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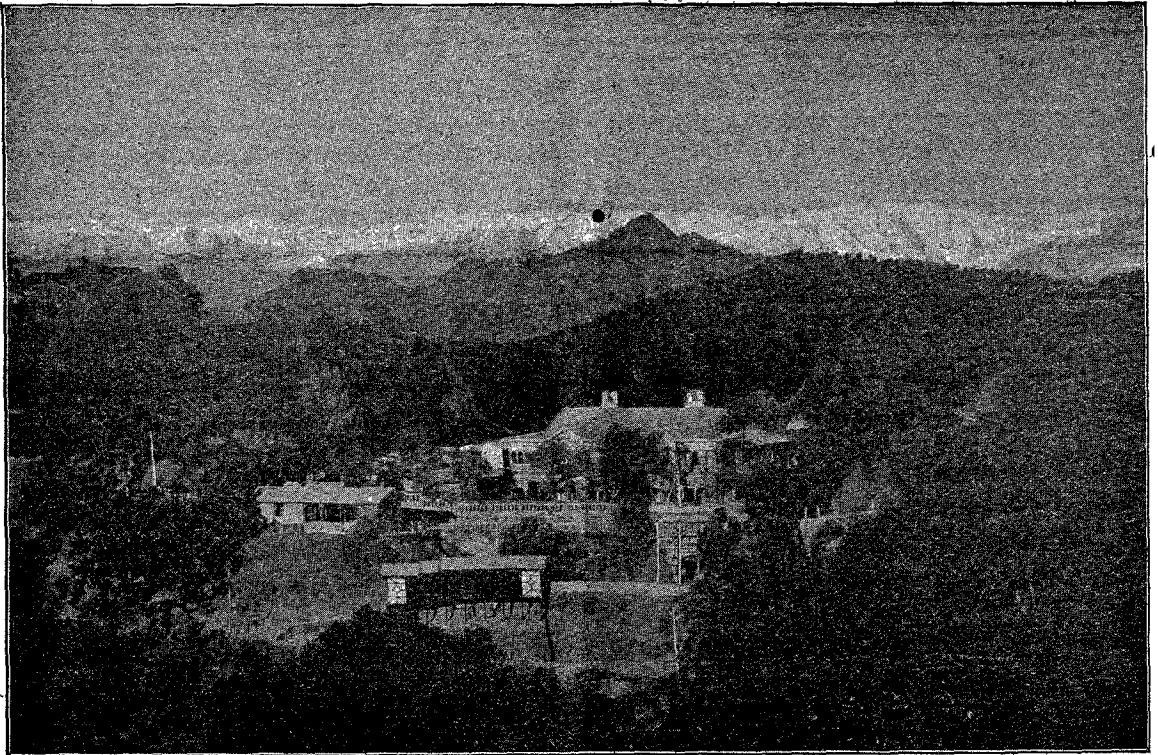
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Baptism in Simla

Sabbath, August 4th, seven very earnest and happy souls were baptised. This result represents faithful co-operation on the part of the Simla church, and together we rejoice in welcoming

with the equipment of the institution. July was our heaviest month in the medical work, and August bids fair as a close rival.

Miss Chilton's discoveries in the zena-



"BELVEDERE," SIMLA

Containing Treatment Rooms, Chapel, and Residence of Dr. Menkel

these new members into our communion.

The Hydro was favoured by a visit from Hon. Col. Hendley, Inspector General of Hospitals for the Punjab. The Colonel expressed himself as pleased

nas of Simla confirm our previous convictions that this station offers a splendid field for permanent work in the vernacular.

H. C. MENKEL, M. D.

Bombay Presidency

The workers of our division have enjoyed the association and labours of Pastor Fletcher and Brother Williams at our general meeting. Pastor Fletcher's stay in our field at this time was fully twice as long as any visit from previous Union presidents. It enabled him to more fully appreciate our problems.

