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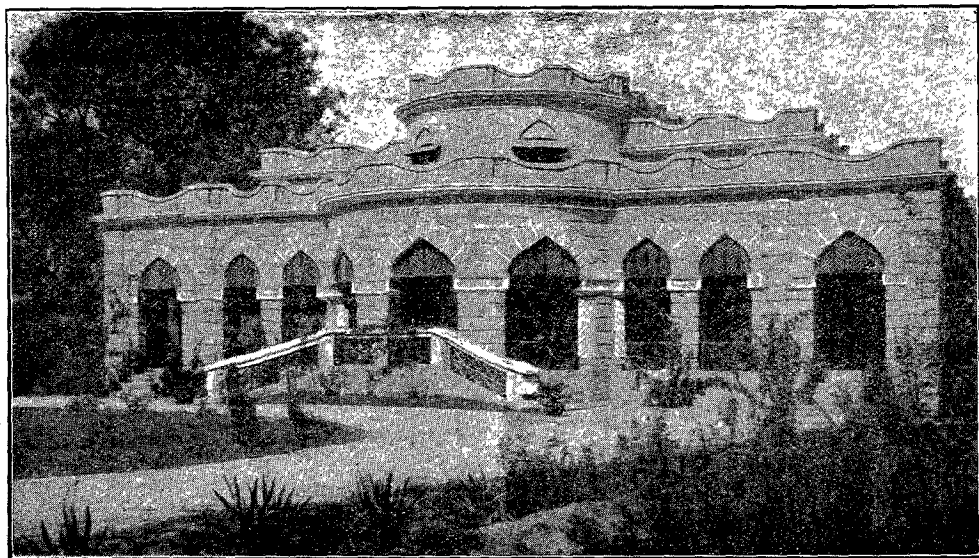
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Who Will Succeed Mrs. E. G. White?

THE above question has been answered quite fully by Pastor R. A. Underwood of the Central Union Conference in the United States, and we append the answer he gave, knowing that the same query has been raised among our people the world over. He says in part:—

these scriptures will be the experience of the last church.

"No sooner had Pastor W. C. White who accompanied the body of his mother to its last resting place in Battle Creek, Michigan, reached that city, when reporters besieged him on all sides as to the successor of Sister White. Pastor W. C.



MISSION HEADQUARTERS, LUCKNOW

"Will the remnant church have the gift of prophecy manifest with other gifts unto the end of probation? The Bible is clear that these gifts should be in the remnant church to the end. See 1 Cor. 12:28, 1 Cor. 14:8, Rev. 12:17, Joel 2:28, 29. Just before the notable day of God, we have the promise, 'I will pour out My spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions,' etc. The realization of

White sent me a copy of his replies to these reporters, as published in the *Battle Creek Enquirer* of July 25th. I can do no better than to quote some of the questions put to Pastor White and his replies as published in the *Enquirer*.

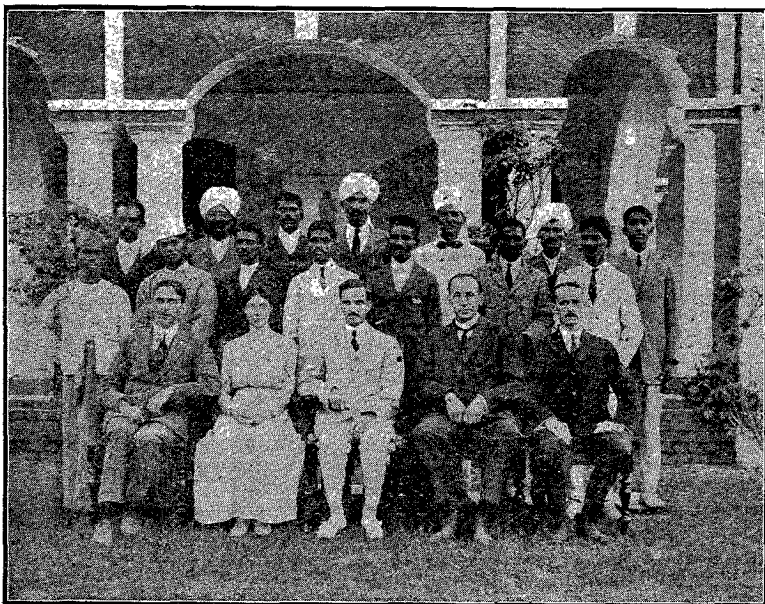
"Reporters put the following questions to Pastor W. C. White: 'Has Mrs. White chosen any one to be her successor?' Pastor White replied, 'No, she has never considered that was a matter over which she had any control, and has never ex-

