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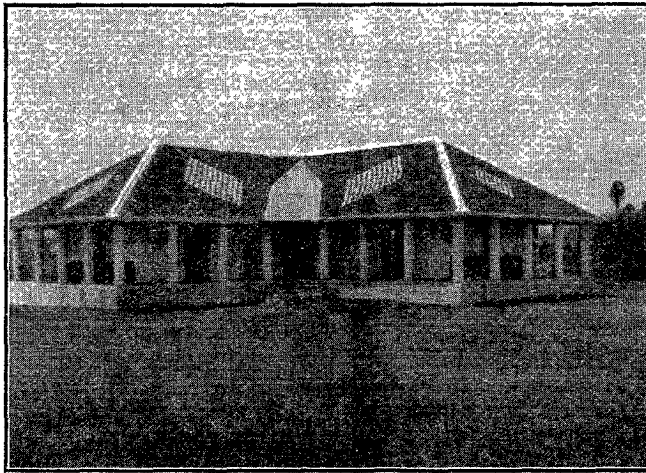
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## Harvest Ingathering Service, Nazareth

Readers of TIDINGS will be glad to hear of our first Harvest Ingathering service for this year, convened in our school building on the second Sunday in April. Long before the service, men, women and children of our church were coming with their small offering-pots in their hands, some with eggs, fruits, vegetables, and chickens, and others with their hard-earned rice and paddy as their

fruits, etc., were sold at auction. Big prices were paid by our people for these, so that the amount might be increased and the parties who brought them be encouraged. Four mangoes were sold for Rs. 3.

Following the auction, the offering-pots were opened. To our great surprise, Rs. 617-11-7½ were realized in tithes and offerings. This is the largest offering we

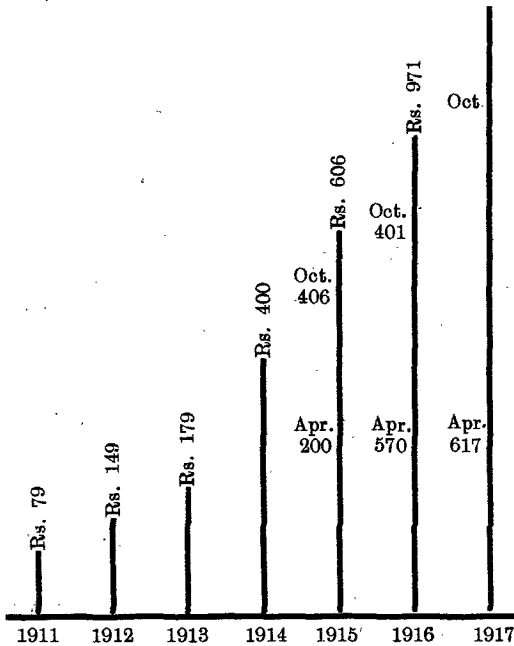


SCHOOL BUILDING, NAZARETH

thank-offerings. These small earthen pots have a small opening at the top through which nothing larger than a rupee could easily pass.

The service began promptly at 10 A.M. It seemed to me that I never looked into such happy faces as when I stood before the congregation that morning. After the special programme for that service was over, all these vegetables, grains,

have ever received at one time within a period of six months at this place. Our church set Rs. 600 as a goal and worked hard for it. The Lord has indeed blessed our feeble efforts, so we give Him all the praise. For the last three years two Harvest Ingathering services are held at this station each year. The second one will be held in October. The accompanying diagram will show you very clearly



the growth of our Ingathering offerings. Our people, as far as their extreme poverty will permit, have been responding very liberally.

Our recent collection has caused great anxiety among the members of neighbouring churches. They are anxious to know the reason of our large collection with such a small membership, only fifty-six, while a pukkah mission near our place with about 800 communicants received a little over Rs. 200 from their annual service, held a few weeks ago.

A Catholic friend remarked to me the other day, "Sir, I hear you have the

wealthiest people of that village in your church." This sounded very strange to me after hearing for so long that all the poor and lawless people of the community were members of the S. D. A. Mission. They thought by spreading such a rumour they could discourage the people from studying the truth we represent. Now they do not know what kind of attitude to take toward this collection from such a poor and lawless people. So they turn round and say the reverse.

