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## A Prayer For Unity



**O** Thou, in Whom is Calmness and Peace and Unity, bring us together into a unity of love which may bear some likeness to Thy sublime nature. Help us to realise that one of the ways in which Thou dost teach us and reveal Thyself to us is through each other, and remind us again that it is only when all have brought in their contribution that Thy Kingdom can come on earth. Make us willing to learn from each other, and in the days that are coming enable us to draw closer and to hold up each other's hands. For the sake of all the others enable each of us to sanctify ourselves, that through our decrease in pre-eminence they may increase in knowledge of Thee. Grant that we may be spiritually one as well in ourselves as in each other.

Hear and answer us, we beseech Thee, in the Name of Him Who prayed that we might be all one so that the world might believe, and Who emptied Himself and for ourselves became poor—even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### In the Tea Gardens

(An actual day's experience)

The stars are shining brightly and everyone is quiet, but the cock has begun to crow and my watch says it is time for me to rise. I light my oil stove, take a simple breakfast, read from God's Word and ask His blessing for the day, and as the sun arises, start with bag of books and papers for the railway station. A half-hour's ride and I alight from the third-class car, mount my bicycle and am off for the tea gardens. The road is rough, but the bright, cool December morning is glorious. On the north rise the Assam hills, far to the southeast is the rugged Burma border, and away to the southeast stretch the populous plains of

the Ganges Delta. In the homeland all is ice and snow and bitter cold, but here with never a touch of frost, the landscape is living green and the air balmy.

At the fourth mile I come to the first tea estate, make a sale there, and another at the seventh mile. At the thirteenth mile I am detained by something most unusual in this rushing twentieth century. The estate manager is conducting family worship. That finished, the wife and daughters are called, examine my books and papers, readily purchase and urge me to stop for a mid-day meal. Gladly would I accept their hospitality, but the day is short. I have far to go and many more to see. So with eggs, biscuits and oranges which I have

brought with me, I mount my wheel and am off.

The day wears on. It is almost sunset and I am fourteen miles out in the country. I have been told of many other estates from five to thirty-five miles farther out, but my bag is nearly empty and I must return for a fresh supply.

Now it is six o'clock and I am again

at the travellers's bungalow, having cycled forty miles, the last ten by moonlight. The day has been a strenuous one, but God has blessed, and as all alone I eat my evening meal, I thank him for his tender care and the privilege of bearing the advent message to waiting souls in earth's far corners.

F. O. RAYMOND

## Medical Department

(Space not being available in the Conference number, the medical and home missions biennial reports are published in this issue).

At present this department includes three treatment rooms, seven dispensaries, a health food factory, and a health magazine. The three treatment rooms have cared for 1,746 patients and have given 1,0739 treatments. Including every item of expense connected with each institution, even European workers, the three institutions have been something more than self-supporting. The treatment room work came in contact with 1,746 of the most intelligent, most influential of the people of India, European and Indian. These are people whose attention would not have been attracted towards the Third Angel's Message by any other phase or department of our work.

The dispensaries have cared for 55,531 patients coming an average distance of fifteen miles, distributed 309,727 pages of literature, gave 1,227 gospel talks, visited 1,558 homes, handed out 25,360 prescriptions and gave 19,030 hydrotherapeutic treatments.

During the period of time covered by this report two treatment rooms, Simla and Rangoon were opened up, and within the same period the treatment rooms at Rangoon were closed. It was with considerable hesitation and deliberation that the committee closed the treatment rooms at Rangoon. Although in time it would be fairly possible that the treatment

rooms could have been put upon a sound financial basis, yet the immediate loss did not warrant a continuance of the work.

The new treatment rooms in Simla outgrew their quarters during their first year of existence, and larger accommodations had to be sought at the beginning of the second year's work. The third year's work promises to yield even greater returns.

Calcutta and Mussooree are still keeping up their former good reputation. Mussooree had outgrown its accommodation for some time, but did not change its location until the past year, when it was moved from "Kirkville" to "Grey Castle" in Mussooree. In spite of the change in location, which might be considered somewhat out of the way, it did as well or better than preceding years.