pressed herself with reference to any individual as a probable candidate to this work.' 'Did she know who her successor would be?' was asked. 'That is a question that has been asked her many times,' continued Mr. White, 'and she always has stated that it is a matter that has never been revealed to her, and that she had no knowledge and no information upon the subject to impart.' Again, 'Does she know another person will be chosen to take up the work she lays down?' Answer, 'That is another question that has been asked her many times, and she always has said she did not know. At the same time she expressed full confidence that God would care for His work, and that there was no need for her or others to be anxious about the matter.' A further question, 'Will the leading men of the denomination select a person to take up the work she has carried?' Answer, 'No, it is their belief that God will choose His own messenger, and that it would be presumptuous for men to undertake to choose the person through whom the Spirit of Prophecy should be manifest.' 'Has any one claimed to be a successor to Mrs. White?' was another question. Answer, 'Yes, a dozen or more persons have presented themselves from time to time, some claiming that the time had come for Mrs. White to lay down her work, and for them to take it up, others claiming that they had been selected of God to be her successor. Some have travelled long distances to see Mrs. White, saying that it had been revealed to them that they had been chosen to act as her successor, that when she saw them she would recognize them and testify that they were the ones chosen of God to act in her place when she should die. When she has met these people and listened to their claims and proposals and arguments, and their entreaties, she has said to them that she had no com-

mandment or instruction regarding them. Some of these good-hearted, but misguided people have listened to their friends and have given up the claims based upon their fancies; others have spent years, writing and publishing fanatical expositions of scripture, filled with denunciations of those who did not accede to their claims and expositions.' 'If the successor has not been selected, how may we know whether or not these men are right?' 'The Scripture presents the experience of those through whom God has chosen to manifest the Spirit of Prophecy,' continued Mr. White. 'The Scripture has given definite rules by which to test their work. With these Scriptures, the Seventh-day Adventist people are very familiar, and they are not in a position readily to be deceived with regard to those who present false claims, or refuse to listen to messages from such as God may select to speak through.'

"I need say but little more. There will doubtless be the genuine and the spurious. God will choose His own instruments. Every claim to the gift of prophecy, everything put forth as advanced light, must be tested by the Bible, now, as it always has been. The Bible is the standard by which all teaching and claims to the possession of any of the spiritual gifts must be tested and proved. As to speculations as to whom God will use or choose, the answer of Christ to Peter is in place. When Peter asked what a certain disciple was to do, Christ said, 'If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou me.' John 21:22. Every true prophet and messenger of God, chosen by the Lord to an appointed work, always has been, and always will be modest in the defense of claims of any spiritual power or call to a specific work or place in God's church. In addition to the burden that may be laid upon the in-

dividuals, by the Lord Himself, to do a work, God will place upon those that are in touch and in communion with him, a knowledge of their call or commission, by *unmistakable proofs that are sane and void of all fanaticism or human speculations.*"



INDIAN CHRISTIAN TRAINING SCHOOL

Lucknow Training School

The Training School is getting along very nicely. There seems to be a spirit of earnestness possessing each one of the students. Though the school work is difficult for some, all are determined to make this the best year of their lives. With God's help it must be so. The nearer we come to the close of this world's history, the more is required of us in improving our time and talents. So, as the light of God's truth shines into our lives we are drawn closer to Him and closer to India's need. Pray for the Indian Christian Training school that it may be what God has designed.

I. F. BLUE.

A Personal Statement

I WANT to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all the workers and church members throughout Burma and India for all they have done for us. We have spent six years of joys and trials and labours in the work in

Burma; now we must leave hurriedly for the homeland because of Mrs. Thurber's illness. We are loath to go. No matter how many longing looks we have cast toward home in the past, when it came to the time to leave we fain would stay. I understand that this is the usual experience of home-goers, but it is difficult to realize till one goes through it.

