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FIELD NOTES

Pastor Daniells's Visit to Burma

SOON after the close of the bi-ennial conference, Brother Daniells visited Karmatar and Jagadishpur. The next week we left for Burma. Brother and Sister Luddington, who had just landed in Calcutta from America, went with us.

Brother Daniells spent Sabbath and Sunday in Rangoon, speaking Sunday night to a crowded hall. After the sermon, we left for Maulmein, and spent two days up the Salween river in the Karen country. Brethren Thurber and Hamilton, who had gone with us, remained for several days to give further attention to the location of our Karen station. From Maulmein we went to Meiktila, and after inspecting the school, and holding a meeting with the church there, we went on to Mandalay, where we spent Friday and Sabbath with Brother and Sister Beckner. I was glad to find them so comfortably situated and so advantageously located for carrying on the work in and about Mandalay. For the present they are holding meetings in the largest room in their house. Brother Daniells spoke three times while there, and between twenty and twenty-five were in attendance. They now have regular Sabbath services.

Brethren Beckner and Williams returned with us to Rangoon, and there a meeting of the full committee was held, and many important plans laid for the work of the coming year. The evening before returning to Calcutta, Brother Daniells spoke again in our hall in Rangoon. Every seat was taken and many were obliged to stand. On the 11th, Brother

Daniells and party sailed for Singapore, just three months from the date of their arrival in Colombo. During that time he has visited all of our stations, held meetings with our people in all parts of our field, conducting a Bible institute ten days in Calcutta, besides speaking several times to outside audiences. The visit of Brother and Sister Daniells has been a great blessing to us, and we pray that God may continue to bless them as they go to the Far East and on to the summer meetings in America.

Miss Brunson is returning to America at this time, and sailed with Brother Daniells and his party on the 11th. Miss Brunson's furlough would not be due for another year or eighteen months; but there were two reasons why it was thought best for her to take it at this time. One is the condition of her health. She has not been at all well the last few months, and it was thought a change at this time would build her up physically. Then, again, Brother Daniells was in very much need of someone to help him in his writing, so that Miss Brunson could be of much assistance to him on his journey. I hope that this trip, which will extend over several months, will bring her renewed strength and vigour. Miss Brunson has made excellent progress in the Bengali language, and for the last six months has been editor of our Bengali paper.

New Arrivals

Since the meeting in Calcutta, four new workers have come, Bro. and Sister D. C. Luddington, and Bro. and Sister G. F. Furnival. Brother Luddington comes to take charge of our school

in Meiktila. They have already reached Meiktila, and he has taken over the work, as Brother Williams was called to Lucknow the same week that Brother Luddington reached Meiktila. They both expressed themselves as pleased with their new station, and we believe that with the blessing of God, they will make the work there a success. Sister Luddington's father is Pastor H. C. Goodrich, who has for many years been a missionary in the West Indies. In the middle of January, Brother and Sister Furnival arrived. He has been appointed principal of our English school at Mussoorie. At the time of their appointment to India, he and his wife were teachers in our school in Kingston, Jamaica. We welcome these four labourers to the work in India and Burma.

H. R. SALISBURY.

Home Missionary

R. D. BRISBIN, - - - SECRETARY

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

"ENGLAND expects every man to do his duty." "Your king and your country call you. Uphold the honour of your flag. Enlist *now* for the duration of the war."

Does such an appeal stir you? Thousands upon thousands of Great Britain's noblest and best are marching away as you read, many of them never to return. They bravely face every danger on land and sea for the honour of their country's flag and what it means to them. Does it mean anything to you? Are you not the subject of Prince Immanuel? Is not heaven your home, and the blood-stained banner of your Prince your rallying ensign? Have you not been promised "There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my

sake, and the gospel's, but he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sister, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life." Mark 10:29, 30. Does a worldly government offer more? If you have confessed that holy Name and sworn fealty to that Prince, you have enlisted for life; and no man, woman, or child is exempt from service. "No one will enter heaven who is not a labourer together with God."—*A Call to Service*, p. 11. "Begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father; for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham." Luke 3:8.

"The judgments of God are in the earth, and, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, we must give the message of warning that He has entrusted to us. We must give this message quickly, line upon line, precept upon precept. Men will soon be forced to great decisions, and it is our duty to see that they are given an opportunity to understand the truth, that they may take their stand intelligently on the right side. The Lord calls upon his people to labour,—labour earnestly and wisely,—while probation lingers."—*Special Testimony*.

