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A Plain Path

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"TEACH me Thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of those which observe me." Ps. 27: 11 (margin).

"If God's people would recognize His dealings with them, and accept His teachings, they would find a straight path for their feet, and a light to guide them through darkness and discouragement." —"Testimonies," Vol. 4, p. 14.

The path to the Celestial City is old, it is safe, it is plain; yet but a small minority of all generations have walked therein. The perverseness of human nature, the strange inconsistency into which the human race is cast ever since Eve plucked the forbidden fruit, has amazed angels and grieved the great, loving heart of God. Many and devious have been the attempts of man to blaze out and lay a path back to Edenic bliss, but since the hour when Cain's proud spirit first sought an improvement upon the Royal pathway, this world has been a scene of confusion. The maze of human speculations, theories, philosophies, and false reasonings has presented such a distracting situation at times as would almost appear to challenge God to make plain His own blessed road back to the tree of life, and to the sweet purity and innocence of Eden.

But, praise be unto Him that "liveth forever and ever," we need not hesitate in trembling and uncertainty, questioning like Thomas of old, "how can we know the way?" With gracious smile and tender entreaty God, with outstretched hand pointing the way, makes request, "Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." Jer. 6:16.

Well might angels stand aghast at man's retort to the breathings of divine love,—"We will not walk therein"! From this we see clearly that to man is given the privilege of *knowing* the "*good way*" even

at a time when innumerable voices are calling hither and thither. All who will may embrace this privilege and walk in the way of life.

The real danger lies in man's disinclination to respond to God's appeal. In harmony with our own particular likes, processes of thought, and habits of life, the enemy of souls is ever alert to offer a way which, though closely assimilating in appearance to the way of truth, presents a more pleasing aspect—a more desirable route for our feet to tread. To get down through to the apex of our own hearts, and know that "a deceived heart" is not turning us aside, will require agonizing and diligent heart-searching.

Sin is deceitful. It has made the human heart so; for, according to the words of inspiration, "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked: who can know it?" Jer. 17:9. It is this very deceitfulness of sin that blinds Laodicea to her actual condition. But while man's heart may deceive him, it cannot deceive God. To His remnant church He comes with a message that should startle every soul. It is a message of love, though it is a very solemn and even a stern message. It comes from God to the individual heart, and can only accomplish its heaven-sent purpose when it leads that heart to repent.

Repentance is godly sorrow for sin—disobedience. That God's message shall work such sorrow, is vividly pictured in the solemn chapter on the "shaking time." (See "Early Writings," pp. 269-273.) It is the picture of souls agonizing to know that every sin is actually weeded out of the life, and that the whole heart is yielded to Christ to walk in all the light and counsel of the True Witness. The burden of their hearts will be, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my

thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Ps. 139:23, 24.

The way back to the throne of Deity is the way of the Cross, for it is the way of obedience to God. Man does not naturally fall in line with the counsel of his Maker. Often what God commands appears foolishness to the creature whose salvation He is seeking. In every age, proportionate to the light given, God has laid such claims as appeared foolish and unnecessary according to human reasoning. These last days will be no exception.

The enemy of our souls is with intense interest concentrating his forces upon the remnant church to deceive and ensnare. But in the light of His holy Word, and the painstaking counsel of the spirit of prophecy, God has furnished us with a safeguard against every approach of the enemy. If we fail, what excuse can we offer? Let us draw together in true earnestness of soul. Let us determine that with God's help we shall not minimize one detail of the counsel of the True Witness to Laodicea by word or act of our lives. Let us pray in the words of the psalmist, "Teach me Thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of those which observe me." Let us remember that our failure in any point may not only mean the loss of our own soul, but also the loss of others. May God grant that both reader and writer may at last be found in the little company pictured in the following lines:

"I asked the angel if there were none left. He bade me look in an opposite direction, and I saw a little company traveling a narrow pathway. All seemed to be firmly united, bound together by the truth, in bundles, or companies. Said the angel, 'The third angel is binding, or sealing, them in bundles for the heavenly garner.' This little company looked care-worn, as if they had passed through severe trials and conflicts. And it appeared as if the sun had just risen from behind a cloud and shone upon their countenances, causing them to look triumphant as if their victories were nearly won."—*"Early Writings," pp. 88, 89.*

In just a little way yonder all will be over. God's final message will have achieved its work. Those pictured above will then be in their eternal home. To be with them is worth all the sacrifice involved in walking in the plain though narrow path now.