We thank the workers for the way they have stood by us and have spoken words of encouragement. We thank those of the teachers in Annfield School who have done so much for our boys and have led them to Jesus. We thank those who were so kind in helping them to make the long journey from Mussoorie to Rangoon alone. The Rangoon church members and the workers in this city have been especially good, and have sacrificed their own interests for ours in our time of stress. We can never return these kindnesses adequately. The best we can do is to pass them on to others. We are glad that though we must leave the field at such an inopportune time, there is harmony among the workers and

future prospects for the work are better than ever.

As we say good-bye, we expect the time to come when we can return to Burma. We want your prayers to that end. We are not retreating, but are moving to attack on a new front. Thus we are determined it shall be till the work is finished.

R. B. THURBER.

Returning to India

WE are sure it will be good news to our labourers in India to read the following paragraphs, clipped from the *North Pacific Gleaner* of October 14th, over the signatures of "Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Enoch."

"We are packing up to leave for California on the first lap of our return journey to India. We remain there working with Pastor W. C. White until after the Loma Linda Council, and then we are ready to sail to the land where the Master has chosen that we labour for Him in the work.

"Our year's furlough has been a very pleasant one, and we have enjoyed visiting the many old friends and making many new ones as we have visited our camp meetings and churches in the interest of missions. The year has been very busy and it has been our privilege to tell the wonderful story of the great missionary advance in all the states on the Coast and the conferences of western Canada.

"As your missionary who has spent seventeen years out in the mission fields, my contact with the brethren and sisters in their home churches, and the vision I have had of the thousands of our people who are consecrating their all to the finishing of this work, however great the sacrifice, has brought renewed hope and courage, and it is with courage in my heart and a bright hope of soon finishing this work that I turn my face back toward the darkened villages of heathen India."

Very Important

The Next Call—To Every Missionary

Again the call resounds, Copy! Copy! We must supply copy for the next *Harvest Ingathering Number*. This is a great enterprise for missions. Thousands of our people have just been out with the *Ingathering Signs* and all are hoping that last year's record of 57,000 dollars will be exceeded this year.

We must get under way at once for the next number. Again the short articles, the live "storiettes," have greatly pleased our people. We look to you missionaries to do the same thing promptly once again. Here are the suggestions:—

1. Character of material. New work opened. Narratives of interesting experiences. What somebody said (quoting exact words of striking phrases); in short, something to make the fields live before the eyes of the readers. Some may be able to let an Indian convert speak a message, to appear over his own name.

2. Field Departments. Next number as follows: Inca Indian Mission (1 page), China (2 pages), India and Burma (2 pages), Japan and Chosen (2 pages), Africa (2 pages), Island Fields (1 page), and as a *special feature*, 2 pages consisting of replies from mission superintendents to the question, "What lies just beyond, awaiting only men and money?"

3. Special Matter from all the Fields. (a) Children's Department (2 pages); (b) Medical Missionary Department (2 pages); (c) Woman's Work for Women (1 page); (d) Scattering the Publications (2 pages); (e) Here and There, Miscellaneous (1 page).

Here is a call that must bring every pen into service. As before the overflow material goes out through other channels. We look to each mission superintendent to keep the matter before every member of the mission staff, men and women.

4. Photographs. Again send a variety,

showing stations, schools, inquirers, villages, groups, people around a dispensary, workers doing something,—sights and scenes for all the departments. Mark descriptive title on the back of each photograph, and the name of the photographer, if one of the workers.

5. Time of Sending. We ask you to send the matter to your general field superintendent, or to the secretary if the superintendent is not known to be at headquarters. The material should be started to us from the central mission office in all the far fields, January 15th. The workers should aim to get the material to the mission headquarters office the first week in January. You will not fail us nor fail your headquarters office, which we hold responsible for supplying the matter.

God bless you in this work of telling what his grace is doing, and in making the fields live before the eyes of three quarters of a million readers.

MISSION BOARD

Undoubtedly many of our workers have already received the foregoing circular letter from the Mission Board, but we present it here with the hope that the need of haste in sending the matter for the next *Harvest Ingathering Signs* be doubly emphasized.

