weeks in dusty Najibabad, we started for this school on March 24, and arrived here the following day, accompanied by Brother Burgess. It was a pleasure to me to have the privilege of meeting some of the boys of the school, whose faces I seemed to have recognised, as I had seen them before during a stereoptican lecture given by Dr. Menkel at Mount Vernon College, in America. During the short experience I

have had in dealing with the boys of this school, I have found them bright and well behaved.

We have started a class in carpentry, which is a new feature in our industrial department. The boys are very interested in this kind of work, and are taking hold with a will. They are now busy in getting out some desks and benches. We have every reason to believe that this kind of manual labour will be of great benefit to the school.

The cottage that was left unfinished last year, is now on the happy road to completion. At present there are four teams of "ari wale" and one good "mistrri" and his assistant on the grounds. We therefore have every reason to believe that, ere long, this building will be ready for occupancy.

The work of the school is moving on nicely, and there is a good spirit among the teachers and students. A very good interest pervades in the Bible class, which takes place during the first period of the day. Not only do the boys take part, but the teachers as well. I believe in the success of the Garhwal school.

CHARLES C. BELGRAVE.

MUSSOORIE TREATMENT ROOMS

BECAUSE of rather extensive improvements to be made in the Treatment Rooms, we came up the hill unusually early this year, arriving February 21st., in the midst of wintry weather. The work at first seemed to make slow progress, owing to lack of labour. However, the Chinese carpenters soon came up from Lucknow, to erect the new office and room for a diathermic outfit, which are now near completion. The entire floor of the Treatment Rooms has been re-laid with black and white cement tiles, thus improving the looks very much. The old partitions were done away with, and the whole plan re-arranged to meet

the growing needs and the comfort of our patrons, while the drawing room has been thoroughly renovated. A need greatly felt last year was that of a separate room for the middle class of Indian patients. We are glad that the present plan furnishes this accommodation. A good road from the Mall to Kirkville is also under construction, so that rickshaws can be drawn clear to the top. This is a great boon, as Kirkville is at quite an elevation. I am glad that our work was so richly blessed last season that we have been able to add these improvements. Before the work of improvement was finished, an urgent call came from the Maharajah of Nepal, through Colonel Milne, the civil surgeon, and this had to be answered. Then on April 1st patients began coming to the Treatment Rooms. Work has started out nicely, and prospects seem very encouraging. I ask the prayers of the labourers for this department of our work.

WM. LAKE.

NOTES

THE second Hindi and Urdu quarterlies will be ready for circulation about May 1st.

SISTER CAMPHOR is doing faithful work teaching about five hours daily in a number of zenanas here in Lucknow.

IF there are any of our Urdu-speaking believers who would like the Sabbath-school lessons we are using in Lucknow, we shall be glad to supply copies for their use.

MISS CHILTON is having interesting days just now in her zenana work. Some are at a critical stage in their experience, and one or two in particular are wavering as to whether or not they shall give up all for Christ. Let our people remember the halting ones before God.

THE bungalow walls in Najibabad are now ready for the roof, which it is hoped will be begun the coming week. Brother Mead reports excellent progress and the hope that the bungalow will be finished before the rains break. This will certainly be encouraging to the Najibabad workers, who for more than three years have lived in the middle of the bazaar.

THE little company of Indian believers in Lucknow meets regularly every Sabbath for the study of the Word. We are taking up the series of Bible readings prepared for the forthcoming booklet, and Brother Cutler leads the studies. From six to ten are regularly present.

Two years ago in March the writer journeyed to the town of Utraula, about one hundred twenty miles from Lucknow, to baptize an Indian brother and his wife who had accepted the message and studied with Brother Burgess for some weeks during the winter previous. About sunset of the day we were there, they were buried in baptism beneath the waters of a pool about two miles out of town, and we left immediately after to return to Lucknow. Since then, until this month, we had been unable to visit them. Sister Singh is teaching the government girls' school in Utraula, and the attendance has risen since she took over the school, from nine to thirty-five. We looked over the work of the school, and found an excellent class of work, both in mental and industrial training, being done. Sister Singh's three years' contract with the government closes in December, after which time she hopes to enter mission employ with her husband. They have been faithful in their observance of the Sabbath during the time they have been alone. Brother Singh takes up colporteur work in near-by towns and cities with our Urdu and Hindi papers, and will find a good field for labour in Gonda, Fyzabad, and elsewhere in the district.

