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THE WEEK OF PRAYER AT MEIKTILA

THE following good report of the week of prayer at Meiktila, came just a day too late to get into our last number. It is so encouraging that though late we are publishing it.

"I believe that our week of prayer at Meiktila was held in tune as well as in time with that of all our people throughout the world. Our greatest burden during this precious season this year was that we might be made able to answer the prayers which went up for us and our work from those in the homeland. After all, what we need most to do is to get ourselves out of the Lord's way. We had been having some severe reverses in the school work as far as we could see; but God has opened our eyes to the way in which he will triumph at last. Every meeting was faithfully attended by all in the church and in the school home, the Burmese boys entering with zest into the spirit of the occasion. We were stirred mightily by the appeals to finish the work; and, as an evidence that there was a desire to sacrifice much for the forwarding of the work to the end, a large annual offering was given. From the little church of about twenty-five members, half of whom were absent and did not make their offerings here, Rs. 152 was received."

R. B. THURBER.

LACOMBE, ALBERTA, CANADA

RECEIVING the EASTERN TIDINGS and reading the good reports of our workers reminds me I should contribute my mite, which may be of interest to some of the readers. The last five months I have spent out on my brother-in-law's ranch

to regain my health. As there are no school privileges near my sister's home, I decided to take three of her oldest children to our Alberta Industrial Academy, and keep house for them while they attended the school.

Accordingly, December 1st, we came here to Lacombe, where we are nicely located for the winter. I here met Brother Rick's father and his sister Ruby, who is attending the school. Many of the brethren and students of the school, knowing I am from India, have enquired about Brother Rick and his wife.

While in India, Prof. Salisbury told me to go to Studebaker, the great carriage manufacturer, and make a plea for a buggy. While I was attending the camp-meeting in Ontario, my cousin, Elder Kirkendall, said, "Why not go to this firm here in Oshawa?" In company with him, I visited the head of the firm, who, when we made known our errand, treated us very coldly, until my cousin mentioned that I had intended to go to Studebaker, but he suggested I come to this firm in Oshawa. Immediately he changed and became very friendly, but made no promises. He told us to come back later, although I really had very little hope we would get the buggy.

Last week, I received a letter from my cousin, in which he said he had again visited the firm, and they now promise to make just the kind I order. They sent me an invitation to visit the firm, and pick out the buggy I want, or they will make one especially for the tropics. God is surely going before us as a people,

opening the hearts of the people of the world to give to advance our work.

I was strongly reminded of this as I went out with the Ingathering number of the *Review*. Altogether, I visited thirteen families and wrote a few letters, receiving in return Rs. 90 for the little effort I put forth.

My present address is Alberta Industrial Academy, Lacombe, Alberta, Canada.

DELLA BURROWAY.

Dec. 31, 1913.

Home Missionaries

WHAT TRACTS ARE DOING

WHEN you give a tract or drop it, someone will get it; and you know not what other literature it may put into circulation. In April, 1912, a young soldier stationed at the barracks at San Francisco, U. S. A., wrote as follows to the Pacific Press: "Several of your leaflets concerning our Lord's Sabbath have so interested me and convinced me entirely of its correctness that I now wish to have one copy each of your other leaflets, as far as postage will cover."

Since then this young man has purchased much of our literature in book and tract form. He is in personal touch with some of our young men, and has accepted every point of truth.

This request came from a lawyer in Ohio, U. S. A.: "I have seen a copy of one of your booklets, and a list of the tracts therein given. Would you send me the tracts stated in the enclosed list, amounting to five shillings."

A man in Alberta, Canada, recently wrote: "I have been reading some old worn-out and torn-up tracts of yours, and there is something about them that makes me feel hungry and thirsty for something different from that I have been brought up to. I am as yet a Sunday-keeper, but

I am willing to join your side when I shall be convinced in the matter. Please send me a full price list of what you have, and help me in your way to become of some service in the Master's cause."

