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India Union Mission Committee Meeting

A full session of the India Union Committee was held at Lucknow from the 8th to the 18th of November. We were glad to have with us Brethren J. E. Fulton and F. H. De Vinney, and were greatly helped by their labours. The meeting was marked throughout by a unity of spirit and aim that made the work easy and pleasant. This encourages us also to expect that the Lord will work greatly on behalf of His truth as

our Indian educational work as well. This will mean that in 1919 we will need to raise means in our own field to support all branches of the Indian work, except the literature work, which will still receive some financial help from the General Conference.

What will it cost to support the lines of work for which the India Union Mission will be responsible in 1919? The fact that

Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle. Every day you shall wonder at yourself, at the richness of life which has come to you by the grace of God.

—*Phillips Brooks.*

we seek with one accord to carry it forward.

One purpose of the meeting was to prepare estimates for the future needs of the work, to be submitted to the committee of the Asiatic Division Conference, and later to the General Conference. The preparation of the annual budget is becoming a much less difficult task since we have set out in the direction of bearing the responsibility of raising within our own field the funds needed to support certain branches of the work. We are not asking for General Conference help during 1918 for the support of our Indian evangelistic work and medical work. In 1919 we are to go a big step farther and undertake the support of

about Rs. 64,000 was provided to carry on these same lines of work during 1917 will give some idea of what the 1919 requirements will be. Our treasurer estimates that our receipts from tithes and offerings within the union for 1917 will total about Rs. 50,000. It is evident that the increasing responsibilities that are being placed on us will call for care and economy in expenditure, and also for faithfulness on our part and liberality in giving to the cause.

The brethren who have charge of the work in the various divisions of the field are of good courage and strong in faith that with the Lord's help we will be able to do all that has been asked of us. The fact that in 1914, the first year of the war, our in-

come from tithes and offerings was less than Rs. 30,000, and that it has steadily increased until this year it will probably reach Rs. 50,000, an increase of about sixty-six per cent in three years, affords us good reason to hope that it will not be beyond our strength to carry the added financial burdens of the next two years. The knowledge that our work in India is growing strong enough to lift a larger share of the burden that has been carried so many years by the General Conference should be a source of encouragement to all.

Calls for New Workers

After a careful study of the needs of our field and the present distribution of our forces, the brethren have decided to make an earnest appeal for the following missionaries to be added to our present staff:—

- For the Bengal Mission,—six families.
- „ „ Bombay Mission,—three families.
- „ „ Burma Mission,—one family.
- „ „ North India Mission,—four families.
- „ „ South India Mission,—six families.

This makes a total of twenty families, of which number all but two are intended for vernacular work. There are also some additional calls that are being made for institutional workers. Let us in our prayers ask the Lord of the harvest to raise up these much needed labourers and send them to India.

Ordination Service

On Sabbath, November 17th, an ordination service was held. Brethren A. H. Williams and M. M. Mattison were set apart to the gospel ministry by the laying on of hands. Pastor Fulton delivered the sermon and the ordination prayer, Pastor DeVinney gave the charge, and the writer welcomed the brethren to the work of the ministry on behalf of the India Union Mission. There were six others of our ordained

ministers present. It was a solemn and impressive service.

On the 19th of November Brother Fulton and Brother and Sister DeVinney left Lucknow with Brother Pettit to visit the Bombay field, intending to go on later to South India.

The members of our committee have returned to their fields thankful for the blessings received from our Heavenly Father during our meeting together, and hopeful for a speedy development of the work of giving the message to the people of India.

W. W. FLETCHER.

The "Asiatic Division Outlook"

The India Union Mission is a part of the Asiatic Division Conference, and we are not only interested but vitally concerned in the work of that organisation. The official organ of the Asiatic Division Conference is the *Asiatic Division Outlook*. That paper will keep our workers in touch with matters that affect the whole Asiatic field. There are no doubt many members of our English churches who would like to become subscribers for the "Outlook," and who would be greatly benefitted by the view the paper gives of the widely extended work of the Division.

The *Asiatic Division Outlook* is issued bi-monthly, and the subscription price is seventy-five cents gold (Rs. 2-6) per annum.

W. W. F.

No men would ever have been brought back to God if Christ had not made a personal effort for them, and it is by this personal work that we can rescue souls.

Christ is seeking to reproduce Himself in the hearts of men; and He does this through those who believe in Him.