Miss Jones, who has been looking after the medical work in the absence of Sister Wood from Kalyan, is now enjoying a much-needed rest in Mussoorie. Sister Wood is again taking up her regular work and is much improved in health.

Brother Roland Loasby successfully passed his second year in Marathi just before our general meeting, one year and four months after coming to this field. He spoke twice in Marathi during the meeting, which was greatly appreciated.

The local committee, in counsel with Pastor Fletcher and Brother Williams, voted to ask Brother and Sister Loasby to locate near Manmad, 162 miles from Bombay on the main line of the G. I. P.

Ry. to Delhi. Brother Peter Shindi, one of our Indian workers, was asked to join Brother Loasby in labour at this place. Let us remember these workers at the throne of grace as they seek a favourable opening in this new centre of the Marathi field.

During June and July, excepting the first week in June and the last week of July, our Indian workers sold Rs. 295 worth of literature. They have worked hard and God has signally blessed their efforts.

At 4 P.M., August 6th, Brother John Balid was united in marriage to one of our Marathi nurses, Sarah, of Kalyan. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Wood in the Mission chapel which was decorated with green foliage and flowers. Some thirty friends were present. After the marriage, refreshments were served, and the day following, the happy couple left for Lucknow. The prayers of the Marathi church will follow them that they may both serve the cause of present truth until the work is done.

The Asiatic Division Meeting

It will not do for me to more than tell here the personal impressions received from the meeting at Shanghai, as more detailed reports will have reached you, but of that portion of the meeting which we were able to attend we desire to give a few paragraphs.

As mentioned in our previous letter, we arrived in Shanghai on Sabbath evening, Friday, April 18th. The next morning Pastor Daniels took the service at 9:30, and after speaking for some time on the seriousness of the present and the problems before us in these great eastern lands, the meeting was thrown open to the workers present and opportunity given to

many to speak, or to place before the congregation their request for special prayer. The hour was fully occupied and deep spiritual lessons were learned from the experience of those who spoke. One feature of the meeting was the testimony of the Chinese and Korean workers who spoke through an interpreter of their courage and trust in God. One Chinese brother, on becoming a Christian, had been persecuted and tortured almost beyond human endurance by his father. He was burned with live coals as one means of making him recant, and bears to this day the scars of those bitter trials. There were others who amid much opposition

stood the test, and it would have done your hearts good to see the calm joy which lighted their smiling faces as they told their love for Christ.

A similar meeting took place the following Sabbath, and still others, European and native, took part in the consecration hour. God was abundantly present by His Spirit, and the three hours spent together on each occasion will be remembered, not by their length, but by the blessings received.

In the councils of the standing committees India was represented by Pastor James on the nominating and the writer on the plans and resolutions committee. Long sessions and plenty of hard work

is preferred by many, but the final decision was left to the Division Committee for fuller investigation and consideration.

When the day came for the meeting to break up, the closing service was made the most touching and long-to-be-remembered of the session, for it had been selected as the time for the ordination of the fourteen young men who had been recommended by the committee to the full work of the gospel ministry. Four of the number were Chinese evangelists who had made full proof of their ministry. The hour was one of sacred nearness to the Father, of reconsecration, and heart searching. When the service closed it was a moment of rejoicing to grasp by

"I think nothing has struck my mind more forcibly in this country (Kuruman) than the necessity of the Holy Spirit's influence in the work of conversion. At home I felt it, but here no sooner do we become intimately acquainted with the character of the people than the mind is overwhelmingly convinced that without Divine aid nothing can be done with them. This makes me entreat the earnest prayers of all my friends. I entreat yours. I feel that I might live all my life here and do nothing to advance the period when the Redeemer shall see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied. I implore your prayers that I may be made wise to win souls."
—A letter of David Livingstone, 1843.

marked every stage of the meeting in these committees. There were also in session a credentials and licenses committee, a financial committee, and the Division executive committee.

Steps were taken in all lines tending toward more complete organization and more definite plans for the work of the entire Division. Some of these will affect India, others were qualified to meet the peculiar conditions existing in our own and some other fields.