The leader of one of our volunteer societies is a bright, earnest young man whose heart is in the work. In a recent conversation he told of how he came in touch with the message. He had been a tram conductor on a line passing the church where he is now volunteer leader. Adventists frequently left tracts in the tram. He was more or less prejudiced, and for a long time simply brushed them aside. Finally, one day the words "Apples of Gold" caught his eye. He picked up the tract. It was on the Sabbath question. He read it, slipped it into his pocket, and from that time he picked up the tracts that were left on the trams and read them at his leisure. He accepted the entire message. Such is the influence of these blessed, silent messengers.

How we may successfully use tracts and other literature is strongly outlined by a worker in giving some of his experience. He says: "I have carried tracts in my pockets to hand to strangers and busy people with whom I could not get time to converse. Having a good assortment, when a conversation in shop or parlour or street or car suggests one, no one will be offended if you say, 'That reminds me of a leaflet I have by a noted man on the point.' It will be received with interest. For twenty years I have never been without leaflets and tracts; few days have passed without an opportunity to give out one, and no one was ever offended."

"'But don't you think tract peddling is small business?' My friend, you are not a bit too large for this job: The only question is, are you big enough for it? What this world needs is a class not above

doing little things well, men who will fight in the ranks whether there are any vacancies among the generals or not.

“Bishop Mallalieu, of Boston, U. S. A., is a big man; but he never sends out a letter, friendly, business, or official, without enclosing some heart-stirring leaflets. I have received many letters from him, but never one without something additional that was good to read.

“I have seen worldly men convicted and converted; backsliders reclaimed and made aggressive workers; stingy church-members become conscientious tithe payers; absentee Christians become regular at prayer-meeting, and indifferent volunteers become leaders in temperance reform—all through receiving at the proper time an appropriate tract.”

Should not this testimony by a man interested in Christian work, teach us a lesson as to how we can labour. Cannot each Adventist in India have a part in the work in this way? Wherever we go let us take tracts, filled with the message for this time, and scatter them “like the leaves of autumn” that they may bring forth a rich harvest for the kingdom of God.

South India Mission

SOUTH INDIA

LEAVING Calcutta in company with Brother Weeks just before the week of prayer, I started for South India to hold an institute with our colporteurs and teachers at Nazareth before Brother Weeks left for America. Reaching Madras, I had the pleasure of meeting Brother and Sister Nelson, who are canvassing there, and I was also glad to meet Brother Townend, our canvasser from England, whom I had not seen before. I found these workers of good courage. Brother Peugh had already reached

Nazareth, and everything was prepared for the institute.

I spent some time with the school before their holidays, and as I went about among the classes I felt very thankful to God that so many young men and women and children should be receiving an education at the hands of Christian teachers. Under the leadership of Brother Thomas and his faithful teachers, the school is not only making progress from the standpoint of books, but the pupils are daily being taught lessons of faith in God and His Word, which is preparing them to stand the test of these last days. The day after school closed, our institute began. Being the week of prayer, we combined the the lesson study with the special meetings for this season. Not only all our teachers and canvassers and church members of Nazareth attended these meetings, but the school children were there as well, and took an active interest in the lessons taught and the sermons preached.

The last two days of the meetings, Dr. Menkel was with us and helped in our work. God met with us at each meeting, and at the close our colporteurs went away filled with courage and determination to make 1914 the best year for their work in South India.

I am sorry that Brother Thomas, who has worked so faithfully at the head of our school there, was kept from many of the meetings by severe illness. At present he is at his home in Tuticorin, where he hopes to regain his health. He has been working very hard, and since Brother James has been on furlough in America, he has had additional burdens to bear. I trust the Lord will soon restore him to health, that he may return and take up the work in which God has so abundantly blessed him in the past. Brother and Sister Peugh are now at Nazareth, and will probably remain there until the return of Brother Thomas or Brother James.