One young man of our church said to me a few days ago:—"Sir, in the year 1916, our people at this station gave Rs. 1,425 in tithes and offerings, but none of us have become poor by paying such a large sum. On the other hand, we are all very richly blessed in all our undertakings. The whole church can witness to it." Our Saviour's words are just as true in the twentieth century as when He spoke them: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Dear brethren, let us all realize the great gospel message is founded on the word, Give. God the Father gave His only Son. He in turn gave up all that He had, finally His life also. We have freely received, so let us freely give and thus help to see this grand work finished. Then the Master will soon come and we shall gladly receive our rewards from His beautiful hands, and to this end we ask an interest in your prayers.

E. D. THOMAS.

## Toys and Motives

While having a sincere desire to avoid quibbling, and with no vestige of a wish to attack anybody's work, yet I feel constrained to ask what the motive is sometimes behind our giving of offerings, whether Sabbath-school offerings or any other.

When our Lord commended the widow

in her giving and condemned the Pharisees in theirs, He forcibly called attention to the motive that lay behind the gifts.

Now it is certain that thermometers and clocks and all sorts of toys and mechanical devices do indeed swell the amount of our Sabbath-school offerings;

and none dare say we give too much. But, in Sabbath-school we are dealing to quite an extent with youthful minds, which grasp ideas readily. And what is the strong impression we are leaving there as to the motive in giving? To spend twelve Sabbaths collecting pice sufficient to burst a thermometer is indeed interesting and entertaining, and profitable to the treasury—oh, decidedly! The children are all delighted, and the superintendent is immensely pleased that our goal has been reached—yes, and three rupees eleven annas past the mark! Good! Yes, isn't it?

Yes, but is it? Why is it so good? What has been accomplished? Oh yes, of course, the thermometer has been bursted amid great joy, and that fact is firmly fixed in all minds, old and young, especially the young. What a real help the Pharisee's weighty coins were toward reaching our goal—achieving our aim—bursting the thermometer!

And the poor widow's mites? Yes, of course they helped. And altogether we got three rupees eleven annas more than our goal! So!

Paul says somewhere, "The love of Christ constraineth us," and goes on to say that we who live in Him should not

live but unto Him. And Christ expressed the same thing when He summed up man's whole duty to God in the words:—"Love the Lord thy God with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength."

So the question quite justly comes in, what portion of the children's offerings was given because of the constraining love of Christ, and what portion was given because of a desire to see the thermometer burst? And, suppose Brother Smith did give four rupees instead of two; does it prove that the thermometer device increased Brother Smith's love to God by 100 per cent? Or did it merely benefit the treasury by the ruse of getting Brother Smith interested in a toy?

Doubtless it is as possible to go to the extreme in one direction as in the other, and extremes are not desirable or profitable. But when a tendency is noticeably strong, it is sometimes well to pause and consider.

So, in all our appeals for gifts and offerings, let us not forget the one great motive—the only motive that will make our giving profitable either to ourselves or to the cause—the love of Christ.

W. S. MEAD.

## A Tract Did It

It was during a testimony service being held one Sabbath afternoon in connection with the recent general meeting in Canton, China, that a stranger arose to tell his story of how the truth had found him in his distant village many miles inland from Canton. He had made the long journey in order to meet with those whom he had never met before, but who believed the doctrine taught in a tract that had fallen into his hands.

A year previous to this meeting one of our sisters had passed through the village

where this man lived and had left some tracts on the Sabbath question. He read one of them and was convinced as to the truthfulness of the message therein contained. He soon began the observance of the day and to tell others of the newly found light. One room of his dispensary, for he was a physician, was converted into a chapel, and on the Sabbath-day instead of carrying on his regular business, he met in his chapel with those interested in the new teaching. He soon had more than a dozen regular attendants.

He came to the general meeting at Canton bringing seven other men with him whom he had interested. Before the meeting closed he was baptised, and now he has returned to his distant village to alone hold up the light of truth until help can be sent him, or until others take their definite stand and unite their efforts with his in making known God's message in this another new field in needy China,

While the entire experience is an interesting one, the part that most interested me was the fact that "a tract did it." While we may not be able to preach like Paul, we can at least do what this sister did, and pass out the message filled literature which has been prepared for us in such abundance. Never should we be without this kind of ammunition.