South India Mission

C. E. WEAKS, - ACTING SUPT.

TINNEVELLY

ELDER AND MRS. JAMES, accompanied by Miss Burroway, stopped with us a few days on their way to Colombo to take steamer. Sister Burroway spent most of her time visiting our school, and took great delight in it. Elder and Mrs. James had to leave us when our work is just beginning to branch out, and we feel very sorry to lose them at this juncture. But it seems very necessary for them to have a change from the hard pioneer labour in this tropical land.

Five years ago, when they came down here, they were the only representatives of the third angel's message among the millions of our Tamil people. But to-day we rejoice and thank the Lord that he has been with them and blessed in all their efforts, so that a good number of India's sons and daughters now represent this message while they sail for their homeland. Truly, a great change has taken place in a period of five years. We hope and pray that a similar change may take place before long among the Dravidians of a similar language.

Our work is moving forward. Every night I conduct a Bible class with some young men of our faith, three of whom are planning to take up the colporteur work before long. Another young man has come from another church. Some ten months ago I held some Bible studies with him on certain phases of the truth. Those words of truth, to which his eyes were opened, seem to have worked in his mind very seriously of late; so he came to me one Sunday evening and said, "Sir, I wish you would show me some more light from the Word of God; for I wish to hear it and obey." Praise God for the promise that his Word shall not return to him void, but will accomplish that which he pleases and prosper in the thing whereto he sends it.

During the last two months some of our colporteurs have done a good work on Travancore side. As a result of their faithful efforts, I am in receipt of many letters from different ones asking me to give them a full idea of our belief and work. I am sure that the Lord is opening the way for preaching the last message on that side where the other Christian societies have done a strong work with great success.

Many of the readers of EASTERN TIDINGS are well acquainted with our blind brother Koilpillai. He lost the sight of

both eyes while young, about twelve years of age. Now he is about thirty-five. Last month he went to Colombo on business, taking with him fifty copies of our Tamil quarterly. He has taken six subscriptions and sold the rest as single copies. He is very proud of his work. Truly, the Lord has blessed him in his effort. I see the fulfilment of our Lord's parables recorded in Luke 14: 21, in finishing this work by the unlearned, poor, and blind.

We all are of good courage. Every day we witness the guiding hand of the Lord in our work. It is our aim to labour while the day lasts, ere the night comes when no man can work. It is the goal of our ambition to be faithful and stand by the cause until the last, that we may meet our Saviour when he comes. May we as workers remember each other at the throne of grace.

E. D. THOMAS.

Assam

SHILLONG

THIS letter is written from the beautiful hill capital of Assam, at an elevation of five thousand feet. With ample space, easy slopes, splendid drives, and a pretty little lake, Shillong reminds one of Ootacamund, in South India; while the pine and deodar make one think of Simla in the North. This is a cool, pleasant, quiet, Sabbath morning, thoroughly enjoyed after an arduous week's work. As I think of the many readers of these "TIDINGS," which go not only to India, but also to America and other lands, I wish that all might see and experience what has come to me during the last two weeks. I had no idea that such a native Christian community existed anywhere in India. But here in these Khasi hills,

sixty miles from the nearest railway station, are two hundred thousand people of excellent character and natural ability, among whom the gospel has made phenomenal progress since the days of William Carey. There are now under the Welsh Presbyterian Mission thirty thousand Christians; and a more intelligent, earnest, missionary people,—simple, trusting, lovable—one could scarcely find. About two thousand of the best educated constitute several flourishing native churches in and close by Shillong, a large number holding clerkships in the government. I might add that the Khasis were really demon worshippers, and have never been bound by Hindu caste and customs.