H. R. S.

Bengal Mission

W. R. FRENCH, - SUPERINTENDENT.

NATIVE WORK IN CALCUTTA

WE the undersigned, labourers together in the work among the Bengali people of Calcutta, desire, through the columns of the EASTERN TIDINGS, to express our gratitude to God because of a few items of progress noted as a result of prayerful effort put forward in humble dependence upon the Shepherd of Israel.

In our Sabbath school work, we find that the average attendance including home department, for the second, third, and fourth quarters of 1913, was respectively 17.5, 21, 27. The total collections (all to missions,) for the same time, were Rs. 19-14-3; Rs. 19-4-6; Rs. 22-9-3. During the year 1912, our literature sales amounted to Rs. 300-5-3; and during 1913, they were Rs. 1188-10-3.

After an interval of more than three years, there has recently been an addition to the church by baptism. Two thousand subscribers to our vernacular paper during the last year affords us reason to rejoice before God, while we are further bound to acknowledge his hand in providing for us a suitable preaching hall among the educated community, in the locality best adapted to the purpose, at a very reasonable rent.

We desire the readers of EASTERN TIDINGS to remember the work and workers in Calcutta, before the throne of grace.

A. G. WATSON,—

A. MONDOL.

SANTAL

DURING the last month, part of January and part of February, we have had the pleasure of visiting three melas in the Bhagalpur Division, south, and God has been with us. We left Babumohal January 12th and visited the Bounsi mela

about twenty-four miles from our mission station, and began to circulate the printed page in Santali, Bengali, Urdu, Hindi, and English. At this mela we exhibited some papaya fruit and ground nuts, and got first and second prizes for fruit and first prize for nuts.

We moved our camp on from Bounsi to Dumka, S. P., to the centre of the Santal country; at this writing we are right in the thick of the fight against Satan and his host. On our journey to Dumka, we camped week end and over Sabbath at the Hot Spring mela, a few miles from Dumka. I visited the mela about twenty years ago, I met some I had baptized many years ago, and one or two blacksmiths' families reminded me that I married them and baptized some of the family when stationed near this Hot (Sulphur) Spring. I have had the pleasure of exhibiting some of our health foods at the Dumka mela, where many Europeans are stationed in government service. I was glad to hear of Brother Raymond having visited this station, which is forty miles from the railway.

I was compelled to leave the Dumka mela for a few days to bid farewell to Brother and Sister Rick and my son Rudie, who are going to Avondale School, N. S. W.; Australia. They sailed on the S. S. *Itonas*, February 2nd. While I was away, I am glad to say that our camp staff of Santali Christians were doing their best for God and their fellowmen with the printed page, led by Matla Kiska, our oldest and best worker. We had two Santali school-boys with us this year in training for God's service in canvassing, and they did what they could for Jesus who died for them. I am glad to say that these two boys are from Matla's village and were baptized at the close of the school session 1913. We can well sing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." W. A. BARLOW

North India Mission

S. A. WELLMAN, - ACTING SUPT.

NORTH INDIA MEETING

THE Hindustani workers of north India were called together at Najibabad on the 4th of January for a ten days' study of the principles of our faith and in methods of labour. Some were hindered from attending on account of sickness, but a goodly number were present, together with some visitors.

Each day, two and three hours were spent in the study of the message, Brother Belgrave taking the burden of this work and covering the main principles of our faith. Dr. Mann spent an hour each day presenting in a simple way the make-up of our bodies and the functions of the various parts, and by demonstrations showing the harmful effects of the various narcotics, such as alcohol, tobacco, pan, tea, and coffee. He also gave two studies on the foods we should eat to give us proper nourishment. A devotional meeting was held each day at mid-day, and in the evening a stereopticon lecture was held, either at the hall or in the villages, all the workers taking an active part in the preparations and in the meetings.

Some who have been working with us during the last few years have not fully identified themselves with us as a denomination by baptism. Two of these took their stand at this meeting, one being Brother Peters, the headmaster of our Garhwal school, who will be baptized at the school in April, D. V. Others will, we believe, be ready to identify themselves fully with us in the near future.