"Recently, in visions during the night season, a representation passed before me. Among God's people there seemed to be a great reformatory movement. Many were praising God. The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, even as was manifested before the great day of Pentecost. *Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the Word of God.* Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side, doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the

truth. The world seemed to be lightened with a heavenly influence. Great blessings were received by the true and humble people of God. I heard voices of thanksgiving and praise, and there seemed to be a reformation such as we witnessed in 1844."—*Spec. Test, Series B. No. 8.*

"Among the members of our churches, there should be more house-to-house labour, in giving Bible readings, and in distributing literature. A Christian character can be symmetrically and completely formed, only when the human agent regards it as a privilege to work interestedly in the proclamation of the truth, and to sustain the cause of God with means. The treasury must not be allowed to become empty, when there are such urgent calls for help from every part of the world."—*Id.*

"The Lord now calls upon the members of the Seventh-day Adventist church in every locality to consecrate themselves to him, and to do their very best, according to their circumstances to assist in his work."—*Id.* On the subject of giving, study prayerfully again John 3: 16.

"If you had appreciation of the salvation brought to you at infinite cost, you would arouse, you would lay hold upon the strength of Jesus, you would lift up your voice like a trumpet and show My people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins. You would cry aloud, and spare not. You would work to the utmost of your capacity, reaching first one and then another."—*Review and Herald, Feb. 19, 1895.*

The Home Missionary Department has been organized to help you. Are you taking advantage of every opportunity? It is a part of the organized plan of soul winning. Are you doing all you can to help it along?

God is working with those who are making a covenant with him by sacrifice.

The latter rain is soon to fall in showers upon those who are stepping into line and filling up the ranks. Amid the war and confusion of this world, we soon shall hear mighty witnesses for the truth as the Holy Spirit makes its last appeal to a lost world. We are marshalling now, friends, for the final struggle with sin and the devil. Are you in the ranks and in step? Come, before it is too late.

Your king and your country call you.

"And still our General, who never makes a mistake, says to us, Advance. Enter new territory. Lift up the standard in every land. 'Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.'"—*Vol 6, p. 29.*

R. D. BRISBIN.

HOME DEPARTMENT NOTES

BROTHER Wood has had the first Home Missionary letter to the field translated into Marathi for the benefit of our Indian brethren. Why could not the other parts of the field do this also. A working church is a growing and a living church no matter where or of whom composed. If you wish higher efficiency and closer co-operation in your churches, try the plans suggested by the General Conference for Home Missionary work.

BROTHER F. O. Raymond, who is touring through the villages of the Northwest, is sending the names of interested persons to the office that the Home Missionary Department may follow up the interest created. Could not the rest of us do the same unless we can keep in touch with these personally? He reports Mrs. Raymond as having her time well filled with giving Bible readings in Lahore.

WORD was received of one of our books, given by Brother Burgess to an Indian Christian, who read it and lent it to his brother, who is now in the Indian Army in northern China, he reading it through. "In the morning sow thy seed and in the evening withhold not thy hand."

THE Tract Society is offering some rare bargains in tracts at the present time. Fifty assorted tracts, over eight hundred truth-filled pages, for only Re. 1, either large or envelope size. Twenty-five for annas eight. You need them in that work you are going to do this year.

LOOK for the new tract list in the April TIDINGS.

Sabbath-school

MRS. S. A. WELLMAN, - SECRETARY

FOR 1915

WITH the opening of the new year, we take up the study of the life of Christ. These lessons have been designed especially for family study, and the suggestion has been made that they be studied in family worship. Of course, this would ensure a *daily* study of the lesson; and we all realize something of the importance of systematic application to any subject.

With the very little children, this plan may not be feasible; but I am sure the older children will enjoy studying the lesson with their parents. Those who have access to the book "Desire of Ages," will find it full of good thoughts bearing on our present lessons.

Can we not and will we not, as Sabbath-school scholars throughout India and Burma, resolve to devote more time to the study of the lesson? Do not let the cares of this life crowd out the lesson study till Friday evening, but give some time every day even though it be only fifteen minutes. Fifteen minutes a day can accomplish wonders if devoted to Bible study with God's spirit to aid.

I would ask the co-operation of every secretary in returning the quarterly report blanks very promptly. I have been much delayed by the non-receipt of the reports for the last quarter of 1914. As so many miles of water separate us from headquarters in America, it behooves our secretaries here to be very punctual in filling out and returning the blanks, so that the general report may not be delayed in reaching Sister Plummer. Surely this field must fall behind in no good thing. We desire to make this the "banner-field," as regards per cent. of attendance,

donations, and other lines of Sabbath-school activity.

