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Enroute to the Shanghai Conference

After much anxious delay and waiting, our boat got away from Colombo, Ceylon, on the evening of the 28th March, with only a part of the regular delegation aboard. Our little party consists of Brother and Sister Wellman and two children Miss Boose and myself. Ours is a comparatively new ship, and so arranged that all the cabins are on one deck above the water line. The boat is comfortably and conveniently arranged, and the dining service is very good. Thus far we have been blessed with good weather and a quiet sea, and the good-hand

this voyage, as with all others, there are those on board who are a little rough and boisterous, and inclined to scoff at anything religious. Some there are who have hardened their hearts very much against the influences of the Spirit. These are made a subject of earnest prayer each day, that God will turn their hearts to Him.

Personally, I have felt blessed and encouraged as I have associated with the missionaries aboard, and have tried to do something for others who are careless and indifferent. I find that most of the mis-

A Prayer for Every Day

"Give me, dear Lord, an honest heart and spirit, that I may do my work with a good conscience; that I may come to the help, not only of my own people, but also to that of the poor and miserable. O dear Lord, kindle my soul and spirit that I may love all my brethren, and be ready and willing to serve them, that Thy Name may be hallowed in us all, that Thy Kingdom may come in us and Thy will be done. Give me a cheerful spirit, wherein to work Thy wonders, and let me do nothing without Thee. Amen."—JACOB BEHMEN.

of the Lord has kept us from harm, for which we are daily thankful.

Quite a large company of missionaries with their families are aboard enroute to America for their furloughs, coming from various sections of India, north, central, and west. Every mornig after breakfast we all gather for a half hour's devotional service and Bible study in one end of the dining-room. A very earnest spirit of prayer and consecration seems to be manifested by all; and there is a definite burden carried for the those on board who do not know the Saviour. On

missionaries have come in contact with our work in different ways, and know in a general way what we teach. Some have read most of our writings, and hold a very high regard for the truth. I pray that God will yet lead them to know it fully and accept it with all their hearts. Thus far all have been very kind and courteous.

Yesterday morning our boat stopped for a few hours at Penang, and we were agreeably surprised when the voice of a visitor from on shore was heard enquiring if Pastor Fletcher was on board. It

proved to be Brother W. W. Mathews, from Singapore, who had just come to Penang to canvass the place for our literature. For the few minutes he could be with us we had a very enjoyable visit with him. He seemed bubbling over with enthusiasm and courage, and spoke so hopefully of the progress of the work here in the Straits.

At this writing we are going through the Malacca Straits, about five hours ride above Singapore. We will reach Singa-

pore this evening if all is well, where the boat stops for about thirty-six hours. At best we are going to be late in reaching Shanghai for the conference, but we are praying that our journey may be hastened from here on, and that God will bless us with wisdom and utterance as we endeavour to represent the many needs of India. Remember us in your prayers as we continue on our several voyages, that the desired heaven may be reached safely.

J. S. JAMES.

The Vision We Need

(The missionaries who come to this country from America and Australia generally have a "vision" of India's needs before they start. Sometimes however, after we have been here for a time and there has been illness in the new home, some trouble perhaps with a brother worker, (who of course is always in the wrong) and a gradual deadening of spiritual susceptibilities through close contact with heathenism and ignorance in all its different forms, the "vision" needs to be renewed and the soul revitalized by the heavenly current of love. Pastor G. B. Thompson gave this talk in one of our sanitarium parlours in the United States, but the lesson is very applicable to us.)

What is a missionary? I have raised that question sometimes. Now I have come to the conclusion that the greatest need of a man is to have his soul saved. If we can benefit him temporarily we have not done much, but if we can help him physically here and spiritually through all eternity we are being missionaries. I believe the vision we need is the vision of a lost soul and the vision of what it will mean to be lost, to miss eternal life, to fail to lay hold of the fact that God has given His Son to save us.

Men get a vision of what money will do. I was reading about the funeral of William K. Vanderbilt, the multi-millionaire. Five thousand people were gathered outside on the street.

When they carried him out one of the workmen said, "Is that Mr. Vanderbilt they are bringing down the steps?"

"Yes, that is Mr. Vanderbilt."

"Well, well," he said, "how things change! I stood where I am standing now hundreds of times and I have seen

Mr. Vanderbilt come down those steps hundreds of times, with millions in his pocket and I did not have a cent, and now he is coming down the steps without a cent in his pocket and I have two dollars."

He was two dollars ahead. The vision of money does not amount to much. But if a man has a vision of eternal realities it is a thing that lasts.