Brother Morris, who will locate at this station about the first of April, was with us over Sabbath, and Professor Salisbury was present the last day of the meetings, giving a most encouraging and helpful

talk on what the giving of this message to India means to us as workers.

The meetings closed on the 15th, the workers returning to their homes full of courage for the work of the coming year, which we have reason to believe will be more fruitful than any previous year in results for the kingdom.

S. A. WELLMAN.

NORTH INDIA NOTES

THE first quarter's issues of the Hindi and Urdu quarterlies for 1914 will be off the press by the time this paper reaches its readers. It is hoped to be on time with the next issues of the papers.

THE tract, "Heralds of His Coming" in Hindi and Urdu will be ready for circulation in March. Prices will be announced later. Work on "Bible Readings" in Urdu will be commenced at an early date.

BROTHER BELGRAVE expects to leave Najibabad for Garhwal the third week in February, so as to have everything in readiness for the opening of school on the first of March. A prosperous year is indicated by all reports.

LAKHAN SINGH and wife, who have been located at Utraula the last three years, where Mrs. Singh has taught the government girls' school, are now at Najibabad. Mrs. Singh will assist Sister O'Connor in the zenana school work, and Brother Singh will do colporteur work in Najibabad and vicinity.

THE workers at Najibabad are all in excellent health, with the exception of Sister Mann, who has been confined to her bed for a week or more owing to a strained back. The dispensary is busy every day, the number of patients growing rapidly as warm weather comes on. The country round about faces a shortage of food stuffs, owing to crop failure, but not such dire need as in other parts of this province.

ELDER WELLMAN made a short visit to Najibabad the 6th and 7th inst., arranging for the colporteur work of that section for the months of February and March, and meeting with the workers on the Sabbath. Jas. Paul works in the eastern Panjab, Roshan Elias in the districts, and Lakhani Singh in the station and villages with our quarterlies. A nice little Sabbath-school was held on the 7th, English and Hindustani classes being taught, and a lively interest shown in both.

The Canvassing Work

BURMA

It is more than a year since I reported to EASTERN TIDINGS. But I have little excuse; for I have had plenty of good things from the Lord to report.

After returning from furlough, I spent about four months in Rangoon, taking orders for more than Rs. 2,000 worth of our literature. In December, I spent about three daya in Henzada, taking orders for Rs. 177. On the 13th of January I set out for Tharawaddy and Bassein, returning on the 30th with orders amounting to Rs. 762. On this trip I took orders for 37 copies of "Daniel and the Revelation" and 6 copies of "Bible Readings." As I look back over the month's work, I praise God and take courage. I believe a great work is being done in Burma with the printed page.

In the words of one of our workers in the United States I would say, "If I had ten thousand rupees and ten years to give the message to Burma, I would spend nine thousand rupees and nine years in scattering the printed page. Then I would take the same canvassers and spend the remaining one thousand rupees and one year in giving Bible readings, and I believe there would be a great company of believers ready to greet the Lord when he should come."

After all, we must remember that, "It is not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

W. CARRATT.

"LABOUR endears rest, and both together are absolutely necessary for the proper enjoyment of human existence."

"FAILURE is the result of waiting for other people to do things first."

COLPORTEURS' JANUARY SUMMARY

	Weeks	Hours	Sales per Hr.	Total Val.
	per week			
ENGLISH				
Colporteurs, 6,	24	40	Rs. 2-7-6	Rs. 2,350-12-
BURMA				
Colporteurs, 3	10	26	1-9-9	402-15-6
BENGAL				
Colporteurs, 12	76	Sales per week.	1-11-	128 -4-3
NORTH INDIA				
SOUTH INDIA				
				Total Rs. 2,881-15-9

NOTES

BROTHER MATTISON, during the month, secured in Bombay, 92 names for *O. W.*

BROTHER WILLIAMS writes: "The outlook in this section is bright. We have many people taking great interest in Bible readings."

