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## THE BLOCK AND THE CHISEL

The marble was pure and white,  
Though only a block at best;  
But the artist, with inward sight,  
Looked further than all the rest,  
And saw in the hard, rough stone,  
The loveliest statue on which the sun shone.  
So he set to work with care,  
And chiselled a form of grace,  
A figure divinely fair,  
With a tender, beautiful face;  
But the blows were hard and fast  
That brought from the marble that work  
at last.  
So I think that human lives  
Must bear God's chisel keen,  
If the spirit yearns and strives  
For the better life unseen;  
For men are only blocks at best,  
Till the chiselling brings out all the rest.  
—Selected.

## THE WEEK OF PRAYER

“AND they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.”  
Ps. 9: 10.

Each year our denomination appoints a week of prayer to be observed in all our churches throughout the world. This year the date is December 13-20, and the daily readings are printed in the *Review and Herald* which came to us a week ago. What an inspiring thought,—the whole church at prayer, a hundred and twenty thousand members united in the petition for lives made pure by the blood of Christ, for greater power for service in the year to come, and for the speedy finishing of the work. May not one Seventh-day Adventist in India fail to receive from this special season of prayer the blessings God is longing to bestow

upon his people in these closing hours of time.

Let us begin with ourselves, asking him to rid our soul-temple of every idol, that the Holy Spirit may abide with us. Let us examine our hearts with the search light of his Word, and when we see our condition, confess every sin and make right every wrong. When we have humbled ourselves before him, the Lord says, “I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.” It is this reviving in God's own way that we need now to give us power to bring men and women to the Cross.

There are so many petitions which we long to have granted at this time. The coming year must mark an advance in all our work in India; shall we not pray God that the missionaries may all be baptised with greater power, that a larger harvest of souls may be gathered into the church. In some places our workers are meeting with determined opposition. Let us ask God to open the eyes of those who through ignorance are trying to retard the message, and to bring to naught the efforts of those who misrepresent us. In behalf of those who are faithfully scattering the printed pages, let us entreat God to fulfill before our eyes his promise, “As the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater; so shall my word be that goeth

forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." In these days, when the love of the world is possessing the lives of so many professed Christians, let us seek the Lord for simple piety, that we may represent him in our daily life; "and be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Let us remember those who are teaching in our many schools, that they may be successful in planting the seeds of truth in young hearts that will bring forth, some thirty, some sixty, and some an hundred fold.

Let us all most earnestly plead with our God that we may "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another," that the world may "know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren." A united church is a mighty fortress against the power and craft of the evil one.

And, finally, let us, all, with united hearts, pray for the hastening of that day that will end this night of sin and bring the coming of him for whom we have so long waited.

"For that blest morn our hearts are longing,  
When shall end earth's night of woe;  
When through those pearly portals thronging,  
Mortal cares we leave below."

H. R. S.

#### THE HARVEST INGATHERING

THE generosity of our brethren and sisters in America as shown in their gifts to missions has been a source of great satisfaction to missionaries working in heathen lands. By their works they have shown their faith in the triumph of this world-wide message in this generation. Finding their tithes, Sabbath-school donations, and annual offerings insufficient

for the demands made by the Home Board, for four years they have increased their offerings to foreign missions by a Harvest Ingathering, in which those not of our church are asked to give. This plan has brought about a lakh of rupees annually. This year, to meet the increased demand, they have set for their goal three lakhs of rupees, an average of nearly five rupees each for every church member in America. From the reports already received, it would seem this large amount bids fair to be realized.

Not content, however, with this three hundred per cent. increase, they are planning for 1914 to publish *one million* copies of the Ingathering number of the *Review* (seven lakhs were used this year) and set for their goal a quarter of a million dollars, nearly eight lakhs of rupees! Such tremendous efforts for mission work have never been equalled by Christians since the birth of modern missions.