There seemed to be a growing feeling that the Division headquarters should be located elsewhere than at Shanghai, and it is anticipated that either Singapore or Hongkong would be selected. Singapore

the hand and welcome to the sacred calling these whom God had called to His service.

The days following were full of partings with newly-formed friends. We had been privileged to know brethren from Australia, the Philippines, Malaysia, Japan, Korea, Manchuria, and North and South China. From the borders of Tibet came Brother Warren. He there came in contact with people of India, Mohammedan traders, and enquiries were made about the literature we publish in the language of these people.

But time or space will not permit of here telling more of the story. God was near; we came close together; new friends

were made; the Far East became more of a reality to us in the touch of those of kindred faith, ideals, sacrifice and labour; and we went forth from the

meeting the more determined to share with our fellow-workers in all lands the final triumphs of the Cross in the Asiatic fields.
S. A. WELLMAN.

Calcutta Treatment Rooms

July has been a record month for the gentlemen's side. 39 separate patients came, and 216 treatments were given, which brought in Rs. 1053. For this we are thankful to God who sent us the patients and to whom we desire to ascribe all the praise. We realize we are but humble instruments in the Master's service. We have aimed to reach the four figure mark and it has at last been attained.

My motto is, "Work and Pray." I was willing to work, and prayed for patients, and the Lord sent them in answer to prayer, I believe. My first patient comes at 8.40 A. M., and the last at 8 P. M., and being alone and spending an average of an hour on each, it keeps one going. I am thankful to say that I can still cast a pretty big shadow.

While we have cause to be thankful for the financial success, we are also grateful for the opportunities of seed-sowing that come our way and we endeavour to use them to the best of our ability.

We must tender our best thanks to Dr. Kennedy who is not only taking treatments himself but has also sent us quite a number of patients. Among our patrons are the Metropolitan, a judge of the High Court, a couple of barristers, five merchants, four doctors—one a doctor of law,—one director of the Zoological Survey, one director of the Botanical Survey, a deputy accountant general, the general manager of *The Statesman*, and others of various vocations.

I have had some very interesting discussions with patients who always broached the subject of religion first.

One patient remarked that from a Bible standpoint it appeared to him logical and sound, but he did not believe in the inspiration of the Bible as a whole, but thought parts were inspired. I tried to point out the dangerous ground he was on. This gentleman in particular is a merchant of the city, an active worker in the Y. M. C. A., and always identifies himself with Christianity.

Another patient, an Oxonian who is versed in the classics and Hebrew and Greek, and a past master of sophistry, admitted that our presentation of the Bible was intelligent and clear; but he unfortunately added, "I do not accept the inspiration of the Bible." While I stood as one of the unlearned fishermen before these men, I am thankful to say my faith has not been shaken; but on the contrary, strengthened. I have yet to come across a learned person who is able to controvert a plain, Thus saith the Lord, especially in regard to the Sabbath.

J. H. REAGAN.

A woman came to a missionary at Bangalore, asking him to interfere and prevent a certain native Christian from praying for her any more. When asked how she knew the Christian was praying for her she replied, "I used to perform my worship to the idols quite comfortably, but for some time past I have not been able to do so. Besides, he told me at one time that he was praying for my family, and now my son and two daughters have become Christians. If he goes on praying he may make me become a Christian too. He is always bringing things to pass with his prayers. Somebody must make him stop."—*The Missionary Herald*.

Were You the 'Recorder'?

Lest someone be tempted to think the articles on Church Recording were uncalled for, I wish to relate some recent experiences.

I know one of our European mission workers who is today not a member of the S.D.A. Church, but through no fault of her own. After landing in India and learning that she would be located at D— she wrote home for a church letter, and in due time was properly accepted by vote of the D— church as a member. Two or three years later, upon being transferred, she asked for a letter of transfer to the church at F— and was informed that no record could be found of her ever having been a member at D—.