How to Write Your Name on the Scroll of Fame

I have often thought about one instance. You remember the Crimean war. You would have to open up an old history to find out who was the commander-in-chief and who that great man was that came down to the north of England when they played, "Here the Conquering Hero Comes." We do not know even who led the charge of the six hundred.

We do not know much about these people; but I will tell you one name everybody remembers, that is a household word—Florence Nightingale. You know

that without going to a history. She went around in the trenches and in the hospitals and where the wounded and maimed and suffering were and was an angel of mercy, helping people. You do not know anything about those men that slaughtered the thousands, but the one that *helped*, you remember all about; and they loved her so that when she came into the great ward where men were cursing God, every curse would stop. They realized they were in the presence of another kind of spirit. They would kiss her shadow, and in all that army, with all those men, she was never insulted. That is the kind of work that lasts. Friends, that endures. Do you want to write your name on the scroll of fame? That is the way to do it.

It seems to me that if we could get a vision of what real worth is, of the best way to immortalize our name and write it down in history, that is the thing to do; but we will have to do it along the lines Florence Nightingale did it—by reaching out and helping somebody. I tell you the fellow we want is the fellow that can help us, after all. We all need it. There are a lot of broken hearts around everywhere and they want somebody to help them. And so I believe God calls us to this work, and I am praying I may get a better vision of it than I have ever had before.

The One Thing Needed

There are a lot of things you can do without prayer. You can be a carpenter and you can be a good many things, and it is possible to be a doctor and not pray much, to saw off a man's leg and perform a good surgical operation without prayer, and I have found a man can preach and not pray much, and sit on a committee and give a lot of advice and not pray much. But when some one comes along and says, "My wife," or "my husband,"

or son or daughter or somebody, "has been given up by the doctors and I would like you to come and talk to her about her soul; I am not sure about her experience," you have to pray then. You can't do *that* without prayer. And if you have been off somewhere and got to "spinning yarns" and having a hilarious time, you can't do that kind of work. You have to be *in touch* with God.

You can't get down at the bedside of a man with much confidence and pray the healing power of God to come upon him if your own soul is not right with God; if there is a shady thing in your life that nobody knew was there but that you have been nibbling at occasionally. The real missionary for God has to pray. We have got to commune with God. We have to keep our own soul right if we do that.

Somehow the Lord will open up avenues about us so we can help men; and I tell you the joy of eternal life will be to have someone come up—if you are there—and take you by the hand, and say, "I was discouraged. I had given up hope, I had concluded I would quit; but you came along and helped me and I took a new hold on things and I made it through and am here in the kingdom of God."

Gold and silver and institutions will go, but men made immortal will live through all the eternal ages to come, and I think that is the vision we need.—*Life Boat*.

Won from Catholicism

Something worth reading, written by a lay member of the church. "I sent the *Signs* to a Catholic last year. He would not read it at first. I received a letter from him a few days ago, asking for reading matter. He says he is now one of us, and expects to be baptised into our faith." Order a supply of *Signs* and reading matter from 17 Abbott Road.

Simla

The season is opening with promise in both the evangelistic and medical lines.

Our brethren of the local church are all included in the Defense of India call, and are obliged to make up their quota of drills; but we are happy to report that arrangements have been made so they are able to do double drills on two week days in lieu of Friday evening and Sabbath mornings. This concession was quite readily granted by the local officers.

During the past three weeks I have been assisting the Civil Surgeons in examining recruits, thus being able to lend assistance to the national cause

while keeping up my work at the same time.

The ladies' treatment rooms are nearly completed and will enable us to care for a larger number of patients with ease.

During the present month I am conducting a series of studies on the book of Job, which are proving helpful and creating a new interest.

The motto of the Simla Church is,—
“*We must make a new order of things,*” and the result is already perceptible through increased activities along various lines, of which we shall give reports later.

H. C. MENKEL, M. D.

Are You Near Kin to Shimei?

When you are in deep trouble, you will soon discover who your friends are. A dark hour came to King David, as sooner or later comes to all of us. He was forced to leave Jerusalem with a band of faithful men, who remained loyal to him, for Absalom, his own son, had organized a general uprising against him. “And as David and his men went by the way, Shimei went along on the hill's side over against him, and *cursed* as he went, and threw *stones* at him, and cast *dust*.” 2 Samuel. 16:13.

David sorely needed tender sympathy and help in that trying hour. Shimei didn't have any of *that* in stock, but it doesn't require much talent to throw dust. A man with very ordinary ability can do that successfully. One of David's valiant men asked to have an opportunity to go over and chop off Shimei's head. Then and there David showed the real greatness of his nature and taught us a lesson how to act under similar circumstances. He said, “Let him curse. . . . It may be that the Lord will look on mine affliction,

and that the Lord will *requite me good* for his cursing this day.” 2 Sam. 16:12.