During the years, 1915-16 three new dispensaries were started, and one was closed. The new one opened up among the Karens is to be congratulated on its location. Away out in the jungle, where no medical facilities exist for miles, is an ideal place for service. Better this way than to be working where dispensaries, hospitals, and physicians are so thick that they are always in each other's way. Another dispensary was opened up at Mandalay. Not being in touch with this dispensary until very recently, I know

very little about the work being conducted there, yet the reports received show a good beginning. The other new dispensary started, forms the nucleus of our medical work at Chuharkana in the Punjab. West and south of it there are no European physicians for great distances, possibly as far as the frontiers, as far as I know. This leaves one master of an immense territory and makes an ideal place for medical missionary endeavour and a medical training work. Our building work having been delayed, we have been conducting our dispensary work on the front porch of our bungalow for six weeks.

Najibabad has been doing good work in spite of very meagre facilities. It was hoped that Najibabad would have better facilities before this. A few hundred rupees expended, since they already own their land, would put the dispensary in a condition where it could fill a greater field of usefulness.

Kalyan in the last two years has been in search of greater activity until now it has established an in-patient department. The out-patient department is still keeping up its good patronage. The money that the West Side has been able to gather within its own territory shows us what India can do in helping support our mission work. It would be a good thing for us to follow this example in all of our missionary activities. There is money in India for mission work if we plan to get it.

The greatest opportunities for development lie before our dispensaries. The field is unlimited. Even finances are not a drawback as it has been shown that dispensary work in India when once started can pay its own way exclusive of European workers. The first and greatest need for their extension is trained medical workers.

Let us place the medical department in

a position where it will have a place in carrying the Third Angel's Message in India and thus help to usher in that great and glorious event, the coming of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. If any phase of our medical work is a greater financial burden and does not bring about the results that the other departments are doing, and after careful planning and organization cannot be made to do otherwise I am the first one to say, Close it.

I offer the following for consideration as needs for the extension of our medical work in India.

1. A systematic plan for the extension of our dispensary work throughout the divisions in India and Burma.

2. Provision made for the training of medical workers, mostly locally in the divisions in the vernacular, but in some instances where education and capabilities permit, centrally in English.

3. Dispensaries to be modest in building and equipment, but uniform throughout the field.

4. Our dispensaries and any in-patient department connected with them should be self-supporting, exclusive of European workers.

5. A uniform wage scale for medical workers according to the grade of work they are doing.

6. A follow-up system existing between the dispensary and the village so that better opportunities may be afforded to win patients to Christ.

7. Suitable literature, both religious and medical in nature, for use in our dispensaries and treatment-room work.

8. The location of a physician in each division of the field.

9. A more extensive use of simple hydro-therapeutic measures in our dispensaries.

10. The extension of our treatment rooms as far as the constituency will permit.

11. Our treatment rooms and health food factory should not only be self-supporting, but should be encouraged to operate at a profit to be used in some other missionary activities in India.

12. The *Herald of Health* to be made larger, better illustrated, reduced to a quarterly, and placed in charge of a lay

editor in conjunction with general editorial work, the physicians in the field to be used as medical contributions.

13. A plan of communication among our medical workers taking up plans and methods of labour.

14. Last, but not least, more of the grace of God, more of a passion for souls by every worker in every phase of our medical work.

V. L. MANN.

## Home Missions

Many times in the past years the instruction has come to the church, "Let every one professing the name of Christ act a part in sending forth the message, 'The end of all things is at hand: 'prepare to meet thy God.' . . . It is our duty now to employ every possible means to help in the proclamation of the truth. When you are riding on the cars, visiting, conversing with your neighbours,—wherever you are, let your light shine forth. Hand out the papers and tracts to those with whom you associate, and speak a word in season, praying that the Holy Ghost will make the seed productive in some hearts. This work will be blessed of God."

In response to this instruction and in harmony with recommendations of the General Conference, the Home Missionary Department was organized at our last conference session. We pause now after two years to see what has been accomplished and if the results have justified the action taken.