"THEY are slaves who dare not be
In the right with two or three."

A Message for Today

S. O. MARTIN

WHILE studying the Old Testament recently, the most wonderful text in that portion of the Scriptures, I believe, spoke to me in plain language. It reads as follows:

"He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth Jehovah require of thee, but to do justly, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with thy God." (Micah 6: 8.)

At the time this scripture was written, the world was in an awful condition politically as well as morally. Verses five and six of the seventh chapter of Micah give us reason to believe that morals had come to a low level. It is quite true that social and moral corruptions mean the death of men's trust in each other. Jesus made use of these verses when he said, "And a man's enemies shall be those of his own household." This shows that there will be a time when men will cease to trust each other. It is not only true of individuals, but of nations today. No nation trusts the other. How often do we hear the remark, "One never knows whom he can trust these days."

To even a casual observer, it would appear that we are living in a time when the world sorely needs a message from the living God! When the question is asked, "What shall I do to gain favour with God?" the message from the prophets has always been, "Seek Him with the whole heart." Micah 6:6 reads:

"Wherewith shall I come before Jehovah, and how myself before the high God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings?"

No! What then shall I do? One author puts this question thus in commenting on Micah 6:7, 8:

"Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams? No. Perhaps by suffering I can win my way to Him. 'Shall I give my first born for my transgression?' No. What then? 'By being. By being just and merciful and humble before our God. It is the answer of all the prophets; it is the answer of all the apostles; it is the answer of Christ Himself. God needs not our services; He needs not our gifts; least of all does He need our suffering; but He needs us—our hearts, our lives, our love.'"

It is not outward appearance or formal religion that God wants. He wants the whole man, the heart—a heart that will not only do justice but will love mercy. This is a message especially needed for our day. No man will be fit for translation into the

VINCENT HILL SCHOOL

NEWS NOTES

THE Vincent Hill boys, small and large, are truly demonstrating their ability to do good hard work with their hands, for on October 9, under the direction of Brother C. J. Ritchie, they began excavating for the swimming tank. Rocks, dirt, or any other things that may be in the way of the ultimate end in view are being moved out of the way, and it is certainly good to see how happy the boys are while at work, and also to see the real benefit they are gaining from the labour. It is planned to allow the boys to do all of the work themselves. The effect that is to be noticed already on the general routine of school life clearly demonstrates that Heaven's own plan of education, in which physical and mental labour are combined, is far superior to any plan that the world can produce.

Pastor R. P. Morris has been making himself very welcome at the school while doing dental work for the students and teachers.

Mr. E. A. Richardson, the Government Inspector of Schools, paid a visit to Vincent Hill on Monday, October 15, and it can truly be said that his visit was enjoyed, as he made himself very agreeable. Mr. Richardson said that he was much interested in anything new, and showed a keen interest in our own denominational Bible and Nature Text-Books that are being used in some of the lower standards. He expressed himself as being highly pleased with these books, and was seen to make a note of the publishing house. He seemed very anxious to see the institution develop along the lines of industrial education. Mr. Richardson's first visit of next year is already being looked forward to, at which time, if no serious obstacles come in the way, he should see real continued progress along the lines of true education.

On Sunday, October 14, Edward Hamilton and Maurice Favel had a very good experience while out with some small books of the World's Crisis Series. They found a lady anxious to know more about the Bible, and they proceeded to enlighten her on points of truth.

Very strong appeals for pure and holy living were made by Pastors W. W. Fletcher and R. A. Hubley on Sabbaths, October 13 and 20. On Sabbath,

presence of Christ who is not found walking humbly with His Saviour *before* He comes. Enoch walked with God, and he was translated; and if *we* walk with God, we will be ready for translation before the destruction of the world comes. If the heart is clean, everything else takes care of itself.