Recently a young lady wished to join the church at M— but was not sure whether her membership was in A— or

B—. Upon writing to both places she received letters of transfer from *both*.

Brother and Sister E. lived alone at X—, but their church membership was at L—. Eventually a new church was formed at X— and they were admitted to it but were not dropped from the church roll at L— till two years later when someone questioned how they could belong to two churches at one time.

Brother and Sister J. accepted the truth and joined the church in O—. Upon moving to S— they took with them letters of transfer which were duly accepted. After some two years they discovered that they were members neither of O— nor of S—.

Were you the 'Recorder'?

Other incidents must wait till I say something on another phase of the "system."

W. S. MEAD.

Perspective

Perspective is the placing of all things in their proper relationship. In the work of an artist things must be drawn in proportion. If he should forget perspective, things distant and relatively unimportant would appear to over-tower and diminish the importance of the objects in the foreground. So in word pictures we must place the words and thoughts in their proper relation, one to the other.

Some of us are colporteurs, some are medical men, educators, financiers, and others are evangelists. Too much emphasis cannot be placed on any one of these lines of work, for it may result in the detriment of others, and the true perspective is lost. God has ordained

that all these should work together harmoniously.

Here lies the efficacy of committee work. By counsel and guidance from others in meetings, where all classes of workers come together, we are saved from making rash moves in our own lines of endeavour, which might prove detrimental to the cause as a whole.

In history and general knowledge perspective is needful and important. As students of prophecy, history is absolutely essential to us. As men and women who have a message to give to the world we must not appear ignorant before those of broad and educated minds.

In history we cannot read a portion here and another there and hope to

understand the reasons which underlie the movements of nations; neither can "the hand of God in history" be fully discerned.

There is danger of reading only those parts of history which will serve our purposes in the exposition of Daniel 2, or the great red dragon, and of leaving unread and unstudied vast epochs of history, the understanding of which is essential if we are to have the true perspective and know the true relation of parts to the whole. As one carefully reads the history of the ancient city states of old Babylon, of Assyria, of later Babylon, Media, Persia, Greece, and Rome, of the Europe of the middle Ages, and the complex relations of the modern nations, he sees unmistakably God's mysterious leading. And, furthermore, he misses the errors which may arise by not having the historical context in his mind.

There are portions of Scripture, partic-

ularly in the Old Testament prophets, which can only be properly understood in the light which history lets shine upon the sacred pages. True, their promises and their exhortations are profitable and essential; yet, how much clearer and distinct is the meaning and import to the mind of one familiar with the historical setting, if, at the same time, his mind is endowed with the Holy Spirit.

General knowledge is also necessary. There are those who say that science is incompatible with the statements of Scripture. But barring a few hypotheses and unproved theories, we find that not one fact of science is out of harmony with Holy Writ. If we have studied true science, our own faith is strengthened and we are able to be a help to others.

Meanwhile, however, we should put first things first—let the Word be our daily portion. F. W. SMITH.

How to Protect the Children

"Parents, help your children. Arouse from the lethargy which has been upon you. Watch continually to cut off the current, and roll back the weight of evil which Satan is pressing in upon your children. The children cannot do this of themselves, but parents can do much. By earnest prayer and living faith great victories will be gained. Some parents have not realized the responsibilities resting upon them, and have neglected the religious education of their children. In the morning the Christian's first thoughts should be upon God. Worldly labour and self-interest should be secondary. Children should be taught to respect and reverence the hour of prayer.

Before leaving the house for labour, all the family should be called together, and the father, or the mother in the father's absence, should plead fervently with God to keep them through the day. Come in humility, with a heart full of tenderness, and with a sense of the temptations and dangers before yourselves and your children; by faith bind them upon the altar, entreating for them the care of the Lord. *Ministering angels will guard children who are thus dedicated to God.* It is the duty of Christian parents morning and evening, by earnest prayer and persevering faith, to make a hedge about their children."—*Volume 1, pages 397-398.*

Statistical Report

OF THE INDIA UNION MISSION FOR SECOND QUARTER, 1917.