When this department was started the usual objections were raised. Some said, "Our Indian brethren can never do work of this kind. Conditions are so different here we cannot carry out these plans." We are thankful to God to-day for this record before you which proves to the contrary. God's plans work when put into operation, and it is His plan that

every believer in this message should carry His love to others. In the words of another, "There will be no starless crowns." Note the record of the South India division in this connection, which with a membership almost entirely Indian has given better and more regular reports than any other division in the field and whose totals compare very favourably with the others. Of course this may be because the other fields did not report all they did, but I am going to give South India the benefit of the doubt. Some have also felt that the new department was bringing in needless organization and would cause confusion. When properly understood, however, it is evident that the Home Missionary Department is to the church what the recruiting office and the drill sergent are to the army. To express it in the simplest way, It is the plan by which every S. D. Adventist may be enlisted, trained, and engaged in active service for the Master.

At the present time we have eleven societies enrolled, with a membership about equal to that of the churches and companies. We have done the best we could to gather the reports and are glad to note that they are beginning to come in more regularly.

At the present time we have one Sabbath set apart in the month for Home Missionary interests. I believe, to become

thoroughly efficient, we should have a special hour set apart each week in every church and company for the consideration of plans and the relation of experience.

In the past two years, blanks have been provided for keeping the accounts, keeping the records of church missionary work, for sending orders to the tract society, and receipt books. Individual reports forms have been issued in Bengali, Burmese, and Tamil and will be soon in Roman Urdu for the Hindi and Urdu language areas.

Whether it is due to the Home Mis-

sionary Department, I will leave it to you to judge, but our periodical work has increased by nearly 100 per cent over the previous biennial period and our tract output by nearly 50 per cent according to the output record of the publishing house at Lucknow. Beside these, much has been done in the way of private enterprise in the different divisions, of which we have no record.

So we have nothing to discourage us. God has been very good and to Him we give all the glory for whatever has been accomplished.

R. D. BRISBIN

### Home Missionary Report

FOR FOURTH QUARTER, 1916.

Social	Membership	Av. No. reporting	Letters written	Letters received	Missionary visits	Bible Readings	Subs. for papers	Papers sold	Papers mailed, lent, given away	Books sold	Books lent or given away	Tracts sold	Tracts given away	Hrs. C. H. work	Articles clothing given away	Meals provided	Treatments given	Signers to temperance pledge	Offerings for home missions		
Calcutta	20	8	23	11	24	37		571		3	13	21	322					7			
Bombay	34	10	16	8	25	17	4	47	994	24	24		1174						54	10	
Kalyan	23	8	51	44	17	8			2183	7		68	6					4			
Meiktila	30	8	28	15	67	14	1	92	1500	7	230	314	255	265			129	28			
Rangoon	40	17	5	3	55	18		7	183		6		27	15							
Lucknow	24	8	130	38	14	11		31	500				1050	25	10	4			5	14	0
Najibabad	16	14	5	6	538			51					6895	84	17	10	425		16	8	0
Simla	32		23	6	35	23	10	4	147		7		25	141							
Coimbatore	36	20	20	9	292	71	27	268	146	170	29	26	589	238		7	2		4	14	6
Madras	13	189	180	444	166	39	81	181	80	39	138	393	29	17	15	5			16	0	0
Nazareth	46	27	256	75	873	679	2	209	2556	30	154	144	889	583			45	10	42	14	0
Pondicherry	28	9	22	11	84	31			3	3	2	12	26	33					3	8	0
Totals	342		768	406	2468	1075	83	790	8964	324	504	723	11651	914	44	36	617	38	143	9	6

### Please Return A Borrowed Book

About two years ago Brother F. H. Loasby lent a book entitled "History of the Manners and Customs of India," by Abbe Dubois, to one of our workers in the Bombay Presidency. Brother Loasby has forgotten the name of the person to whom he lent the book. He desires that

that person be kind enough to return it as soon as possible.

### Folding Organ for Sale

Mrs. O'Connor offers an Estey folding organ for sale at Rs. 75 or near offer. The organ is in good condition and serviceable for many years yet, as it has been recently overhauled and repaired.

### Statistical Report

OF THE INDIA UNION MISSION FOR FOURTH QUARTER, 1916.