Please read and follow carefully the instruction given in the letter and thus save time and trouble. Note that the matter should all be sent to the Lucknow office the *first week in January*, also that it is *not* to be sent directly to America. Address all copy and photographs designed for the 1916 *Harvest Ingathering Signs* to,

The Secretary,
India Union Mission,
17, Abbott Road,
Lucknow, U. P.

North India Mission

S. A. Wellman, - - Superintendent

Baptism at Najibabad

THE workers at the Najibabad station have had reason for thankfulness this year, in that the standard set at its beginning seems within reach before its close. In January when we were with them they had set their hearts on finding ten souls this year who would give their hearts to God and join us in His service. Their prayers and their earnest labours have been faithful and five of the ten have already been baptized with five more expecting to go forward in the ordinance before the close of December.

Friday and Sabbath the 3rd and 4th of December were spent by me at this station. Five candidates were examined, all of whom showed an intelligent knowledge of God's Work and a comprehension of the message for this time. One, but four months out of heathenism, was especially clear in his answers to the questions put to him. He had been quick to learn the meaning of the Christian faith. His struggle to overcome bad habits too had been a strong one, but his Lord had given him a victory and he went forward in baptism happy in his new-found faith.

Two of the candidates wait till a little later for the ordinance, but three at this time were buried with their Lord, and subsequently took part with the church in the Lord's supper.

In the evening after the Sabbath, Brother Morris and the writer went to a village near by and spent a half hour in a village night school conducted by our Indian workers for the village people, under Brother Morris' direction. Started some two and half months ago among a people who knew no letters, the first primer was completed by five and others

were making progress of a most praiseworthy sort. They sang some good Christian hymns for us. Over one hundred within the village claim to have ceased idol worship. On first approach, the village was distinctly hostile and showed it, but to-day they welcome every effort to help them know more of Christ. Twenty boys and young men, all cultivators during the day, are enrolled in this school.

The interest in the message makes us believe that soon more will be prepared for baptism, that the near future will behold a goodly company gathered into church fellowship in this vicinity. The Najibabad workers ask your prayers to this end.

S. A. WELLMAN.

Bombay Pres. Mission

G. W. Pettit, - Superintendent

Canvassing Work in Bombay

Brother and Sister Lake and son arrived in Bombay December 5th, after a safe voyage over the seas, but did not miss a chase by a submarine which they report caused great excitement on the boat.

Brother Knight reached Bombay in time to meet Brother Stevens who just arrived from Australia to engage in the canvassing work in Bombay. We are happy to have these brethren with us and have been greatly encouraged by the results that have attended their faithful labour. Over eighty subscriptions have been received in less than two weeks for *Heralds of the Morning*. Many of these too have been for good bindings. We most earnestly pray that this work may result in preparing souls for a better city. We join in giving these brethren from Australia a hearty welcome to the joys and struggles of this field.

Brother Joseph the general agent from Australia who is visiting India, spent a

few days in Bombay last week. He expresses himself as believing there is a great field in India for the sale of our literature. The times demand a tremendous move to give India the "good news" of a coming Christ.

A shipment of 2,400 copies of the Temperance Annual has arrived in Bombay, and the workers are securing funds from the business men to furnish them free to the leading Colleges and High Schools of the city. This plan has been followed during the two preceding years with success. The writer has received letters from several of these influential schools expressing appreciation for the effort put forth and the results accomplished. They state that the papers have been all used, and read with interest and eagerness. We are glad to unite with the leading temperance workers of the Bombay Presidency in this move, and especially so since the paper is put out by our own publishers.

G. W. PETTIT.

Burma Mission

R. B. Thurber, - Acting Supt.

November's Progress

BROTHER Raymond is thoroughly canvassing Rangoon for our English papers and is receiving a good number of orders. He is able to find some honest people who are interested in the truth and thus opens the way for future work. The literature work is certainly an entering wedge.

Brother Carratt recently made a trip to Moulmaingyun in the delta district and strengthened in the truth a brother who has been keeping the Sabbath, besides selling a number of our Burmese paper.

We are glad to report a keen interest among some Burmans in Mandalay. Brother Beckner has one well educated teacher ready for baptism.