Just as certainly as you are a child of God, from time to time you will meet Shimei. So you may as well settle in advance how you are going to act. You know when a man comes behind us and throws stones at us and casts dust all over us, human nature is likely to rise up within us. Then let us remember that the same God who shut up the lions' mouths so they could not eat up Daniel, can shut a man's mouth so he can't talk about us unless it is for our best good to be talked about.

I meet people who say, “I can't *stand* this throwing dust about me. I am going to set myself *right*.” I don't argue with such people. I simply read them how David dealt with Shimei, and ask them whether they belong to Shimei's church or to David's church. If David had undertaken to throw dust back at Shimei he would have brought himself down to his level. David knew that the Lord had not inspired Shimei to curse, but he also

knew that Shimei could not curse unless the Lord permitted it.

If we just let the Lord deal with Shimei as David did, instead of doing it ourselves, it will be all the better, both for us and for the Lord's work. For while you are straightening up one wretched, miserable lie, the Devil will probably have nine more sprouting. So you never

can catch up, but if you will leave it to the Lord, He will by and by bring something out in your life that will show to everyone that it was a falsehood, and He will deal with liars too. And He will know how to deal with them right, which is more than we know how to do with our poor human judgment.—*D. Paulson, M. D.*

Coimbatore

The past few months have been busy ones for us here in Coimbatore. The Lord has greatly blessed us during the past year. All of our teachers and students with but few exceptions have maintained good health and have done splendid work.

We have just finished up the final examination for this year, and the majority of the students have gone to their homes for a two-months' vacation. School will begin again about the first of June. All plan to return next year, except four who finished the tenth grade this year. Two of the four plan to take up work somewhere in the South, and the other two, I understand, are planning to go to Lucknow to continue their studies in the Union Training School. We bespeak for them a profitable time in the Lucknow school and hope that after spending a year or two there they also will return to take up work somewhere in this field.

In the ninth and tenth grade Bible class we studied Bible Doctrines, taking up as far as possible in the time we had, the cardinal points of our faith. For the examination we gave the regular Standard of Attainment questions as set by the Educational Department of the General Conference. We do not know yet how they came out, but have reason to believe that most of them must have passed. The eighth grade Bible class studied the

Acts of the Apostles and the life and works of the Apostle Paul; while all the rest of the classes studied Old Testament History.

The last Sabbath of the school year was a very busy one, and one filled with blessings long to be remembered. At the beginning of the Sabbath, Friday evening, we had our farewell prayer and testimony meeting in which most every one took part. Early Sabbath morning a baptismal service was conducted in which six candidates followed their Lord in baptism. Four of them were Malayalees, one Tamil, and one Telegu. After this we had our Sabbath-school as usual. A little later on we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house, and closed the Sabbath with a song and prayer service.

We thank the Lord that He has kept us through another year. We trust His grace for the future; and with renewed courage and zeal we begin preparations for another school year.

G. G. LOWRY.

1917 Year Book

We have just received a limited stock of the above, and shall be glad to supply at 14 annas each, post free. Every worker should have a copy of this valuable publication.

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A Place For Everyone

“Church members, let the light shine forth. Let your voices be heard in humble prayer, in witness against intemperance, the folly, the amusements of this world, and in proclamation of the truth for this time. Your voice, your influence, your time,—all these are gifts from God, and are to be used in winning souls to Christ. Visit your neighbours, and show an interest in the salvation of their souls. Arouse every spiritual energy to action. Tell those whom you visit that the end of all things is at hand. The Lord Jesus Christ will open the door of their hearts, and will make upon their minds lasting impressions.

“Strive to arouse men and women from their spiritual insensibility. Tell how you found Jesus, and how blessed you have been since you gained an experience in His service. Tell them what blessing comes to you as you sit at the feet of Jesus, and learn precious lessons from His word. Tell them of the gladness and joy there is in the Christian life. Your warm, fervent words will convince them that you have found the pearl of great price. This is genuine missionary work, and as you do it many will awake as from a dream.”—*Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 9, page 38.*

Nearness of the End

Troublous times are right upon us. The fulfilling of the signs of the times gives evidence that the day of the Lord is near at hand. The daily papers are full of indications of a terrible conflict in the future. Bold robberies are of frequent occurrence. Strikes are common. Thefts and murders are committed on every hand. Men possessed of demons are taking the lives of men and women and little children. All these things testify that the coming of Christ is near at hand.