	Union	Bengal	Bombay	Burma	North I.	South I.	Totals
No. churches		2	2	1	4	3	12
Membership		100	54	50	103	130	437
Companies		4			3	2	9
Membership		66			14	20	100
Total membership		166	54	50	117	150	537
No. added by baptism				2	6	10	18
No. added by vote		4			11		15
No. dropped					9		9
Net added		4		2	8	10	24
Unbaptized adherents		128	5	26	78	155	392
European labourers :—							
Ordained ministers	2	2	3	2	1	1	11
Licensed ministers	6	3	1	3	6	1	20
Licensed missionaries (men)	6	2		2	1		10
" " (married women)	14	6	4	7	7	2	40
" " (unmarried ")	2	1	1		1		5
Teachers (not incl. above)				1			1
Canvassers " " "	4						4
Other labourers			1				1
Total European labourers	34	14	10	15	15	4	92
Indian labourers :—							
Ordained ministers		1				1	2
Licensed ministers				2		2	4
Licensed missionaries (men)		2					2
" " (women)					1		1
Teachers (not incl. above)		13	1	8	13	17	52
Canvassers " " "		6			2	20	28
Other labourers	*24	6	1		8	5	44
Total Indian labourers	24	28	2	10	24	45	133
Total Eur. and Ind. labourers	58	42	12	25	39	49	225

*Press employees, including Hindus and Mohammedans.

Burma church membership statistics do not include Rangoon. After repeated inquiries we are still unable to get any definite information; therefore, nothing appears for that place either in Local Mission or Union Mission totals.

From the figures available for this report, the membership of the European community of the Mission stands at 249; the Indian membership is 288.

Of the unbaptized adherents, 363 are Indians and 29 Europeans.

All labourers under direct control of, or those employed in, institutions controlled by the Union Mission are enumerated in the Union column.

The Asiatic Division Meeting

(Concluded from August number)

Whereas, Unavoidable circumstances prevented Pastor W. W. Fletcher, president of the India Union Mission, and Brother A. H. Williams, treasurer, delegates to this Conference, from being with us and sharing the blessings and privileges of the meeting; therefore,

Resolved, That we express to them our keen regret at their absence, and assure them that we have missed them from our midst, and extend to them and to the workers in India our Christian greetings and prayers for their health, and the prosperity of the cause of God in that field.

Voted, That the following-named persons be recommended for ordination and the granting of ministerial credentials: H. J. Doolittle, M. C. Warren, K. H. Wood, O. B. Kuhn, Wu Dj Shah, Han Giao Si, Mo Gi Ren, Du Fu Dzi, P. V. Thomas, C. E. Weeks, J. G. White, W. E. Gillis, S. G. White, A. L. Ham.

The closing day of the Conference was devoted very largely to spiritual instruction and to consecration services, the business having been practically finished. The afternoon praise service was one characterized by much of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. The last evening was given wholly to the ordination service and to parting words of counsel and encouragement from visiting brethren. Those recommended for ordination were solemnly set apart to the gospel ministry, and charged to preach the word to the waiting multitudes with which they are surrounded in these populous lands. A more fitting close could not have been planned. The memories of the meeting are linked inseparably with the memory of that solemn service when our

brethren, foreign and native, were set apart to holy service, and bidden go to the ends of the earth to proclaim saving truth. God is preparing the way for the finishing of His work speedily; and it is our high privilege to do our part with fidelity, pressing on, ever on, till Jesus comes.

J. E. FULTON,

President.

C. C. CRISLER,

Secretary.

(From Report for Review and Herald)

The India Union Training School at Lucknow will open, D. V., September 26th.

The classic of current literature on Mohammedanism is "The Moslem World." All who are working among the Moslems should not be without it. Order from the C. L. S., Madras.

A church of ninety-one has been established by our fellow-labourers on the island of Mauritius near the great field of Madagascar which we have not yet entered.

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