Brother Hamilton reports that the bungalow at Kamamaung is beginning to take form at last.

During the month, house sites were distributed at Kalaw by the government. One or two acres can be secured at this excellent hill station on a lease of thirty years, at a rent of Rs. 10 a year, providing a house is erected within a short time after securing the site. Three members of the Burma committee went up at the time of the distribution, and were fortunate in getting a very desirable site about a mile from the station. It is on the main road around the building area, is covered with pine trees, and has a beautiful little stream skirting it on two sides. It seems ideal in every way for a hill bungalow. Now for the where-withal to build?

While nursing in Rangoon during the month Miss Gibbs has improved her time by taking some lessons in Burmese and by correcting a Karen tract. Our first Karen literature is now on the press.

On Sunday, November 28th, the pastor of the Rangoon church baptized eight souls at the Royal Lakes. Three of these are Telugus. Other candidates are almost ready for the ordinance.

As I leave the field Brother Wyman has been ordained elder of the Rangoon church, and Brother Hare is taking the Sunday evening meetings during the interval till help comes.

R. B. THURBER.

"For thirty years the writer has made the philosophy and history of Missions a constant study, side by side with the Book of God. Once more, with careful and deliberate pen, he records his humble but unalterable judgment that the *whole basis of successful Missionary work is to be found in believing and importunate prayer.*"—Dr. Pierson.

South India Mission

J. S. James,

Superintendent

Ingathering Service at Nazareth

It has been some time since I have sent a report to the EASTERN TIDINGS but this delay is not owing to lack of interest or nothing to report.

You all know that we opened a Training school in Coimbatore for our larger boys and girls in July of this year. Sixteen students from our school here were admitted there, and two teachers also were taken away from this station. Brother Asirvatham connected with our work in Madras and Brother Gnanasigamony with our school in Coimbatore. Last month, we sent another teacher, Brother Devadoss, from here to the training school at Lucknow. These transfers of trained and experienced hands added great responsibilities to the small staff at this place. We now have on the roll 83 children including boys and girls. We are trying our best to impress the truth on the minds of the youth, while they are still young and tender and while their minds are not darkened with much of their heathen doctrines. Nearly every day we see some advancement of our students in the truth. We hope, by God's help, that we shall be able to feed our training school in Coimbatore with new recruits year after year.

We hold at this station, two ingathering services each year. Our church members, who are very much scattered over the different parts of Ceylon also join with us very heartily in paying their tithes and thank-offerings during these occasions. The first ingathering service for this year was held in May, and at that time a little over Rs. 200 was received from our people. The second was held on the 8th of the last month in our school building. Men, women and children

kept coming with their small offerings, pots in their hands, some women bringing hard-earned rice as their free-will offerings to God, until we had our small building filled with people. The service began promptly at 10 A. M. Brother Santhanam from our out-station came to help me in the service on that day. We felt the presence of God's spirit in all that was done. It seemed to me that I never looked into such happy faces as when I stood before the congregation that morning; and the service was really one of great blessing to all of us. At the close, we opened the pots and found copper and silver coin, ranging from five annas to Rs. 62. The total offerings amounted to Rs. 406-13 3, besides pledges of nearly Rs. 100. This is the largest offering ever collected at one time from this station during a period of six months. We praise God for the spirit of liberality and sacrifice, which was manifested. We feel sure that the dear people who have given of their poverty will receive a rich blessing.

Year by year I see a great change in the hearts of our people. Those who used to be very timid in paying their tithes and offerings some four or five years ago, have now begun to give very liberally. In November, 1911, we held our first ingathering service. At that time we had a collection of Rs. 79-5-7. One can easily see what a splendid growth and progress has been made. One young girl has even paid tithe out of a little present of a sari and skirt given to her by her heathen brother. She was very proud of the little sum she was able to give for this cause. These things encourage us greatly. We should never be afraid to teach our Indian Christians to pay their honest tithes and support the cause very liberally. It makes no difference how small the income may be, the principle is the same. A man, be he an Indian or, European, is

interested in what he helps to support and I believe the payment of tithes and offerings is God's divine plan to that end. It applies to all peoples in all ages and in all lands. By it the sympathy and support of all God's children is enlisted in His work and without it we see in many other Christian denominations a lack of vital interest in the cause of Christ.