In this connection, it might be well to mention that at the general meeting in Calcutta it was decided that we endeavour to raise at least eight annas per church member weekly during the coming year. It was thought that one of the best mediums for the raising of this fund would be the Sabbath-schools. At this meeting, several advance moves and good resolutions were made, but unless we live up to the spirit of these resolutions and do our part faithfully to carry them out, they will be just so much dead matter on our record books. Here at head-quarters we have planned to make our donations at least Rs. 10 each Sabbath, and as much more as we can give. According to the figures reported for the third quarter of 1914, there is a church membership of 392 in this field. At the rate of eight annas weekly per member, there should be a return of Rs. 2,539 a quarter. It will be difficult for our native schools to give their full quota; but perhaps the English schools can more than make up the deficit.

Therefore for 1915, can not the Sabbath-schools plan to give at least Rs. 5,000. If the full quota would yield Rs. 2,500 approximately a quarter, it does not seem too high to set our stakes for Rs. 5,000 for the four quarters.

This is the day of great opportunities. Now is the time to give and labour, and the reward is sure. May God bless every school and individual and help us all to go forward and keep pace this year with the message. MRS. S. A. WELLMAN.

"THANK God for the gift of His dear Son, and pray that He may not have died for you in vain."

"THERE's more force in a soft touch than in a hard blow."

Bombay Pres. Mission

G. W. PETTIT, - SUPERINTENDENT

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

A meeting of the Bombay Presidency Mission Committee was recently held at Kalyan, to consider the varied interests. Some of the actions taken by this committee will be of general interest.

Brother and Sister Kelsey, of Panvel, were released from their station work to enter the language school at Poona in order that Brother Kelsey might pass his second year examination and Sister Kelsey her first as soon as possible. Brother Wood takes over the work of Brother Kelsey at Panvel during the absence of these workers.

Miss RED, who for some time has been connected with the work at Kalyan, was also released to attend the Poona language school in order to pass out from her second year's work. The workers at Kalyan are missing the labours of Miss Reid, but feel that after a few months she can return to them more fully qualified to win souls for Christ.

It was voted to take on three new workers at once so as to enable some others to be released to attend the India Union Training School this coming fall. It is hoped that three or four of the workers may be spared to enter this school, so, accordingly, they decided to begin early that this object might be accomplished without making too much of a break in the regular work.

The committee planned to show its appreciation of the benefits being received from the Home Board, by joining in an active campaign for the raising of funds, by increasing the tithe, the Sabbath school offerings, and other mission funds. During the month of January more than Rs. 500 was secured in Bombay and Lonavla in addition to the Labourers tithes.

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY ITEMS

BROTHER AND SISTER NELSON have again located in Bombay, but during the last three weeks Brother Nelson has been on tour canvassing for our magazines. He has visited Belgaum, Hubli, Hyderabad, and Secunderbad. He has been able to secure a goodly number of subscriptions, and has had some very good experiences among the people. He states that the interest in the message was never more apparent than now. He will spend three months in Bombay in the interests of *Herald of Health* and *Oriental Watchman*.

PASTOR AND MRS. FRENCH, who have joined the workers in Bombay, have secured a very comfortable place at 65, Rebsch Street, near Brother Pettit's, and have entered upon their labours. Brother French finds plenty of work in Bombay.

MISS BOOSE has given up her former room and taken a room with Brother French's. She has been quite busy since the conference, giving Bible studies among interested people of the city.

THE workers are now presenting the Sabbath and other testing points of faith, and request an earnest interest in the prayers of all the TIDINGS family, in behalf of these meetings.

FIVE thousand of the War Special have been distributed in Bombay and near-by stations. Thus far, but little has been heard as to the impressions made upon the people, but we are determined to sow the seed beside all waters, leaving the Lord to water the seed. He has promised, and will not fail if we faithfully do our duty.

FUNDS have been raised for the circulation of nearly two thousand, five hundred copies of the *Temperance Watchman* to be used among the students of the various colleges and high schools of the Bombay Presidency. It has been found that there are many besides Christians who are deeply interested in the cause of temperance. Prayers of every believer should accompany these message filled papers, that this too may result in a harvest of souls by and by.