As I read these reports I am deeply impressed with our added responsibility as we become the beneficiaries of these gifts. How carefully and conscientiously must we use this money in giving the message. We, too, must greatly multiply our efforts and keep pace with this spirit of devotion. These reports greatly cheer us. Let us in return strive by God's help to send back cheering reports of how these donations are by the blessing of the Lord bringing in a rich harvest of souls. Our faithful brethren and sisters will feel fully repaid for their labours when they hear that the third angel's message is rapidly finding its way to every nation and kindred and tongue and people. Let us be faithful stewards of the Lord's money.

H. R. S.

"If you do ill the joy fades, not the pains: if well, the pain doth fail, the joy remains."

## THE COLPORTEUR AT NIGHT

FOR the edification and possible entertainment of TIDINGS readers, the writer has decided to turn the light on "to some of his midnight resting places." During the last year he has travelled more than ten thousand miles, and managed to put in nearly full time.

First let us peep into the dak bungalow of a quiet slumbering town three miles from the railway. Yes, there in the moon-lighted doorway is his net-covered cot. It is Friday night, and the stranger missionary gentleman who for the last three days has been calling from door to door is grateful indeed for this good place where he can spend a quiet, restful Sabbath. Every day of the week has been full, but to-morrow there is nothing urgent and he will indulge an extra morning nap. In fact, he must do so, for this place is finished and Sunday morning he must be at work in a distant town.

## 12:00 O'clock Saturday Night

Passing a third class railway carriage on the siding at a junction town, a European is discovered sleeping in his blankets on one of the uncushioned seats. He arrived about 10:00 o'clock, in a crowded third class mail coach, and, without servants, transferred his luggage to this car, which pulls out at 6:00 A. M. Who can he be? Trains are passing, whistles screeching, and Indians shouting, while every now and again one opens his apartment door and looks in; but, through all, the stranger man appears to be asleep.

## Sunday Night

Here at the same spot, in the same carriage, our canvasser is again discovered. He has visited a station off on the branch line, and, returning late in the evening, prefers to remain aboard until morning, when he will canvass the junction town and another small near-by place.

## Monday Night

Who is this apparently respectable, lone European who enters a careful of sleepy natives, many of whom are stretched out on floor, seats, and upper berths? Finally, some of the passengers pass out and the padri sahib secures one of the seats for himself. His right to it is undisputed, and he can rest for the remainder of the journey except for the hubbub and shouting at every station,—the Indian when in earnest, never speaks in a subdued tone of voice.

Monday begins to dawn, and a large town is reached. The missionary passes unobserved and unchallenged to the well furnished first and second class waiting room, which, in this case, is on the second floor, above the noise and confusion. Here is a haven of rest; but a full day's work is at hand.

## Tuesday Night

What has become of the travelling missionary who arrived this morning? Let us see. Yes, here he is, sound asleep in this clean, airy, quiet, upper room, quite a contrast to the many hot, dirty, noisy, waiting rooms, or perchance only a third class shed. After working all day, the colporteur unpacked his oil stove, cooked a simple evening meal, which he ate with keen relish, and then prepared books, papers, and luggage for the early morning train and next day's work.

## Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Night

Another haven is reached, and our friend is again enjoying the luxury of the government dak bungalow; four hundred miles have been covered, the week has been a financial success, and, far better than all else, a few souls have been found to appreciate Heaven's last message. The traveller hastens to send tidings of cheer to fellow workers, and retires, feeling more than repaid for the week's effort.

F. O. RAYMOND.

## West India Mission

G. F. ENOCH, - SUPERINTENDENT

### BOMBAY

THE evangelistic effort in Bombay opened November 9, with about seventy-five interested hearers. Since then the attendance has increased until we now have from one hundred to one hundred twenty-five present on Sunday nights. We have also opened Saturday evening meetings at the request of some who did not wish to miss their own meetings on Sunday. About thirty or forty are attending these services. A goodly number attend regularly, and the Lord is giving freedom in the preaching of the Word.