May God give us all grace to surrender our *hearts* to Him!

October 13, Pastor Hubley appealed to all to please God even though the efforts put forth to this end did not please the world. On the following Sabbath Pastor Fletcher spoke on 1 John 2:16, showing the harmful effects of following the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. These brethren then continued their lessons during four chapel hours the next week, and a great deal of spiritual help came to the students and teachers as a result of their labours. A straight-forward, convincing message was given on each occasion. It seemed very fitting that such meetings as these should be held preceding the baptismal service to be held in the near future.

On Wednesday, October 17, the school family along with the Fletcher, Hubley, and Morris families spent a very pleasant time at the Botanical Gardens.

Several of the music students took Trinity College examinations at the Savoy Hotel on Wednesday, October 24. The students passed with honours, these being Korshod Dubash of Bombay, first steps, who received a grade of 86; Mable Hildreth of Bombay, (junior) who received 83; and Joy Hodgkins, of Saharanpur, (junior) whose grade was 80. Three received a grade of 75, these being Kathleen Bullock (intermediate), Harry Randall (first steps), and Veronica Robinson (first steps), all of Calcutta. Kathleen Smart of Cawnpore, passed the senior examination and Rosemary Cornelius of Mussoorie, the associate examination. This showing speaks very well for the work done by Miss Ryan and her assistants in the music department.

I. V. COUNSELL.

"WHAT greater delusion can deceive the human mind than that in which individuals flatter themselves that they have the truth, that they are on the only sure foundation, and that God accepts their works because they are actively engaged in some work in the cause of God, when they are sinning against him by walking contrary to the expressed will of God? They work mechanically, like machinery, but preparation of heart, the sanctifying of the character, is wanting. Sacred and holy things are brought down to the level of common things, and a commonness, a cheapness, is working itself into our churches. The service is degenerating into little else than form."—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

"THE Master's message *must* be declared in the Master's spirit. Our only safety is in keeping our thoughts and impulses under the control of the great Teacher. Angels of God will give to every true worker a rich experience in doing this. The grace of humility will mould our words into expressions of Christlike tenderness."—*Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 7, pp. 265, 266.*

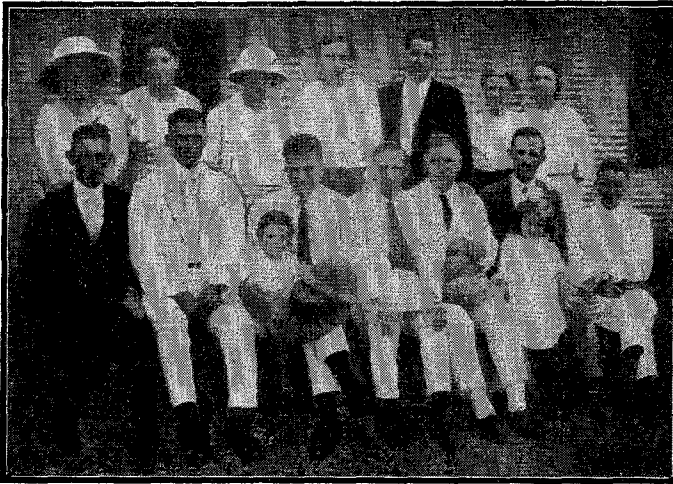
"THE way to heaven has been laid open by infinite loss to the Father and the Son. Are we individually walking in that way, complying with the conditions? Are you in the way? Are you following the Leader, the Light of life?"

☐ REPORTS FROM THE FIELD ☐

N. W. INDIA UNION

The Bombay Annual Meeting

THE meeting for our Marathi and Gujarati workers and believers was held at Lasalgaon, September 10-15. There were about one hundred and twenty-five people present throughout the meeting. It is no small task to make arrangements for so many people, but Brother and Sister Carter and the Marathi workers at Lasalgaon made things very comfortable for



EUROPEAN WORKERS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE BOMBAY ANNUAL MEETING

those of us who came in from other stations. Their efforts were very much appreciated. This is the first local meeting I have ever attended in India where everyone bore his own food expenses, and I am sure I have never been to a meeting where everything went along so smoothly and so free from complaints as at this meeting. This arrangement will be followed in our other meetings in the Union this year. It saves great worry and expense.