C. E. WEAKS.

## Dacca

Since coming to Dacca we are coming in touch with a few good-class Hindus and Mohammedans. We have had the privilege of regularly studying Christianity with several people. Besides getting in personal touch with some, we are receiving interesting letters. The following are quotations from two interested men, one a Brahmin with whom I have had studies and the other a Mohammedan. May we ask an interest in the prayers of the TIDINGS family for these and other interested ones.

(Extract from the Brahmin's letter)

"Sir, April 15th, 1917.

. . . . I am very eager to embrace the true religion. . . . Now all my previous fickleness of mind has vanished. I am ready to till land for the sake of Christ, who sacrificed His own life to redeem us from sin. I shall come back to Dacca on the 19th May if I live through the grace of God. Kindly let me know on what day of June the annual meeting of your Mission at Dacca will come off, as I am very desirous of attending it. Kindly pray to God to bring me to light. May God help me not to slip an opportunity. Yours sincerely,

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

(Extract from the Mohammedan's letter)

April 22nd, 1917.

"Dear Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that

I have duly received your kind note of the 20th inst. Some 12 years of careful study of Biblical Holy Scriptures. . . . has now brought me to the decision of accepting the truth of it.

. . . . As I am engaged here as an Anglo-Persian teacher it is difficult for me to arrange to see you now. . . . I have passed the Entrance Examination and appeared at the final examination of Bengal Madrassah. I know Arabic, Persian, Urdu, Bengali, English and Burmese, and can speak in all the languages except Arabic and Burmese.

I like the teaching of S. D. A. Mission.

Yours obediently,

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

In a later letter the Brahmin informs me that he is resigning his post in order to attend our Bible Class in Calcutta.

L. G. MOOKERJEE.

At the present time only three German S. D. A. missionaries from East Africa are still at Ahmednagar, viz., Brethren Aberle, Lusky and Ohme. Missionary Winter was allowed to return to East Africa. Brother Toppenberg who has charge of the work in that field, and is a neutral, has been allowed to return to the mission stations, some of which had been destroyed by the natives. Brother Toppenberg has been in one of the British camps until lately with his wife and other missionaries, because of the unsettled state of the country during the recent fighting.

## Bombay Presidency News Items

Brother Stevens has completed his work in Bombay after almost eighteen months faithful service. He has delivered 1,122 copies of Heralds of the Morning, and three copies of Practical Guide, aside from many small books and the free distribution of thousands of pages of tracts and papers. This seed-sowing has exerted a good influence and will bear fruit in the kingdom. It is no easy task for our believers and workers here to say good-bye to him as he leaves to take up work in Bengal. As Brother Stevens enters this new field with increased responsibility our prayers shall follow him.

Pastor Fletcher recently spent three days counseling with us in Bombay, and planned to visit other places where we have interests, including Kalyan our only fully equipped mission, that up to this time he had not been able to visit. An important message called him away to the North, however. His sermons in

Bombay were appreciated, and at the Sunday night service when he spoke on Armageddon, we had the largest attendance that we have had on any occasion since the visit of Pastor Daniells. The assurances of recruits to fill our calls that have been standing for some time brought renewed courage to the workers who are fighting on almost single-handed.

We were glad to welcome our men back who have spent the past year in the Lucknow Training School. It was my privilege to spend a few days with them in an institute at Kalyan. We had a spiritual feast during these days, feeding on the Word during the forenoon and in the afternoons studying the Spirit of Prophecy. During the evening hour one of our men who had been in Lucknow spoke each evening in Marathi, four men speaking during the time we were together on subjects assigned. These evening services were enjoyed by the church and a few from the outside that

### Home Missionary Report

FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1917.