BROTHER NELSON writes from Madras: "I find some who have been taking the *O. W.*, for some years, and think it is one of the best papers they have ever seen."

BROTHER AND SISTER RICK on February 1st, embarked from Calcutta for Australia, to secure an advanced training in our Avondale School. Our prayers and very best wishes go with them, after their faithful service in India.

BROTHER TOWNEND has in the month by dint of hard work and long hours in Madras and Trichinopoly secured 71 orders for "Heralds of the Morning." Brother Carratt, over in Burma, secured in one week, 24 orders for "Daniel and the Revelation," besides other books and papers.

IN English work, the lowest cash receipts per hour of actual work for any week were Rs. 8-6 and the highest Rs. 7-3-11. The three Burma colporteurs are Brethren Beckner and Williams and Moug Nge. Brother Beckner's cash receipts averaged Rs. 2-2-5 an hour for 250 hours, Brother Williams's a little less; a grand report for Burma.

WANTED AT ONCE

THE name and address of every Sabbath-keeper who will undertake to secure at least one subscription to *Oriental Watchman* each week. Supplies; instruction; cheering, helpful correspondence; and a blessed experience are awaiting you. Send post card *to-day*.

"THE crowning fortune of a man is to be born with a bias for some pursuit, which finds him in employment and happiness."

The Medical Work

MEDICAL REPORT, QUARTER ENDING DEC. 31, 1913.

A REGULAR quarterly report will hereafter appear in the TIDINGS. We ask you to give this report careful attention, as it will show what others are doing; where our weak points are; where to put forth greater efforts; that perhaps we are not getting the number of patients proportionate to the population within reach; our financial condition; the percentage of returning patients, thus showing whether the patient was satisfied with the treatment given. It also gives the number of villages represented and what we are doing to convert heathen darkness to the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The average distance travelled by the patient reveals how extensive our influence is in the community in which we are working. So these are not merely a group of bare figures, but each one tells us something. Let us aim at results in every unit of our medical work.

In our report we have included all our medical units. All of those should report, except Kirkville, which is out of season. We ask those who have not been sending in their reports, to be prompt in sending them, beginning with January 1914, so that we can make a clean record for 1914.

During the year 1913, we added three new dispensaries to our list. These are located at Kalyan, Panwel, and Jagadishpur. We hope to add as many more to our list during 1914, and among these Simla and Rangoon. And thus the medical work grows. The results will be souls gathered into the kingdom of God. To this end I pray for our medical workers during the year 1914.

	1	2	3	4	5
Patients	472	3,232	1,076	20	569
New Patients	316	1,067	987	13	239
Villages Represented	64	41	57	8	77
Average Distance		14	19	12	15
Hydrotherapy	37	1,117		16	236
Prescription	129	1,239		59	257
Minor Surgery		45			8
Visits to Houses	81	285	5		45
Gospel Talks	58	72	64		38
Pages of Lit.	1,245	1,935	644		98

Earnings	Rs.	34	417	73	2	53
Contributions			75			
Fees			396			
Expense		5	273	82		13
Patients Returning		399	2,165	92	7	330
1. Jagadishpur				4. Gopalgunge		
2. Kalyan				5. Karmatar		
3. Najibabad						

NOTES.

Panwel, just started.

Nazareth and Calcutta did not report.

Kirkville, out of season.

Jagadishpur and Karmatar report for two months.

Gopalgunge, one month.

V. L. MANN, M. D.

Obituary

BALLARD.—On Sabbath, January 3, Sister Laura Ballard passed peacefully to rest. We were called to Lonavla on New Year's day, and found that Sister Ballard was sinking rapidly. We had a very touching service with the family at the bedside, and the presence of the Master was felt very markedly. The promises of God never seemed more precious, and his grace was sufficient as she went down into the valley. The funeral service was held on Sunday. The Lord came very near also at this service, and the precious promises brought comfort to the bereaved husband, children and other relatives.