Every day of the meeting was filled with good things. The programme outlined by Pastor Hubley and the Bombay Committee was very helpful, and the instruction given by the different speakers was most beneficial. The last two days of the meeting were the best days, and it was very encouraging to see our Marathi people and foreign workers all united in the one purpose and effort to get rid of sin and in getting nearer to the Lord. All those in attendance felt the presence of the Lord in a special way, and I believe the blessings received during the days we were together will help us to do more faithful service for the Master who has done so much for us.

We were glad to have Pastors Enoch and Williams with us part of the time. Their Bible studies and talks were a great help. Besides the regular meetings held during the day, I must not forget to mention

the meetings held each evening, where all the foreign workers met as a family and studied the "Testimonies." These meetings were most profitable.

The Bombay field is quite well manned at present, and with its staff of foreign workers, most of whom know the language, we are expecting a rich harvest of souls before another annual meeting. Our Marathi workers are sharing in the responsibilities of the work, which certainly means more than anything else to the success of the vernacular work.

We were glad to have Brother and Sister Melvin Oss present at this meeting. They are now located at Kalyan and are hard at work on the Marathi language. Kalyan is a very needy place and is very fortunate in securing these earnest young people. God will surely bless them as they bear the message to the many in darkness around their station.

Brother and Sister Smithwick attended this their first local meeting in the Bombay field. We are encouraged to see the way they are getting the language, and already the Lord is bringing people into the truth from among the Gujaratis through them.

Pastor McHenry baptized nine candidates at the close of the meeting, among whom were Dr. Gaekwad and his wife. These earnest people have recently come into the truth and will connect with the work at Aurangabad. They will be a great help to our work, I am sure.

We were encouraged by the reports of Brethren Enoch and Martin about the new work started in Poona. As I talked with the workers from their various stations, even with the men living in the villages, I was much impressed with the spirit of courage for the work that exists in the heart of nearly every worker. The harmony and unity existing amongst the workers in the Bombay field is very noticeable. God's blessings are sure to rest upon such a condition, and we believe the next twelve months will be months of reaping for our missionaries in the Bombay Presidency. May it be so everywhere. Pray for the Marathi, the Gujarati and the English work in the Bombay field.

M. M. MATTISON.

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"HE who loses sight of his entire dependence upon God is sure to fall. We are contending with those who are stronger than we. Satan and his hosts are constantly watching to assail us with temptations, and in our own strength and wisdom it is impossible for us to withstand them. Hence, whenever we permit our hearts to be drawn away from God, whenever we indulge self-exaltation or self-dependence, we are sure to be overthrown."—*"Gospel Workers,"* p. 323.

Laid Up For Repairs

MY last report for the *Tidings* was sent early in July from Peshawar; this one is written in the Albert Victor Ho-pital, Lahore, where I have been confined since October 4.

As compared with previous months my record for July, August and September is not at all large, but I am very thankful to have been able in the three months to place R.1,760-7-0 worth of our good literature in the hands of the people, some of whom are highly appreciative.

During this time I have travelled about 1,400 miles by rail and motor-lorry, and have visited some very interesting places,—among them the historic Khyber Pass, about fifteen miles from Peshawar. At the time of my previous tour of the North-West Frontier eight years ago, the Great War was on and but few visitors were allowed in the Pass; but now all is quiet and I availed myself of the opportunity to see one of those regions which have played such an important part in Indian history.

Roughly speaking, Khyber Pass is a narrow valley about twenty-five miles in length and rising to an elevation of about 5,000 feet. It is filled with barren hills and on either side is bounded by the higher mountains on which not a green thing is to be seen. Through its entire length two good metalled motor roads are maintained by the British Government, and in addition a broad-gauge railway is in process of construction. By paying R.8 0-0 for the round trip I was, after securing Government permission, taken by motor-lorry thirty miles from Peshawar, and almost within sight of the open country of Afghanistan. Shall we not pray that ere long this country may open its doors to the proclamation of the Third Angel's Message, as well as to international trade.