	Union	Bengal	Bombay	Burma	North I.	N.W.India	South I.	Totals
No. churches		4	2	2	3	1	3	15
Membership		165	56	128	60	27	136	572
Companies					1	1		2
Membership					13	6		19
Total membership		165	56	128	73	33	136	601
No. added by baptism		6					11	17
No. added by vote							4	4
No. dropped		1					3	4
Net added		5					12	17
Unbaptized adherents		94	18		36	12	67	227
European labourers :—								
Ordained ministers	2	1	3	2	1	1	2	12
Licensed ministers	2	3	1	1	4	3	1	15
Licensed missionaries (men)	2	3	1	5	1	1	1	14
" " (married women)	8	7	5	8	5	4	5	42
" " (unmarried " )	1	2	3	2	3			11
Teachers (not incl. above)				1				1
Canvassers " " "	7							7
Other labourers	1		1					2
Total European labourers	23	16	14	19	14	9	9	104
Indian labourers :—								
Licensed ministers		1		2			1	4
Licensed missionaries (men)		7		1	1	1	3	13
" " (women)		1			1		1	3
Teachers (not incl. above)		11	2	3	4		13	33
Canvassers " " "		9		2	2	2	25	40
Other labourers	26	8	15		8	2	4	63
Total Indian labourers	26	37	17	8	16	5	47	156
Total Eur. and Ind. labourers	49	53	31	27	30	14	56	260

NOTE.—Anglo-Indian labourers are included under Europeans. "Other labourers" includes all office employees, etc, whether Christians or not.

#### Workers' Statements

In order to facilitate business it has been decided to close the books of the Union treasury and of the I. T. Society, Lucknow, on the twentieth day of each month instead of on the last day as hitherto. Workers will thus receive the first statements for 1917, dated the 20th of February.

A. H. WILLIAMS

#### To Those Who Pledged

The Union treasurer will be glad to receive instructions as to the collection of the various pledges made during Conference by workers on the English school building fund.

Commence the year aright by filing your TIDINGS for future reference.

### Important Notice to All Subscribers

In accordance with the resolutions passed at our recent conference, the name of our paper will be henceforth, INDIA UNION TIDINGS, being issued on the 1st and the 15th of each month, and of eight pages instead of twelve.

All subscribers will receive the biennial conference number, but hereafter no papers will be sent except for subscriptions paid in advance at the rate of Rs. 1-8-0 yearly. All mission labourers, however, receiving Rs. 40 or less per mensem will be allowed their subscriptions at half rate, or As. 12.

The subscriptions of those who have paid one rupee during the months of November or December, will expire in eight months. Those who paid before November 1st will receive no further papers until they renew at the regular price of Rs. 1-8-0.

#### New Department

For the exchange of thoughts and ideas, that we may make our service more efficient, it has been decided to devote one page of each issue to helpful hints, questions or other matter bearing on the following branches of labour:—vernacular evangelical, medical, educational and literature. All kinds of helpful suggestions, questions for which answers are desired, etc., will be acceptable. Care should be taken, however, that all matter is brief and to the point. All should take part in this. Let us make the biweekly visits of our mission paper a very profitable and pleasant occasion in every home.

#### "Copy"

All "copy" intended for publication on the 1st of the month should be in the editor's hands promptly on the 23rd of the preceding month. "Copy" for the issue of the 15th should be received by the editor not later than the 8th of the same month. Matter received later than these dates will be held over until the next issue. Hand-written or double-spaced type-written "copy" will be gladly received, *but single-spaced type-written manuscript we cannot use.* We thank all for the loyal co-operation of the past two years. We again ask that all our subscribers be free to send us plenty of material for the paper. Do not think that your work will not interest other people: it will. Everyone wants to hear about *you* and what Christ is doing for and through you. Another thing: all our schools and sanitariums in Amer-

ica and Australia receive this paper, and they are looking to see what you are doing to uphold the Cause you represent. Our general men also receive it, and they are watching to see if you are fulfilling their expectations. We can encourage and strengthen our brethren in the field itself and strengthen our own hearts and hands also. Will you not do it.?

### The Review and Herald

Owing to the very heavy increase in the cost of materials, the publishers have reluctantly been compelled to raise the price of subscriptions to the *Review and Herald* to 2.25 dollars (Rs. 7-0-6) per annum as compared with the former price of 2.00, although this slight increase does not anything like represent the actual increase in cost of production.