For the last two months, I have been holding another series of meetings for the public in a small rented room in the adjoining village. In spite of many kinds of opposition from different ones, we are having a good audience night after night. We know God's words will never return void.

Since May of this year we have again opened our old out-station which is eight miles east of Nazareth. Four years ago we lost our faithful evangelist, Brother Samuel, who was in charge of the station. With great reluctance we withdrew from this new opening, not having an experienced man to fill the vacancy. Now Brother Santhanam is in charge of this place. I am visiting this station as often as I can and helping him in his interests. We are having many good experiences also. Brother Santhanam writes to me as follows:—

"Dear Brother: I am very sorry to inform you of the death of my second girl. We have laid her to rest until the resurrection morning. We have already sacrificed two souls for the work at this place. Let us not be discouraged in our work over here. Please try to come and help me as often as possible until we organize a church."

Though this letter brings sadness to us in one way, I think a good deal of it and take courage because of the way this brother, the mourning father, has worded it. It is our aim to work while the day lasts and press the battle forward until the Lord of the harvest gathers his child-

ren in His garner. Let us all be faithful until the end and work with courage for the salvation of many Indian sons and daughters. Kindly remember the work at these stations before the Throne of Grace.

E. D. THOMAS.

Eight Anna Fund

The report on the "Eight Anna Fund" receipts for the third quarter of the year is given herewith. All will be glad to note the steady advance being made on the Union average. With a liberal Annual Offering from all, we should be able to reach the appointed mark. Let the stronger churches help the weaker and our goal will be reached.

Will all concerned kindly note that all December receipts should be reported early. Reports posted after the 31st of December will be too late for inclusion in this year's accounts. A. H. WILLIAMS

Summary of Canvassing Reports

Received up to Dec. 3, 1915.

All will be glad to read this report of the first month's work by our Australian brethren. Work has been opened up in the three Presidency towns, and encouraging experiences are reported from all along the line. In spite of the new conditions which the men are meeting, they are having good success and are of good courage. One and all ask an interest in the prayers of the Church that the canvassing work may be blessed of the Lord.

BOMBAY

<i>Heralds of the Morning</i>	Hrs.	Orders	Value
A. W. Knight		14	89
W. H. Stevens	35½	42	326

CALCUTTA

<i>Heralds of the Morning</i>	Hrs.	Orders	Value
H. A. Skinner	116½	65	443 8
R. A. Thrift	104	52	430 8

MADRAS

<i>Practical Guide to Health</i>	Hrs.	Orders	Value
C. Stafford	52	14	155 0
	308	187	Rs. 1444 0

A. H. WILLIAMS

Prayer and the Missionary

"THIS (prayer) must crown the whole,"
—Murdoch.

"The strength of the Missionary lies in securing the fulfilment of the great promise, 'Lo, I am with you always.' Christ's gracious presence, gained by believing prayer, is his sunshine and his joy."
—Isaac Taylor.

"Pray, pray, pray." Last words of Eliot.

"We went always to our dear Father in Heaven, and laid everything before Him in prayer, and we were heard and supported by Him both in advice and in deed."—Ziegenbalg and Plutschö

"Whenever the Missionaries proceeded on a journey, or returned from one, when they arrived at another Missionary station, or departed from it, their first and last employment was to bend their knees in prayer to Almighty God with all their brethren."—Recorded of Swartz and his co-labourers.

3rd QUARTER, 1915

DIVISION	Membership	Total Collected	PER CAPITA A WEEK			Ave. for 9 months
			1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	
Bengal	121	Rs. 224 13 8	0 2 6.2	0 2 4.5	0 2 3.4	
Bombay	52	293 8 0	0 4 10.2	0 4 3.4	0 6 11.4	
Burma	115	613 9 3	0 2 0.9	0 3 3.7	0 6 6.8	
N. India	62	174 7 11½	0 5 4.3	0 4 10.2	0 3 5.5	
N. W. India	28	211 8 3	0 8 7.3	0 3 0.4	0 9 3.5	
S. India	76	86 5 1½	0 2 0.0	0 2 11.3	0 1 4.8	
Totals for Union	454	1,604 8 10	0 3 4.5	0 3 8.5	0 4 4.2	0 3 9.8

Sabbath-school Report for Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1915.