Five weeks later it was my privilege to ascend the narrow, gorge-like valley of the Jhelum river to the point where, 165 miles from the nearest railway station and at an elevation of 5 000 feet, it opens out into the broad fertile vale of Kashmir,—"Where every prospect pleases, and only man is vile." To this charming garden of north-west India an average of 3,000 Europeans come every year for a period of from one to six months, during a considerable portion of which time many live in house-boats (800 in number), which can be moved from point to point for a distance of nearly ninety miles up and down the river. Others camp in tents in beautiful grassy parks, shaded by the huge chenar trees, some of whose trunks measure eight feet in diameter at the base. Every one feasts upon the luscious peaches, apricots, apples, pears, grapes, etc., each of which grow in perfection in its season. As for beef, it is not to be seen in this Hindu-ruled State, where, however, fully ninety per cent. of the population is Mohammedan. While at Srinagar, the capital of Kashmir, I visited what is said to be the largest silk factory in the world. 1,000 pounds of raw silk is reeled from the cocoons every day, the most of it being shipped to Lyons, France.

But of all the experiences of the three months, none gave me so much pleasure as the finding of Brother and Sister R. H. Field in Nowshera, near Peshawar, where Brother Field holds a position of responsibility, with Sabbaths free, in the employ of the North-Western Railway. In other places also I met friends of Brother Field in possession of "Daniel and The Revelation" and other of our literature,

showing how effectively a busy yet consecrated layman may witness for the truth.

On September 28 I reached Lahore, fully intending to go ahead in a canvass of that important city, the capital of the Punjab. It very soon became apparent, however, that this could not be on account of an ulcer which for some time had been developing in the centre of an ugly old burn scar of nearly fifty years' standing, on my right hip. So on October 4th I entered the Lahore general hospital, on the 10th underwent a minor operation, and today, October 18th, am doing well, being able to get around in a wheel-chair. The hospital gives me a vegetarian diet with plenty of good milk, and favours me in other ways, so that even here in hospital I am having a good time, though, of course I would much rather be spending these fine days out in the field circulating the message-filled books and periodicals. But this I cannot hope to do inside of two or three months unless God shall hasten the healing process, which I believe He would be pleased to do. May I ask the prayers of the *Tidings* family to this end?

F. O. RAYMOND.

Brotherhood and Perseverance

THE Big Week for the North-west India Union is fixed for December 3 to 9, and as far as the Bombay Presidency stands related to the rest of the Union in this special campaign to circulate the precious truth-laden literature adapted to meet the call of the hour, I feel safe, in consideration of past experience, to apply to the initial letters of the Bombay Presidency the terms constituting the heading of this article. What follows as an appeal for concerted action in this special effort, is attended with the fullest confidence in the response that our constituency will render when the hour strikes.

An attempt to make vivid the great need for the whole-hearted co-operation of God's children in these special efforts to give increased impetus to the spreading of the message, cannot but fall short of stating the need as it exists today. We are rapidly nearing a time that defies human language to adequately portray. Our business is to rescue from among the millions around us a people prepared for that overwhelming climax. It is indeed our "business." As such it excels every other business in this world. It calls for every moral courage and virtue, and can only be conducted when the heart is overflowing with love for God and man. May we individually seek that infilling of the Spirit of Christ, that His determination expressed in tender youth, may be ours at every call of duty,—"I must be about my Father's business."

The end is right upon us—the end which shall make radiant the faces of the righteous with "the gleams of the golden morning," and shall usher the lost millions within the confines of the long dark night of despair and oblivion. With Zephaniah, the servants of God today are to proclaim with the "Holy Ghost sent down from heaven,"—"The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly." Yet while this is true, we have the "testimony of Jesus" that, "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers." ("Gospel Workers,"

p. 352.) Thus we see that the call to "rally" is the call of Christ. O, blessed, heaven-sent call! Who at such an hour as this but will respond, and gladly swing into line?