We are using three methods of advertising. First, we distribute one thousand neat, tasty announcements each week. Second, we advertise the subjects of the Saturday and Sunday sermons in the newspapers. Third, we publish a summary of the Sunday sermon in the Tuesday paper. We find that in this way we reach people who do not come to the hall. There are many who are reading the sermons in the newspapers, and attention is thus being drawn to our principles.

There is considerable opposition to our work, but the Lord is giving the victory. Some are doing all they can to confuse us with the Millennial Dawn people, and one of their men is in the city making a special canvas of it on the strength of our advertising. A leading church has imported a prominent evangelist to hold opposition meetings; but his services, however, are not well attended. We are just beginning to get into the homes of the people, and believe a good, substantial work will be built up.

Dr. Menkel gave a health lecture Thursday, which was well attended. The lecture was enthusiastically received, twenty-one passing in their names as interested

in the opening of a health school. We are retaining Thursday evenings for health, lantern, and temperance lectures, and trust they will become a permanent feature. We hope that Dr. and Mrs. Menkel will be able to join our staff of workers, and build up the right arm of the message in this important centre.

We feel extremely grateful for the good force of labourers placed in this city, and believe that through the power of the Holy Spirit, a good church will be established here. It is a great encouragement to us to know that the TIDINGS family remembers us in prayer. We still need your prayers very much; for the people generally are absorbed in the things of this world or are apathetic. Only the power of God can rouse them.

We are glad to report that after a few anxious weeks, Miss Boose is on the road to recovery. We are sure that all are especially remembering her in prayer.

GEO. F. ENOCH.

### PANVEL

IT has been some time since we reported through EASTERN TIDINGS. Panvel has just been given to us as a permanent location, and we think we have the nicest station in India, except that we seem somewhat isolated. It is fifteen miles to the railway, and the nearest Europeans we know of are Brother Wood and family, nineteen miles away. A six-mile ride in a tonga, and then two hours by boat, takes us to Bombay. We have a nice school here, numbering about 38 girls and 28 boys. They are Jews, Hindus, and Mohammedans. One little Jain girl about eleven years old, has just been taken out because her parents think she is getting too big to go to school.

We are now waiting for the whitewashing of a building to be finished, so we can open up a dispensary. People have been coming to our house every day to

be treated. Yesterday we had eighteen; to-day, nineteen patients. When we get our dispensary started and our sign out, we hope to have many more. Some of the things we have had to deal with are dog bites, uicers, obstetrics, and fevers. We took seven worms from the ear of a little girl three years old. We did all we could for another girl eight years old, but she was too badly burned, and lived just a week; however, the relatives were very grateful and gave us some good donations for the dispensary.

Our school and medical work have a fair start; now we are anxious about the evangelistic, and are praying that the Lord will send us good native assistance for this line of work. We want these people to have the opportunity of seeing the True Light, and we are sure some will accept it. We know it is only God's Spirit that can impress the Truth on any one, so we hope we shall have the prayers of all, for us and the work here.

MR. AND MRS. A. G. KELSEY.

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## North India Mission

S. A. WELLMAN, - ACTING SUPT.

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### SIMLA AND THE PUNJAB

LEAVING Lucknow immediately after the committee meeting in November, the writer spent three consecutive Sabbaths and Sundays in Simla, temporarily carrying the work of the station until a decision could be made as to someone to take the services during the winter. We had an excellent meeting with the believers at the home of Brother Mills on Sabbath, and Sunday evenings there was preaching at the hall. Only a small congregation assembled at the first meeting at the hall, owing to the notices having been poorly distributed; but during the next fortnight, by dint of visiting and personal

work, we were able to get better audiences, though more than half of those in regular attendance during the summer had gone down to the plains for the winter.

The second week was spent in the Punjab, beyond Lahore, where I was met by Mr. Samuels, who accompanied me in a visit among some villages where he is working near Dhaban Singh. We spent two days together in going out among the people and getting acquainted with them and their needs and aspirations. What appears to be an excellent opening for labour is ready at this point, and it is planned to give it further study with a view to ascertaining if it would make a good place from which to make a start in the Punjab. The people are kind-hearted and willing to be taught, and more than eight hundred nominal Christians are already committed to the cause of Christ.