The report for the third quarter of 1915 shows a very favourable increase in Membership and Average Attendance over the previous three months. The number of schools remains the same and the donations also are very good. Our schools are to be congratulated on the way in which they have responded to the call for Rs. 5,000 for the year. Of course there is yet one quarter's donations to be received, but the total contributions as reported at present amount to Rs. 3,895-10-9. Surely we can bring this up to an even greater amount than the goal set.

We would ask the secretaries to be very particular about filling out each item of the quarterly report blank. The majority of the schools have made a separate item of the 13th Sabbath Offering as required in the report blanks.

Some, however, have failed to do this, thus making it impossible to keep an accurate account of this donation.

Our hearts are made glad to note from quarter to quarter that some members of the Sabbath-school are being baptized into this message. This is the real work which our schools should aim to accomplish. However successful our labour may appear to be, unless God adds His blessing so that some souls are won to Christ there is something lacking in our schools.

God grant that officers, teachers and scholars may so consecrate themselves that He will bless their efforts to the saving of souls. MRS. S. A. WELLMAN.

"He was emphatically a man instant in prayer, simple, childlike, confiding—prayer, prayer, in every place, and at every time, and for everything." Recorded of Ragland.

Name	Mem.	Ave. Att.	No. Classes	Sen.	Jun.	Inter.	Pri.	Kind.	Donations	13th Sab.	Total
Simla,	22	22	4	16	6				115 5 6	33	148 5 6
Najibabad	14	12	2	12	2				23 8 4½		23 8 4½
Lucknow	20	15	3	9	4	4		3	59 10 3	26 7	86 1 3
Mussoorie	42	30	4	12		20	10		93 11 6	30 2	123 13 6
Garhwal	29	19	2	10	19				7 5 6		7 5 6
Panvel]	30	28	4						15	3 3	1 2 3
Kalyan	99	54	9	37	62				33 3	7 8	40 11
Poona	5	5	1	5					21		21
Bombay	27	20	4	11	8		3	5	65 5 9	20 6 9	85 12 6
Rangoon	65	45	8	34	10	10	8	3	197 9 9	61 10 9	259 4 6
Kammaung	5	4	1	4				1	21 9 6	7	28 9 6
Mandalay	20	11	3	12				8	53 9 6	27 7 6	81 1
Maymyo	5	4	1	5					20	8	28
Meiktila	30	25	4	7	7	9		7	43 5 9	25 0 9	68 6 6
Pondicherry	27	24	4	15			12		15 10	2 0 3	17 10 3
Nazareth	97	81	8						21 8 4		21 8 4
Arumugovari	10	7	1	10					3 2 3		3 2 3
Madras	8	7	2	4	4				18 7 9		18 7 9
Coimbatore	36	32	3	10	14		12		22 8	2 7	24 15
Gopalgunge	25	11	2	19				6	2 9 9		2 9 9
Karmatar	49	48	5	10	10	21	8		31 6 3½	2 13 0	34 3 3½
Calcutta (Beng)	30	25	1	30					15 5		15 5
Calcutta (Eng)	48	43	8	22		8	11	7	108 15 6	16 11	125 10 6
Darjeeling	10	7	2	6		4			42 5 3		42 5 3
Jagadishpur	16	16	3	8			8		2 13 6		2 13 6
Totals	769	595	89	308	146	76	72	40	1040 15 0	270 13 3	1311 12 3

The Call to be a Missionary

"For my part, I have never ceased to rejoice that God has appointed me to such an office. People talk of the sacrifice I have made in spending so much of my life in Africa. Can that be called a sacrifice which is simply paid back as a small part of a great debt owing to our God, which we can never repay? Is that a sacrifice which brings its own best reward in healthful activity, the consciousness of doing good, peace of mind, and a bright hope of a glorious destiny hereafter? Away with the thought in such a view, and with such a thought! It is emphatically no sacrifice. Say, rather, it is a privilege. Anxiety, sickness, suffering, or danger now and then, with a foregoing of the common conveniences and charities of this life, make us pause, and cause the spirit to waver and the soul to sink, but let this be for only a moment. All these are nothing when compared with the glory which shall hereafter be revealed in and for us. I never made a sacrifice. Of this we ought not to talk when we remember the great sacrifice which He made who left His Father's throne on high to give Himself for us: "Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high."—*David Livingstone.*