One of the agencies at the disposal of God's last legion of "laymen, ministers and church officers" is the printing press. This divinely ordained invention supplies the ammunition for the army from the officers down through to the most youthful cadet. Note the following from the same page in "Gospel Workers": "God has prepared the way. The agency of the printing press, with its manifold facilities, is at our command. Bibles, and publications in many languages, setting forth the truth for this time, are at our hand, and can be swiftly carried to every part of the world. Christians who are living in the great centres of commerce and travel have special opportunities." Thus we see that all will have opportunities, but some will have "special opportunities."

Let us sing that good old hymn, "Buy Up the Opportunity" until its sentiment shall saturate us through and through. To buy up our opportunity during December 3 to 9 will certainly mean that there will be a goodly number of people buying up the precious pages of truth-filled literature from our hands. Then make sure of having a supply. Let every soul be equipped, and let us present a united front. Bound by the bonds of true brotherhood, let each one say to his brother, "be of good courage," and in the Spirit of Him of whom it is written, "He shall not fail nor be discouraged," let us by perseverance and trust in God achieve His divine purpose for the Big Week in the Bombay Presidency.

R. A. HUBLEY.

Simla

SINCE my last report to the *Tidings* God has been blessing us in Simla through the ministry of Pastors L. G. Mookerjee and N. C. Burns. Last Sabbath evening, October 13th, Brother Mookerjee spoke from the following words: "And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but He that doeth the will of God abideth forever. Little children, it is the last time." (1 John 2: 17, 18.) To my mind this was the most powerful and convincing sermon I have heard this season. Pastor Mookerjee was faithful to his duty, and sounded a real note of warning; but at the same time spoke words of encouragement to those who are striving to do the will of God and follow the light given to His people. We felt as never before that we are very near the end of all things, and my prayer is that all who were present may take heed to the faithful words of warning given, and seek the power of God for service in winning precious souls for His kingdom.

Next Sabbath (October 20th), is our last day for church services at "Belvedere" for the present season. Dr. and Sister Clark leave soon for Calcutta, via Mussoorie, after a blessed season's work in our Simla Sanitarium. God has been with them and blessed their labour of love for the Master. They have been untiring in their efforts to encourage the church and Sabbath school members. Dr. Clark was our local elder, and Sister Clark our Sabbath school secretary and organist. Their duties have been carried out faithfully and cheerfully.

I have never enjoyed my work in Simla so much as I have this year. There has been a spirit of brotherly love in our midst. I have enjoyed my work with our Spirit-filled literature, also the Uplift work, and have been enabled to collect R.400-0-0 up to date. The Commander-in-Chief of the Army very kindly sent me a letter and R.20-0-0, a Maharajah R.50-0-0.

May God's richest blessing rest upon our members who are soon leaving for Delhi and Calcutta, and prepare all our hearts for the forthcoming conferences to be held in India and Burma during the Winter months; and may we all give ourselves to earnest prayer in behalf of these conferences, to the end that a real revival may be experienced in our hearts and lives, and that we may see a harvest of souls won for the Saviour, who is so soon coming again.

W. A. BARLOW.

N. E. INDIA UNION

NEWS NOTES

It was indeed a great pleasure for a number of us to welcome Brother and Sister H. R. Cleverly to India on Sabbath, October 6th. With eager eyes we scanned the decks of the "City of Cairo," and it was not long before we discovered eager eyes searching for us. After having spent a few days in Calcutta replenishing their needs, Brother and Sister Cleverly left for Karmatar. Our band of workers is increasing, and we are grateful to the Mission Board for sending us these workers. Let us take courage and forge ahead.

Pastor and Sister Mookerjee have recently arrived from Simla. Both are looking the better for their change. Brother Mookerjee is returning to his field determined to press the battle to the gates. Our hearts were gladdened to know that Brother Mookerjee is planning for aggressive work in the forthcoming Big Week.

News is to hand that Pastor and Sister Hamilton are enjoying their hill leave. It seems that both are taking stock of the mountains. We shall be glad to welcome them back to Calcutta.