But even at the new rate we are sure that all will agree that the *Review* is more than worth its price. Week by week it brings its cheering budget of news from every part of the world, its inspiring editorials, its helpful general articles; and in 1917 it will be more useful than ever, in that it is designed to publish a series of studies on doctrinal points, conducted by the Bible teachers, of our leading colleges. Also, Pastor G. I. Butler will write a series of articles on the book of Job, bringing out many practical lessons from the experiences of the patriarch; and, to aid us in our Sabbath School studies, Pastor F. C. Gilbert will contribute a number of articles on the book of Acts, illustrative of ancient Jewish customs.

It is our aim to see that the *Review*, our oldest church paper, finds its way into every English-speaking family of believers in the Union. Will not you help by sending in your subscription? Do it now while you think of it.

Other increases which go into effect January 1st, 1917, are,—

*Youth's Instructor*, (Old rate, \$1.25 per annum) New rate For each subscription, \$1.50 per annum, 85 for six months, In clubs of five to one address, 1.00.

*Sabbath School Worker*,—(Old rate, 50 per annum) New rate, 60 per annum, two or more copies to one address, 45 each.

The American magazines, *Life and Health*, *Signs of the Times*, and *Watchman*, will be reduced to 32 pages and cover, but will be issued at the old rates.

A. H. W.

# A Liberal Concession

To our Constituency in the India Union Mission

## A Scholarship Plan Whereby You May Train Yourself For Service

The International Tract Society, after consultation with the officers of the India Union Mission and the Annfield School board, are prepared to make the following offer:—

Any person selling 2,500 of either of our English periodicals, viz., *Signs of the Times* or *Herald of Health*, at As. 4 each, and turns all the proceeds (Rs. 625) in to the Tract Society at Lucknow, will receive a full year's schooling, including board and washing, at our middle English school in Mussooree. Every annual subscription obtained will be counted as 10 papers.

In addition to this fine offer, the Tract Society will pay inter-class railway fare from any point in India to Dehra Dun to any student who sells the full quota of papers as above mentioned. The Tract Society also offers to pay postage on all the papers used, in case the full amount is sold.

Anyone can engage in this work and turn the profits to another person's account, or one person may earn a scholarship and sell it to another, after consultation with the Tract Society and school board.

All prospective students should correspond with the principal of the school when commencing to canvass that necessary arrangements may be made for them.

Anyone earning but half a scholarship will receive one half a year's schooling on the above terms, but the travelling expenses will not be paid.

It is planned to make the magazines attractive and saleable, with plenty, of illustrations and good articles.

Young people! Get your friends to help you. Remember, only 2500 papers at 4 annas each or 250 annual subscriptions. You can do it if you try.

### Mrs. R. B. Thurber

Just after going to press' in December, the following word from Brother R. B. Thurber came to us:—

"Mrs. Thurber passed away peacefully at 1 A. M., last night (October 28, 1916). She had a long hard struggle, but at the end she was resigned and full of hope. Her last words were,—'I'm so tired.' Having paid such a price, the mission field is indeed dear to me."

Brother Thurber asks that we remember him in our prayers, and we are sure none of the workers in the Union will fail to do so. We trust that the coming days may bring comfort and strength to our fellow-worker and his family. The following obituary of Sister Thurber's death is taken from one of the American conference papers:—

Thurber.—Ella May Davis was born July 14, 1882, at Adrian, Mich., and died at Takona Park, D. C., Oct. 28, 1916, aged 34 years, 3 months and 14 days. She was brought up in the faith, and was converted and baptized at the age of eighteen while attending school at Mt. Vernon Academy, Ohio. In 1902 she was united in marriage to Robert B. Thurber. To this union were born four children, three boys and one girl, all of whom are living. In the year 1909,

Brother and Sister Thurber were called to the mission field, and spent six years labouring in Burma. While there the faithful wife and mother was stricken with a serious tropical disease. As soon as the nature of the malady was determined the family returned to America, and every thing that medical skill and loving care could suggest was done for her recovery. She hovered between life and death for months, suffering greatly, yet always patient and cheerful. Many earnest prayers ascended in her behalf, and she became perfectly resigned to the will of God. To the last her faith and courage in God remained unshaken, and she peacefully fell asleep in Jesus. "And so He giveth His beloved sleep."

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