A NEW Sabbath-keeper in Bombay has opened a health food store in that city. We wish for him success, and bespeak a word to those of our people that may be interested in the foods which this brother will handle. He will not only handle the foods manufactured and stocked by our Calcutta Food Company, but will in addition to these, handle the Instant Postum, Post Toasties, Corn Flakes, and a good line of wholesome vegetable cooking oils. Our people

can not secure these things often, therefore to meet this demand, this brother will stock these and fill orders to any part of the field for the above three named articles, and for the other foods, will fill orders coming to him from the Bombay Presidency. Those desiring further information will write to Health Food Co., (Bombay Agency), Battery Road, Apollo Bunder, Bombay.

North India Mission

S. A. WELLMAN, - SUPERINTENDENT

NAJIBABAD AND GARHWAL

IN the latter part of January, the writer was privileged to spend a few days with the workers at Najibabad and Garhwal. In both places, considerable work, either for the completion of the station or in repairs or alterations, had to be provided for while we were together.

At Najibabad, on Sabbath, January 23, we had a good meeting in the morning, at the close of which the little company located there were organized, Brother Morris being elected leader and Sister Morris treasurer. In the future, the tithe and offerings of this station will be paid in locally and forwarded monthly to the mission treasurer. They have already rented a neat little room, provided benches, and are meeting from Sabbath to Sabbath in Sabbath-school and church service. Their having a separate room in which to assemble week by week has been found a source of help and encouragement.

In the afternoon of the same day we were privileged to unite in the celebration of the ordinances of humility and the Lord's supper, held for the first time at this station. As the service was read and words of encouragement spoken, it did our hearts good to see the response in the faces of our workers and believers. The hour spent together will long be

remembered by those present. Two new believers were reported who are keeping the Sabbath, and the husband, who works on the railway, is able to keep his employment while obeying his Master. He has also taken up the sale of our vernacular papers at his station on Sundays. Other interested persons are to be found in surrounding villages, and the workers are praying and working definitely for ten souls at that station this year.

Leaving Najibabad the Monday morning following, we went to Garhwal School, and spent two nights and a day over the building plans of that station. Quite a number of alterations were planned for, so that the school there this year may be better provided for, and the contract was let for the building of a kitchen. This building will be ready for use in March, the contractor commencing work the day we were there. The prospects for the school this year appear very favourable, and we look forward to a good attendance and results in souls from among the Hindu boys who will be with us.

The workers in each station request your earnest petitions for the bringing of souls to the Master this year.

S. A. WELLMAN.

NORTH INDIA NOTES

QUARTERLY service was held at Lucknow, Sabbath, January 16. A goodly number of believers were present, and God's blessing was felt.

MISS KURTZ has provided herself with a fine little pony and Barielly cart for her work at the Najibabad station. Stable and cover for the cart have also been provided by her, so that she is now independent of the tongawalas, on whom she has been compelled to rely in the past.

BROTHER LAKE and WIFE, of Mussoorie, are taking their leave this year with Mrs. Lake's mother in Hyderabad, Deccan.

THE church at Lucknow has distributed one thousand copies of the War Extra of the *Watchman*. Brethren Mattison and Brisbin distributed several hundred in Cawnpore.

THE Najibabad workers also took one thousand copies of the Special, and will distribute them in their own and surrounding stations. We trust that our other churches and companies will strive to emulate their example.

BRETHREN MATTISON, BLUE, AND MORRIS, with their wives, are busily engaged in language study, and Sister Salisbury and Miss Scholz are on their second year's course. Brother Brisbin is also devoting as much time as possible to the attaining of the Urdu. All are making good progress.

DR. AND MRS. MENKEL and son Carl, of Simla, spent a few weeks with the company in Lucknow just after the general meeting.

THE Indian workers of this division are studying the new Bible reading book in Urdu this year, preparatory to an examination at the close of the year. A certificate will be given to all who satisfactorily pass the scriptural and doctrinal test.

OUR BOARDING SCHOOLS.

WE now have in North America more than fifty schools with student homes connected with them; and in other countries about twenty more. Our unique plan of having all students share the work of carrying on these homes makes their school life more homelike, and makes it possible to give proper attention to a side of education that is often very much neglected. In the leading article in *Christian Education* for December, Mrs. E. G. White sets before our schools the practical ends to be gained in the educative work of our school homes. Other articles deal with various features of the daily programme that our boys and girls are following in these homes, showing how our teachers are making every effort to keep students spiritually alive and growing, to keep up their physical and mental vigour, and to give them such training as will be of the greatest value in missionary service after they leave school.

Fresh, live articles tell also of progress and victories in carrying on little boarding schools in private homes, where

mothers are making a decided success of teaching their own children when no Christian school is accessible.