Our superintendent is holding Bible studies with two promising gentlemen. One of these men has read quite a number of our books, and their influence is just beginning to have weight upon his life. Brother Willoughby's intention is to have a Bible class with these Bengali men, and has reasons to believe that the number of enquirers will grow. After all, dear friends, the greatest thing in this world is to win souls for the Kingdom.

A telegram was received at this office a few days back to the effect that Pastor H. E. McWhinny has had a relapse. Brother Borrowdale has gone to Darjeeling for the purpose of nursing Brother McWhinny. We feel sure that God's people throughout the field will remember our dear brother in their prayers. Sister McWhinny also needs our support

in this her hour of trial. In the next issue of the *Tidings* we sincerely trust that it will be possible to report better news

Last Sunday evening Pastor H. E. Willoughby spoke to the members of the Calcutta English church. He took as his subject, The Two Laws. A great interest was manifested by all present.

Ere these news notes reach the field Sister C. Raymond will have left Calcutta for Lahore. We extend to our sister our heart-felt thanks for her timely help in assisting in various ways in the Calcutta church. We trust we shall have the pleasure very soon of welcoming her back into our midst.

In a letter recently received from Brother J. E. Saunders we note that he has passed the oral of the second year Hindi examination. Kindly accept our congratulations, Brother Saunders; and we trust that your greater knowledge of the vernacular will be the means in God's hands of fitting you for doing a larger work for Him.

The writer has been invited to assist in the forthcoming students' colporteur institute to be held at Vincent Hill School, Mussoorie. He will be away from the office for at least a week, in all probability leaving Calcutta on the 8th or 9th of November and returning by the 15th.

It is gratifying to know that Brother and Sister Borrowdale have both been successful in passing the recent Santali language examinations. Brother Borrowdale passed his second year and Sister Borrowdale her first. Please accept of our hearty congratulations.

NOTICE

IT has been thought best to postpone the Big Week until December 3-9. I think all will readily agree that this will be a better time to work than during the last week in November. People will doubtless have more money then. So let us plan to have the

Big Week at the time decided upon. In this connection I would say that we expect all to lay aside their usual routine of work and plan definitely to spend an entire week in the interests of the book work. I trust none will think of disappointing us in this important matter.

J. C. DEAN.

BURMA UNION MISSION

Uplift Campaigning in the Northern Shan States

BROTHER WILSON and I have been engaged in Uplift work one week now in the Northern Shan States. On Monday, October 8, we tried to get into the great silver mines at Namtu where about seventy or eighty Americans and Australians are engaged in directing the twenty thousand odd coolies at work there, but were prohibited by the manager, an American Buddhist, so we went to Lashio, near the Chinese border, and received R.145-0-0 as the result of the day's soliciting.

From there we returned to Hsipau, the most progressive of all the States in the Federation, and for two days' work among the Chinese and native traders, we received R.271-0-0.

Finishing up at Hsipau, we travelled to Satantha (Pleasant Camp) where the chief of the State has his home. As we had arranged by telegram for an interview, he was waiting to see us. We had a most interesting visit with this Shan who is the greatest man among his tribe. We saw his golden chair and his gold and jewel-beddecked couch of state. He gave us R.300-0-0, also promising to make the donation up to a "handsome sum" in December. We anticipate that his idea of a handsome sum may be anything between R.500-0-0 and R.1,000. He further said, "If you come to my State and open up educational and medical work, I will take the responsibility of financing it."