We first met Sister Ballard nearly two years ago in Lonavla, where she manifested much interest in God's message for to-day. Later, some meetings were held in her home at Dhond. Then came the long, hard struggle with cancer, which recurred after the first operation which had been performed some two years before. Sister Ballard was a woman of strong faith and implicit trust in God. She had hoped for healing, but when it was evident that this was not the will of God, she was reconciled, and went to rest leaning on the strong arm of the Lifegiver. Her last wish that her children might meet her in the reunion in the resurrection morning was answered by the consecration of their lives to the Saviour before she passed away. We pray that they may ever remain true to that vow. A mother in Israel has fallen, but she went to her rest with the trust and comfort that only the Blessed Hope can give, and now rests from her pain and suffering and her works do follow her.

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—PROFESSOR SALISBURY is in Burma for a short time, attending their general meeting.

—A POST CARD received a few days since from Miss Shryock announced the safe arrival of herself and Brother and Sister Weaks in Shanghai, where they were meeting a number of the workers, some of them old acquaintances.

—AN interesting letter written by Brother Weaks just before their arrival at Hong Kong, is received after our forms are more than full, and must appear later. All will be glad to know that Miss Shryock, who the earlier part of the trip was very poorly, was much better at the time of his writing.

—THOSE interested in the work of the printing department will be pleased to know that a nice new litho machine has just been installed and is being put in commission, one or two runs having already been made on it. This machine is a present from the Pacific Press, and will supply a pressing need for equipment for putting out literature for the Urdu-speaking people.

—THE readers of the EASTERN TIDINGS will be glad to know that Brother James has successfully recovered from a serious operation. In a letter just received he says: "I had gained considerably, and my general health had improved; but I did not make the improvement I felt was necessary. At the close of the Central California camp-meeting I determined to go to the bottom of the matter and ascertain the real cause of the trouble. Immediately on reaching home, I came to the Sanitarium (St. Helena, Calif., U. S. A.) and had a very thorough examination. The doctor's diagnosis was that I had chronic appendicitis, and that an immediate operation was advis-

able. So on December 5th I underwent the operation. . . . The doctor gives me every assurance that I will soon be as strong as I have ever been in my life. I am very thankful I took this matter in hand when I did. I could not have been thrown in more favourable circumstances for an operation and rapid recovery. This is my third week, and I am sitting in a wheel chair. By the close of the week I hope to stand on my feet again, then I shall resume my plans for our return to India, which we were compelled to let stand for a few weeks." This is cheering news to us; for Brother James is very much needed in South India, and we hope that he and Sister James will soon be with us again.

—ELDER SHAW writes: "I attended the union conference at South Lancaster. It was a great spiritual uplift to our ministry and also to the school. There was great revival among the workers in the Atlantic Union. Men got right with God and with one another. Some of the meetings continued until after mid-night. God is greatly blessing Elders Daniells, Evans, and Thompson in their efforts along evangelical lines. We had a good week of prayer in Takoma Park, and also at the Seminary. There has been a general turning to God. There will be a baptism in the Takoma Park church next Sabbath, when I expect eighteen or twenty children and young people will be baptized." We were glad to read in Brother Shaw's letter that he is rapidly regaining his health. Concerning our work here he writes: "We pray for you very often in our family circle. There is a great work to be done in that field. I cannot get it off my mind or away from my thoughts. Our continual prayer is that God may greatly bless the workers in that field and send to India such as shall be true burden-bearers and help extend the cause in that needy land. Kindly remember me to all the workers. Tell them I think of them and go over their names and work very often."

—WE have learned that Elder Shaw has been elected president of the college at Washington, D. C. This institution, which was formerly the Foreign Missionary Seminary, has by a recent vote, been changed to a college and will be called the Washington Missionary College. This does not mean that training for foreign missions is to be omitted, but that this will be carried on as a department of the College. The fact that Professor Shaw is to be the head of the new college is an assurance that a strong missionary spirit will be fostered there.