All our readers want to know about the inside workings of both kinds of home-like schools. If you will become a regular reader of our educational magazine you will get the good things in it from month to month.

THE ORIENTAL WATCHMAN."

COMENCING with the March number of the *Oriental Watchman* a series of articles is begun by Pastor J. S. James on the Signs of the Times in Which We Live," each article being complete in itself, yet all interwoven as a line of proof of the nearness of the end. These articles will be profusely illustrated, and both interesting and instructive. Another series on Prophecy, likewise distinct yet connectedly written, will be given during the remainder of the year. The subject headings are,—“Why was Prophecy Given?,” “This Gospel of the Kingdom,” “The Rise and Fall of Empires,” “The Kingdom and Work of Antichrist,” “A Great Prophetic Period,” “The Antonement,” “The Judgment,” “Prophecy of a World Movement in the Last Days,” “Satan's Warfare against God's People,” “The Final Conflict and Victory.”

These two series, together with the regular reading, and the departments which deal directly with passing events from month to month, will make “*Oriental Watchman*” a valuable help to every missionary worker during the balance of 1915. Will you not use it in your work for your neighbours? Special rates are allowed for clubs of five or more copies.

HE who is false to the present duty breaks a thread in the loom, and will find a flaw when he may have forgotten its cause.—*Beecher*.

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—IN view of the approaching change in the treasurership of the mission, it is requested that all correspondence pertaining to the treasury be addressed to the Treasurer India Union Mission, and not to any individual.

—THROUGH a misunderstanding of copy, a mistake was made in Professor Salisbury's report published last month. On page four, the statement concerning the number of baptisms should have read: "The number of baptisms during the bi-ennial period is 153,—in 1913, 75; this year, 78."

—A CLIPPING from the *Empire*, of January 30, sent to the office by Brother Mead, gives rather an extended statistical report of our world-work. Our own people who keep in touch with the work of the denomination have access to the figures showing a good increase in church membership and a very large increase in tithe and offerings; but it is interesting to know that others occasionally learn of what is being accomplished.

—WEDNESDAY, Jan. 6, 1915, Bro. F.O. Raymond and Miss Catherine Gregory, both of the Calcutta church, were united in marriage. The labourers in Calcutta will be sorry to have Sister Raymond leave; but, wherever they locate permanently, we know that she will be a strength to the work: and all will unite in wishing for Brother and Sister Raymond increased usefulness in the work of the message as they unite life's interests and together strive for the advancement of the truth. For a short time, they are stopping at Lahore, or, rather, Sister Raymond is, Brother Raymond having gone out on tour soon after arriving there.

—Brother and Sister G. F. Furnival, who were delayed from being with us at our Biennial Meeting, after a short stay in Lucknow, went on to Mussoorie the first week in February, where they will connect with the school. We are glad to welcome them to this field, and trust that India will bind them to herself as they see the great field so ripe for the harvest. We see by their new catalogue that school opens March 16th and according to reports they will have a large attendance this year.

—Brother C. C. Belgrave, who has been residing in Lucknow since the Conference, expects to leave the twenty-first of this month for Garhwal in time for the opening of the school, March 1st. The prospects are bright for another prosperous school year, and our prayers go with Brother Belgrave as he seeks to uphold the true God to his pupils in this mission outpost.

—Professor Salisbury left Lucknow, Wednesday, the 17th inst. for Hongkong, China via Calcutta. He expects to meet Brother Daniells at Singapore and go on with him to Hongkong, where they will confer with the brethren from Australia regarding plans laid at the Conference for closer co-operation between these two fields.

—A soldier of the Territorial force after reading "Daniel and Revelation" wrote back to England for further information, and was referred to this office.

—The editor of EASTERN TIDINGS left Wednesday, the 17th, for a short trip to the Punjab.

—Mrs. A. O'Connor is planning to join the teaching staff at Annfield school the ensuing year.

COLPORTEURS' SUMMARY

	Weeks	Hours	Sales	Total Value
	per week	per week	per Hr.	
ENGLISH				
Colporteurs. 4	32	41	Rs. 1-14-8	Rs. 2975
BURMA				
Colporteurs. 4	8	45	-2-6	57-
EAST BENGAL				
Colporteurs. 12	84	1-2	0-0-6	141-2-9
NORTH INDIA				
Colporteurs. 2	24		-10	36-3-6
SOUTH INDIA				
Colporteurs. 9	98	39	-2-	488-1-0
			Total	Rs. 3,697-7-9

This report is for three months.