Before talking business with him, he offered us cigars. This led up to a lively discussion of the subject of health reform. Being a strict Buddhist he was delighted to learn that there is a sect of Christians who live on a fleshless diet. When we came

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Report of Burma Union Sabbath Schools for Quarter Ending September 30, 1923

Name of School	Membership	Average Attendance	13th Sabbath Offering	Total Offerings
Henzada Dist. Home Dept.	33	35	R.	R. 22-6-6
Kamamaung.....	69	63	8-8-0	62-0-0
Meiktila.....	33	34	35-5-0	129-8-9
Rangoon (English).....	54	37	92-6-6	308-15-6
Rangoon (Telugu).....	72	43	5-0-0	60-0-0
Rangoon (Burmese).....	8	10	5-3-6	18-6-6
Taikyi.....	23	27	24-0-6	100-14-3
Thonze and Hlwagin.....	16	17	23-15-0
Bambwago.....	No Report
Thamakon.....	6	6	1-8-0	21-8-0
Toungyi.....	10	9	10-4-0	80-4-0
Kaw Sein.....	15	15
Conf. Home Dept.....	1	5-0-0
Totals	340	296	R. 182-3-6	R. 832-14-6

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The Resignation of Pastor Fletcher

It is with extreme regret that we announce that Pastor W. W. Fletcher has resigned from the Chairmanship of this Division, and that his resignation has been accepted by the General Conference.

As many of our workers and friends have known, the health of Sister Fletcher has been far from satisfactory for some long time past; and with great reluctance Brother Fletcher came to the conclusion that no alternative remained to him but to relinquish his present responsibilities. We know that this announcement will be a message of sorrow to the Adventist family in India.

We understand that Brother Fletcher expects to sail for Australia early in January, and that in due course he will connect with the Australasian Missionary College at Avondale, taking charge of the Bible Department there. Our prayers will go with him and his family, that in their new sphere they may be richly blessed; and too, that Sister Fletcher may be speedily restored to health. The years that they have spent in India, and prior to their coming here, in the sister mission field of Malaysia, have taken their toll of the constitutions of both Brother and Sister Fletcher; but we believe that the Lord will hear the prayers of His children, that these faithful servants of His may have renewed vigour and health.

A cable has been received from the General Conference announcing that at the recent Autumn Council, Pastor W. G. Turner, at present Vice-President of the Australasian Union Conference, was appointed to succeed Brother Fletcher as Chairman of the Southern Asia Division. We have no word yet as to the probable time of Brother Turner's arrival in this

country. We are hopeful that he may be able to come at no distant date.

A. H. WILLIAMS.

PASTOR R. A. HUBLEY of Bombay has a practically new Hammond typewriter which he wishes to dispose of. He obtained the machine new as from the factory about nine months ago, the regular price being R.450-0-0. He was granted a reduction on this price, however, owing to the dull period existing in business at that time, and as a special concession because of his being a missionary. Brother Hubley now has the use of another typewriter, so has no special use for the Hammond. Anyone desiring to secure this practically new typewriter at the low figure of R.250-0-0 should communicate with Brother Hubley at an early date. (12 Victoria Terrace, Bombay.)

Uplift Campaigning in the Northern Shan States

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down to business with him, he asked if we taught Christianity in our schools. I told him we did, and described the brand of Christianity we teach our students. The old Buddhist chief was surprised, and he had no more objections to raise concerning our entering the Shan States to open up such a work among his people. He said it was good, and asked us to come and work in his State. This is the more surprising in face of what occurred at the inauguration of the new form of government in the Shan States recently. In a great meeting of all the chiefs, nearly all of them requested the Government to keep out Christian schools, and the thing almost went through. But when the greatest of all the Shan chiefs learned of our health reform principles, he invited us into his State. Let us "stick to our guns" regarding our God-given health principles, brethren.

H. A. SKINNER.

Henzada District Church

ON Sabbath, September 29th, we held our quarterly service for the members of the Henzada District church, at Taikgyi. Nearly all of the members from different places scattered about in the Irrawaddy Delta were present, as well as several visitors. Another brother of the Chin tribe was baptized and taken into the church. This makes the sixth Chin member.

Our church is made up of six different nationalities, numbering as follows: Sgaw Karens, eleven; Burmese, eight; Pwo Karens, seven; Chins, six; Europeans, three; Anglo-Indians, two; making a total of thirty-seven. Fortunately these all understand the Burmese language to some extent, so our services are held in Burmese. A. J. DENOYER.

Summary of the English Colporteur Work in North-east India for September, 1923

Name	Hrs.	Orders	Sales
C. Moment	...	14	R.274-0-0

J. C. DEAN.