Coming into such a community, I seemed to be treading upon especially sacred ground, where I must have much more than human wisdom and love to approach and deal tenderly and truly with souls so trusting. The Lord heard prayer, and prospered the mission, so that by European missionary and native Christian I was received as a brother. Our best literature was freely purchased. I leave the silent messengers to tell of the Saviour's soon coming and the special preparation necessary, and to make known the remnant people represented by the stranger missionary.

The week just closed has been by far the best of my experience thus far in India. Cash receipts of \$65.52 may represent rather a small week's work in America. But Rs. 205-4 means much more in India, especially when nearly 80 per cent is for message-filled literature. The Lord has wonderfully favoured me, and to him all praise belongs. I am so glad for a small part in such blessed service.

To-morrow I take a sixty-three-mile motor ride down to the Brahmaputra, and then one hundred miles by steamer to

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—ELDER AND MRS. FRENCH stopped in Lucknow on their way to Mussorie for a holiday, the first real vacation Brother French has had since coming to India.

—WE have learned indirectly that Brother and Sister Watson recently lost their little baby. Readers of EASTERN TIDINGS will sympathize with them, and many prayers will arise in their behalf.

—BROTHER BARLOW and the boys stopped in Lucknow a few hours on the 8th inst., as they went through to Mussorie. Brother Barlow is taking a few weeks' vacation, while the boys are attending Annfield School.

—"We would See Jesus," a 16-page tract, is now in stock by the International Tract Society. Send in your orders. Price, 2 pice, postage extra. Orders for "Turkey and Its End" can also be filled. Price, 3 pice, postage extra.

—MRS. QUANTOCK and Edna left for Mussorie yesterday. This makes it doubly necessary that all business letters be properly addressed. Matters pertaining to the financial department of the Mission should be addressed to Mrs. M. M. Quantock, Regent House, Mussorie; while Tract Society business, as always, should come to Lucknow.

—LETTERS just to hand from Brother and Sister Shaw and Harry Perrin report good accommodations on their boat and a pleasant trip as far as Aden; while a cable from Caterham announces "Excellent passage." Among the few second-class passengers was a little four-year-old boy—probably with a nurse—while the mother went first.

—ELDER PETTIT wishes to have his postoffice and telegraphic address fully understood. The former is Batliboi Bldg., Jacob's Circle, Bombay. The telegraph station is different, there being no telegraph office at Jacob's Circle; it is Batliboi Bldg., Byculla, Bombay. If this distinction is not observed, there will be delay of one-half day in telegrams sent wrong.

—BROTHER AND SISTER VOTAW and Miss Harding spent Sabbath and Sunday, the 5th and 6th inst., in Lucknow, on their way to Simla, where they will open up an English effort. From here they went to Agra, where they enjoyed a very pleasant visit with Brother and Sister Janes.

—BROTHER AND SISTER WEAKS, who will spend some time in South India assisting in the work there, accompanied Brother and Sister Shaw to Bombay. While on the Bombay Side, Brother Weaks gave Brother Scanlon further drill in canvassing.

—JUST too late for publication in this number of TIDINGS, a report from Brother Thurber comes, giving interesting and encouraging items concerning their industrial school and its work. The report will be published next month.

—ELDER WELLMAN goes this week to Najibabad and Garhwal, in the interests of the work. Their little boy, Sterrie, having the measles, they will be delayed a few days in going to Simla.

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the last town in Assam. My two months in this north-east province have revealed something of its extensive territory, vast resources, and bright prospects for soul saving. The situation demands all that we as a people can put into it, and that without delay. The Archbishop of Simla is here to consecrate a large Roman Catholic church to-morrow, and another important school is about to be erected to be patronized by professed Protestants. This, with church federation coming rapidly to the front, can mean nothing less than serious restriction of our present liberties, we know not how soon. The Lord help us who know the times to labour diligently while we may.

My cash receipts for March were Rs. 626.4. or \$200.40. I am real well and of good courage in the Lord. F. O. RAYMOND.

"SWEETNESS of spirit and sunshine is famous for dispelling fears and difficulties; patience is a mighty hep to the burden bearer."