A DEPARTURE

We are sorry to announce the departure of Miss L. M. Scholz, a Hindi worker, from this field because of Government's order for the repatriation of all German and Austrian women, and men not of military age. She has faithfully laboured in this country for nearly six years in Karmatar, Lucknow and other stations, and in spite of bodily infirmities has tried to do her best for the Cause she loved and the people among whom she toiled. She reluctantly leaves her post of duty, but looks forward to being of

service to her Master wherever He may lead. She passed through Lucknow November 15th in company with other German women and left Calcutta on the "Golconda" which sails to Holland by the Cape of Good Hope. She reported that Government was giving them all the best of attention and all comforts for the journey and seemed courageous for the future. Let us remember those in bonds.

GOING! GOING! SOON WILL BE GONE!

"The World's Crisis" is going as fast as the binders can get it bound. Orders are coming in faster than they can be filled. They are *going*, *GOING*, and will soon be *GONE*. Order at once. "Just what I have been looking for" the people say. How many of this wonderful little book do you want?

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COMING! COMING! SOON WILL BE HERE!

"The Shadow of the Bottle" is being printed in India and the matter and illustrations are being adapted as far as possible to Indian life. It is going to mean something to the Temperance Cause in India. It is also going to mean something to the liquor traffic. Are you a friend of temperance? If so, you want this book above all others. Nothing preventing, it will be ready for the New Year. Price will be Annas Eight. Order now.

Will all workers kindly endeavour to have their December reports in at the office before the end of that month, as thereby they will materially assist the undersigned in closing the year's accounts. A. H. WILLIAMS.

The Mission headquarters, shown on the front page, is undergoing repairs made necessary by the late floods. It is also receiving a light green dress for the New Year. The Press adjoining the back of the building is enjoying the most prosperous year in its history.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wyman, a girl, Ruth Alice, November 16, 1915.

A cablegram from Professor H. R. Salisbury announces his departure from New York, December 4th, for India, via England.

Up to October 26th, 724,342 *Gathering Signs* had been shipped from the Signs Office. How is the campaign going in your field?

Annfield School closed December 7th. The children, accompanied by the principal, arrived in Lucknow the 8th where they were met by friends who helped to speed them on the remainder of the journey to their respective homes.

Pastor I. F. Blue of the Indian Christian Training School at Lucknow has been obliged to drop his school duties for a time because of a relapse following his severe attack of diphtheria in September. He and Mrs. Blue are at present in Calcutta. A letter from him this week reports satisfactory progress toward a full recovery.

Brother R. E. Loasby and wife, recently from America, have the oversight of the class work during the absence of Pastor Blue, and Brother A. H. Williams is attending to the duties of principal. The students and teachers are enjoying their work and a spirit of work and harmony seems to pervade the school.

From a personal letter we learn of the return of Brother and Sister Oster of Persia to their former home after their flight to Tabriz last New Year's day. Thousands of Syrians and Armenians were massacred in the vicinity and much property destroyed but they found their home in perfect order on returning. Although lonely and broken-hearted because of the loss of their baby girl, they are determined to press forward in the work they have started, trusting in the One who called them to the field. Though surrounded by confusion and distress they are beginning to see fruit from their labour.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

As the year 1916 will have begun before another number reaches our readers, we take this opportunity of wishing all the Tidings family the happiest and best New Year of their lives in the service for India.

Important! Read! Remember!

THE Treasurer of the General Conference again requests that all orders for goods to be paid by him on behalf of workers in this field, be sent first of all to the Union Treasurer at Lucknow, who will pass them on to Washington. Under no circumstances should such orders be sent direct to the firms concerned, or to Washington direct. Recently considerable inconvenience and confusion have been occasioned by the neglect of certain workers to observe these arrangements, which are designed solely for the financial protection of all parties concerned and for the elimination of errors and delays in the keeping of the Mission accounts.