Society	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	35	16	37	15	63	118	2		689	3	28	1	410	18	75	9	3	64	0 0
Bombay	34	10	16	15	4	10	10	27	8112	75	47		1485				2	27	0 0
Kalyan	21	10	22	10	12	16		23	40		5	2	50		2				
Meiktila	35	3	18	7	28	24			454	16	115		120	22			19		
Lucknow	25		5	3					750				150						13 3 9
Coimbatore	36	15	12	5	149	58	8	240	109	69	28	7	52	457				1	1 0 0
Madras	14		148	135	305	177	6	24	137	24	28	33	280	41	7	21	24	4	
Nazareth	46	14	58	29	592	216	1	4	216	2	30	15	159	299			46		3 1 0
Pondicherry	28	9	22	11	128	41		92	4			54	43	34					9 2 0
Totals	274		338	230	1281	660	27	410	10511	189	281	112	2749	871	84	30	92	7	117 6 9

### Statistical Report

OF THE INDIA UNION MISSION FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1917.

	Union	Bengal	Bombay	Burma	North I.	South I.	Totals
No. churches		4	2	2	4	3	15
Membership		148	56	107	90	125	526
Companies				2	3	2	7
Membership				16	18	19	53
Total membership		148	56	123	108	144	579
No. added by baptism		6		2	3	7	18
No. added by vote							
No. dropped				2			2
Net added		6			3	7	16
Unbaptized adherents		124	5	26		108	261
European labourers :—							
Ordained ministers	2	2	3	2	2	2	13
Licensed ministers	6	3	1	3	6	1	20
Licensed missionaries (men)	5	2		2	1	1	11
" " (married women)	12	6	4	7	8	4	41
" " (unmarried " )	2	2	2	2	2		10
Teachers (not incl. above)				1			1
Canvassers " " "	6						6
Other labourers	1		1				2
Total European labourers	34	15	11	17	19	8	104
Indian labourers :—							
Licensed ministers		1		2		3	6
Licensed missionaries (men)		7			2	2	11
" " (women)				1	1	4	6
Teachers (not incl. above)		13		7	9	12	41
Canvassers " " "		4	2		4	25	35
Other labourers	24	10	11	2	4	2	53
Total Indian labourers	24	35	13	12	20	48	152
Total Eur. and Ind. labourers	58	50	24	29	39	56	256

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

came to hear. We were pleased to have some of our Gujarati brethren with us throughout these meetings.

Miss Jones is getting hold of the work at Kalyan and a large number of patients are returning. Miss Ballard who for a time was on an enteric fever case has returned to her duties at the station.

Brother Rolland Loasby and wife are now attending the language school in the hill station of Mahableshwar.

Pastor Wood, assisted by Brother Johns, has been directing the work on

the remodeling of the school chapel and completing the station well, yet keeping in touch with the work of the school and church. While working about the well, four cobras have been killed and one crite. Two of the cobras measured five and a half feet long. Doubtless it was one of these that killed one of our boys and one mission horse some time ago. The boy died about four and a half hours after being bitten. Surely the unseen angel of God has often protected our workers in the jungles.

### Sabbath-School Report

FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1917.