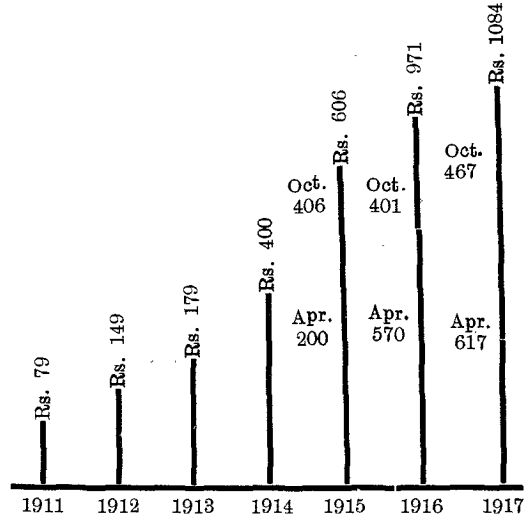
There are conditions to the fulfilment of God's promises, and prayer can never take the place of duty.

Ingathering at Nazareth

Our second Ingathering Service for this year was held in the last week of October. Rs. 467 were realized in tithes and offerings. In the month of April Rs. 617 were received. So these two services in this year have brought in Rs. 1084. The accompanying diagram will show what has been accomplished and how the offerings are growing. We do hope and pray that the Lord will bless all those honest souls who have been so faithful in helping His cause with their liberal donations.

The students and teachers of our school are at present working very hard for the half-yearly examination which will come off in the middle of December. After this examination the school will be closed for a few days.

We are well and of good courage, pressing the battle forward. E. D. THOMAS.



Suggestive Programme

For Sabbath-School Consecration Service December 22, 1917

(By Asiatic Division Sabbath-School Department)

- Song by the School "Christ in Song" No. 384.
- Scripture Reading Psalms 32
(To be read responsively, or by a distinct reader)
- Prayer
- Secretary's report
- Special Song (preferably, a solo)..... "Christ in Song" No. 599.
- Lesson Study for the day in classes. as usual.
- Consecration Exercise.

In the senior division, these exercises may consist of a brief talk by the chosen leader on the aim in holding consecration services; a brief review of the important times in which we are living; and the reading of the last two paragraphs ("The day of God's vengeance. . . . wash away the stains of sin") on page 212 "Testimony for the Church," Vol. 5, and first two paragraphs ("In this life we must meet. . . . hear and answer your petitions") on page 215 of the same book.

Follow this with a personal appeal to every unconverted pupil to give his or her heart to God. While the pupils are responding to the invitation, No. 5 in "Christ and Song" may be expressively and feelingly rendered by the school, or by a chosen quartette.

In the intermediate and primary division, the time of this special programme may take the form of a "Candle Exercise."

Close the school by prayer.

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Candle Exercise for Intermediate and Primary Departments

Each teacher should have previously provided as many little candles (these may be of the small coloured variety) as there are members in the class. Give each child a candle. Ask how many of the children have previously accepted Christ, and light a corresponding number, at the same time placing them on a table or stand, out of the children's reach to avoid accidents with fire. Call attention to the fact that some are hard to light, while others are easy; so with the children,—some willingly and quickly give their hearts to Jesus, others hesitate and must be urged. Jesus wants us to be the light of the world, and the world is so dark that He needs *every one* of our lights; He wants *yours* burning brightly.

If time will permit, some child previously appointed and assisted by the teacher, could tell the story of the Ten Virgins. Draw lessons from the part the "oil" plays in the lamp or candle. Note that if a child becomes careless or neglects Jesus, his candle goes out.

If some child has been instrumental in bringing a little friend to Sabbath-school, who has thus been led to Jesus, emphasize and illustrate that he is thus taking his candle and helping to light his friend's

candle. How great should be the rejoicing if any of your class have this great privilege today!

Probably by this time some of the candles will be burning dimly; if so, trim, or "snuff" the candle, and show that this is what happens when sins choke our Christian experience. The "snuffing" is like putting away sins, and enables us to rededicate our lives to Jesus, as we hope all will do here today.

Notice to Subscribers

It appears that some of our subscribers are still having trouble with their local postmasters owing to the fact that their copies of *Tidings* are sent in covers stamped for one pice only. We would assure all that the one pice stamp is sufficient, and in cases of difficulty they should refer the postmaster to section 72 of the Post Office Guide. *Refuse to pay the excess postage demanded and send a note by the delivery postman, drawing attention to the above quoted rule.*

A. H. WILLIAMS.

Important Notice

The time has come to collect material for another Harvest Ingathering magazine. We trust that all will feel free to send in contributions and photographs which may be of use in representing India. Please be sure that the photographs are clear and distinct, with the name of the place or persons noted on the back, and the name of the photographer. Send all contributions before the 1st of January, 1918, to The Secretary, India Union Mission of S. D. A. 17 Abbott Road, Lucknow.

If the servants of God will walk with Him in faith, He will give power to their message. . . . Christ will perform wonderful miracles if men will but do their God-given part.

All upon whom God's blessing has been bestowed are to respond by actual service.