The doctrine that men are released from obedience to God's requirements has awakened the force of moral obligation and opened the flood-gates of iniquity upon the world. Lawlessness and dissipation and corruption are sweeping up like an overwhelming tide. In the family, Satan is at work. His banner waves even in professedly Christian households. There is envy, evil surmising, hypocrisy, strife, betrayal of sacred trust, indulgence of lust. The whole system of religious principles and doctrines, which should form the foundation and framework of social life, seems to be a tottering mass, ready to fall to ruin.

Courts of justice are corrupt. Rulers are actuated by a desire for gain, and love of sensual pleasure. Intemperance has beclouded the faculties of many, so that Satan has almost complete control of them. Jurists are perverted, bribed, deluded. Drunkenness and revelry, passion, envy, dishonesty of every sort, are represented among those who administer the laws. “Justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.” Men are rushing on in the mad race for gain and selfish indulgence as if there was no God, on heaven, and no hereafter.

The Scriptures describe the condition of the world just before Christ's second coming. The apostle James pictures the greed and oppression that will prevail. He says: “Go to now, ye rich men, . . . ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabbath. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton. Ye have

nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you." This is a picture of what exists to-day. By every species of oppression and extortion, men are piling up colossal fortunes, while the cries of starving humanity are coming up before God.

In accidents and calamities by land and by sea, in great conflagrations, in fierce tornadoes and terrific hailstorms, in tempests, floods, cyclones, tidal waves, and earthquakes,—in every place and in a thousand forms, Satan is exercising his power. He sweeps away the ripening harvest, and famine and distress follow. He imparts to the air the deadly taint, and thousands perish by the pestilence. The visitations are to become more and more frequent and disastrous. Destruction will be upon both man and beast. "The earth mourneth and fadeth away, . . . the haughty people of the earth do languish. The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant."

The crisis is stealing gradually upon us. The sun shines in the heavens, passing over its usual round, and the heavens still declare the glory of God. Men are still eating and drinking, planting and building, marrying and giving in marriage. Merchants are still buying and selling. Men are jostling against one another, contending for the highest place. Pleasure lovers are still crowding to theatres, horse races, gambling halls. The highest excitement prevails, yet probation's hour is fast closing, and every case is about to be eternally decided. Satan sees that his time is short, he has set all his agents to work, that men may be deceived, deluded, occupied, and entranced, until the day of probation shall be ended, and the door of mercy be forever shut. The time is right upon us

when there will be sorrow that no human balm can heal. Sentinel angels are now restraining the four winds, that they shall not blow till the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads; but when God shall bid His angels loose the winds, there will be a scene of strife such as no pen can picture.

The "time of trouble, such as never was," is soon to open upon us; and we shall need an experience which many are too indolent to obtain. It is often the case that trouble is greater in anticipation than in reality, but this is not true of the crisis before us. The most vivid presentation can not reach the magnitude of the ordeal. In that trial every man must stand for himself before God. Though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in the land, "as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters; they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness."

Now, while our great High Priest is making the atonement for us, we should seek to become perfect in Christ. Not even by thought could our Saviour be brought to yield to the power of temptation. Satan finds in human hearts some points where he can gain a foothold; some sinful desire is cherished, by means of which his temptations assert their power. But Christ declared of Himself, "The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in Me." Satan could find nothing in the Son of God that would enable him to gain the victory. He had kept His Father's commandments, and there was no sin in Him that Satan could use to his advantage. This is the condition in which those must be found who shall stand in the time of trouble.

"Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about Him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth,

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that He may judge His people Gather
My saints together unto Me; those that
have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.
And the heavens shall declare His
righteousness: for God is judge Himself."
—Mrs. E. G. White.

Here and There

Born, April 20, 1917, to R. D. and Mrs. Brisbin, a son.

After a short visit to the Bengal and Bombay Presidency Missions, Brother Fletcher returned to Lucknow about the middle of April.

The Union Training School closed April 25 after a very successful and pleasant year. We are glad to hear that Brother and Sister Blue successfully passed their second year's oral examination in Urdu.

Brother Floyd Smith and wife left Lucknow shortly after their examinations for their home in Garhwal. We wish them every success and much of the blessing of the Lord in their frontier station during the coming months and years.

Dr. O. Smith and daughter, Loreta, spent the week following their Hindi examinations with friends in Bombay before taking up their duties at Karmatar.

Have you noticed the good articles in *Signs of the Times* by Brethren Fletcher, French and others? Do you know that Dr. Menkel is conducting the "Question Corner" in *Herald of Health*? and that Dr. Smith is preparing a series of articles for another department? Do you know why "pan" chewing is injurious? Of course you don't if you haven't read Dr. Mann's recent article about it in the April number of *Herald*.

Canvassing Report

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HERALDS OF THE MORNING				Hours	Orders	Rs. Value
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R. A. Thrift, (del)	60	37	442 8 0	
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