	No. Schools	Membership	Average Attendance	Home Dept.	Regular Offerings	13th-Sabbath Offerings	Total
<b>Bengal Mission</b>							
Calcutta (English)		70	56	12	166 0 0	100 0 0	266 0 0
Calcutta (Bengali)		70	56	10	34 6 3	22 6 3	56 12 6
East Bengal		52	46		1 4 3		1 4 6
Karmatar		98	80	25	18 9 0		18 9 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>220 3 6</b>	<b>122 6 3</b>	<b>342 9 9</b>
<b>Bombay Mission</b>							
Bombay		23	17		101 4 6	81 1 6	182 6 0
Kalyan		39	38		34 14 8		34 14 8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>55</b>		<b>136 3 2</b>	<b>81 1 6</b>	<b>217 4 8</b>
<b>Burma Mission</b>							
Kammamaung		18	17		25 9 5	3 7 9	29 1 2
Mandalay		14	8		42 5 3	15 8 0	57 13 3
Maymyo		5	4		27 0 0	4 0 0	31 0 0
Meiktila		38	32		58 9 0	7 6 9	65 15 9
Rangoon (English)		41	28		123 7 3	215 2 6	338 9 9
Rangoon (Burmese)							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>89</b>		<b>276 14 11</b>	<b>245 9 0</b>	<b>522 7 11</b>
<b>North India Mission</b>							
Agra		9	9		19 8 0		19 8 0
Chuharkana		20	15		20 14 6		20 14 6
Garhwal							
Hapur		8	8		11 8 0		11 8 0
Lucknow		50	38		80 7 6	15 1 6	95 9 0
Mussooree		25	19		55 6 9		55 6 9
Najibabad		23	23		22 7 0	1 4 6	23 11 6
Rai Bareli		5	4		4 4 3		4 4 3
Rai Bareli Out School		15	14				
Simla		41	23		241 13 9	65 8 0	307 5 9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>153</b>		<b>456 5 9</b>	<b>81 14 0</b>	<b>538 3 9</b>
<b>South India Mission</b>							
Coimbatore		54	48		21 6 2	3 10 9	25 0 11
Madras		19	15		81 14 4		81 14 4
Nazareth		103	87		17 12 4	6 11 9	24 8 1
Nazareth Out Schools		41	37		4 7 7		4 7 7
Neyyattinkara		31	21		1 7 0		1 7 0
Neyyattinkara Out Schools		14	7				
Pondicherry		32	28		10 10 9	1 2 0	11 12 9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>243</b>		<b>137 10 2</b>	<b>11 8 6</b>	<b>149 2 8</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>778</b>		<b>1227 5 6</b>	<b>552 7 3</b>	<b>1769 12 9</b>

The donations on the two Sabbaths of the Calcutta Conference were Rs. 192-7-10, making the total donations for the quarter Rs. 1962-4-7. We are glad to welcome four new schools this quarter.

A party of eight are starting out this week on tour to engage in the sale of our vernacular literature. Four thousand new Marathi *Signs of the Times* have been printed and shipped; and work on a four thousand edition of the Gujarati magazine is under way at the Lucknow Press.

G. W. PETTIT.

### Are You Doing It ?

So many followers of the Master have met together in committee meetings and other councils to lay great plans for missionary activities. This is all right, but did you ever notice how few of the plans are ever worked out? Something invariably interferes. The enthusiasm soon

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dies, other cares are pressing, and so the work is never done. On this point the editor of the *Sunday School Times* has written:

"Best methods of doing things usually are not nearly so important as *doing* things. It is often not difficult to work out a really brilliant plan for doing a certain piece of Christian work, but a method one-tenth as good is far more effective if the method is *worked*—if the thing really gets *done*. Many Christians would have surprisingly new results in their prayer life if they stopped trying for a perfect prayer plan and, plunging ahead with a blundering plan—*prayed*. The best way to arrive at the best method for doing anything may be by actually getting it done by the poorer method just at hand."

We thought all our people knew that *The Signs of the Times* has done, and expects to do, much in bringing the gospel to the English-speaking population of India. Brother Raymond could tell you something about it; and our evangelists in the presidency centres can also. Isn't it time for each S. D. A. family in India to subscribe to our local papers and get others to do so too?

Born, to Mr. and Mrs G. F. Furnival, a son, May 27, 1917.

## Canvassing Report

FOR APRIL, 1917

HERALDS OF THE MORNING	Hours	Orders	Rs. Value
H. A. Skinner, (del)	77	51	360 8 0
R. A. Thrift,	68	39	469 8 0
W. H. Stevens, (del)	47	40	381 0 0
Helps Sold			33 0 0
Totals	192	130	1211 0 0

## Magazine Sales

ENGLISH LITERATURE	No. Agts.	Hours	Subs.	Copies	Helps	Rs. Value
F. O. Raymond		168	122	18	118	652 12 0
H. G. Woodward			74	21	24	214 12 0
VERNACULAR						
Bengal (Calcutta)	7	1466	126	3484		89 7 6
(East Bengal)	6	389	132	783	55	46 6 3
North India	4	287	7	1257		48 0 3
South India						
Tamil	8	772	39	198	65	71 13 8
Telugu	6	255	18	255	91	29 3 6
Malayalam	10	1628	37	406	47	40 10 0
Totals	41	4965	555	6422	400	1193 1 2