On my return to Simla, it was possible to spend a few hours in Lahore, getting acquainted with this beautiful city of the North. As I drove through its streets, I could not but wish we were ready to enter upon labour among its people. Many of our message-filled papers and books have been sold here, and the seed thus sown should make possible the gathering of souls.

Returning to Simla on the 21st, together with Dr. Mann, who was in Simla on business connected with his medical work, I spent a most enjoyable Sabbath and Sunday with the believers and interested ones. On the Tuesday following, together with Brother Perrin, who had joined us on the 24th, having come to Simla in connection with plans for our work in this important city for the coming season, we left Simla, the Doctor returning to Najibabad, and the writer to Lucknow, where we are now busy with the work of the office and in the preparation of the printed page. S. A. WELLMAN.

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—BROTHER POLEY spent a day here in Lucknow recently. He is now in Calcutta to assist in the work there this winter.

—BROTHER AND SISTER LAKE were in Lucknow a few days since, to counsel with Professor Salisbury in regard to next season's work at Mussoorie.

—THE workers in Lucknow are glad to have Bro. A. Killoway and family, of Bareilly, located here for the winter. Brother Killoway's school of telegraphy here needs his attention, and they are glad to have Sabbath-school and church privileges for a time.

—ANNFIELD SCHOOL closed the 5th inst., and all the children have come down the hill, hale and hearty and glad to get away for home once again. From Lucknow, Brother and Sister Mattison went to Bombay to canvass for our magazines and to assist in the effort there this winter.

—ON Monday, December 1, Professor Salisbury and Brother and Sister Weaks left Lucknow for Calcutta. Professor Salisbury has been spending a little time in Bengal, in the interest of the work, and from there goes, with Brother and Sister Weaks, to South India, to give attention to matters needing their attention.

—BROTHER AND SISTER MORRIS, Brother and Sister Brisbin, and Sister Salisbury are busy in the language school in Lucknow this winter, and are making favourable progress in their Urdu. These are our first students who have had this opportunity, the school having started only last year; we hope it may be but a beginning.

## NEWS NOTES

SIMLA disposed of five hundred Temperance *Watchman*, and Mussoorie, two hundred and fifty.

COLPORTEUR work with our quarterlies is being done during December in Allahabad, Utraula, Najibabad, and Lucknow.

A TRACT AND MISSIONARY SOCIETY was organized in connection with the church at Lucknow on December 3rd. It is planned to do active missionary service, both locally and by correspondence with interested ones.

A HINDUSTANI meeting will be held at Najibabad January 4-18. Our regular workers will all be present, and studies in the message, health and temperance, colporteurage, and daily services for unbelievers will be held.

BROTHER AND SISTER MEAD connected with the work in Simla on the 25th of November, and will carry on the meetings and Bible studies during the winter. The brethren of that city gave them a warm welcome.

DR. MANN is located in Najibabad until March, after which he plans to be settled in Simla. He will continue his school work with the dispensary workers in Najibabad this winter, and look after the station.

BROTHER BELGRAVE reports that they planned to close the Garhwal School for the winter, on the 12th. The school has had an increasing attendance this year, and the teachers are looking forward to a good year in 1914.

MISS CHILTON reports the usual round of labours in the zenanas of Lucknow. Mohurram has, however, somewhat interfered with the continuity of study in the homes. This phase of our work should be constantly remembered before God, both for our workers and the needy souls behind the purdah.

BROTHER BELGRAVE will spend a large part of the winter at Najibabad in the study of the language and preparing the Bible course for the Garhwal School for 1914. Brother Peters, headmaster of Garhwal, also plans to spend some time in Najibabad, obtaining an experience in dispensary work.

NOTHING of worth or weight can be achieved with half a mind, with a faint heart and with a lame endeavour.—*Isaac Barrow.*