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Calcutta Treatment Rooms

The year 1917 has been a banner year for the treatment rooms, for which we are thankful. Our motto is "Work and Pray," and I believe the Lord sent us the patients in answer to prayer.

We have had the best year since we have operated the treatment rooms, both in regard to the number of patients as well as in the amount taken in. Our medical receipts amounted to Rs. 11,187-2-0. Hitherto our highest receipts for a year were Rs. 9,000. We also had a record month in July for the gentlemen's department, and took in Rs. 1,053-8-0. This year we hope to average Rs. 1,000 per mensem, and the outlook is promising. January has already broken the record for both sides: Gentlemen, 245 treatments and Rs. 1,091; Ladies, 126 treatments and Rs. 623 receipts, a total of 371 treatments and Rs. 1,714 receipts. We had set our goal for 100 pounds and I am thankful to say we have surpassed it the very first month.

We have had quite a number of influential patients who are well up the rungs of the official and commercial ladder. Advantage was taken of every opportunity to sow beside all waters. Not a single patient who has come to us went away without hearing some phase of the truth.

We have been favoured with a goodly patronage from the Bench and the Bar. Among our patients are the Chief Justice of Bengal and three of his judges of the High Court, besides a judge from England who

is president of the Sedition Commission; a judge from the Allahabad High Court, and still another judge from the Madras High Court. We also have coming to us several of the leading barristers.

In the commercial line there have been the president of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce, the *burra sahibs* of Bird & Co., Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Hoare, Miller & Co., and some others. Amongst the tradesmen, the Master of



Trades. Of Government officials, Director of Public Instruction, Members of Railway Board, the Bishop of Calcutta, and a member of the Bengal Executive Council. We esteem it a privilege to be of some little help to those who are suffering ailments to which humanity is prone, and also to be able to give them the reason of the hope that is within us.

On the Harvest Ingathering for 1917, we were favoured with Rs. 410 from our

patients. I sent a copy of this year's campaign number to the Bishop of Calcutta, and His Lordship wrote me as follows:

"I am much obliged to you for sending me a copy of the Harvest Ingathering. I

appreciate all work that is being done in obedience to the command of our blessed Lord and in accordance with His will, and I trust His blessing will rest upon what you are thus doing for Him."

J. H. REAGAN.

Lonavla

It is some time since the friends of TIDINGS had any news of our small community here. We have a very nice little place where we meet every Sabbath. There is a large room which is the meeting hall, one small room for the infant class, and two other rooms for the missionary who comes up to take Sabbath services. We should be glad to have any of our friends who would like a change from the plains, come and stay in our meeting house. All one would need would be a Primus stove, bed, some crockery and cutlery. It is a very quiet part of the station. Many of our friends

who have come up have liked the place.

Though few in number, we have our Sabbath-school every week with an attendance ranging from ten to twelve a Sabbath. One of our Sabbath-school members is soon to follow their Lord in baptism. We long to see our school fulfilling its God-given purpose more fully and see many being led to the Master during this year. To this end we earnestly ask for the prayers of God's people. Our joy will be in meeting friends and loved ones in the earth made new whom we have brought into the truth.

MRS. C. BROWN.

The Winter Vacation at Open View Mission School Garhwal

Late last fall Mrs. Smith and myself went down to Najibabad, hoping to prepare ourselves for our second Hindi examination; but in this we were disappointed. Certain actions of the India Union Committee concerning the work of the school made alterations and improvements on the mission property necessary, which could best be done during the winter months. About this time the former head-master resigned, leaving no one to look after this work, so it was decided that we return here for the winter. This has prevented our obtaining the help of a pandit in study of the language. However, I have been studying as much as possible by myself.

The winter has been profitably spent in other ways. A large amount of manual labour has kept us in good trim physically,

and travelling about the mountains of Garhwal has helped us much to understand the people and get acquainted with their ways.

Plastering, white washing, painting, and other general repairs to buildings, roofing the barn, fencing certain portions of the tillable land etc., represent the most of the manual labour and improvements.

We have also secured a new corps of teachers, the majority of whom are Christians. This we also feel to be a great blessing. The winter holidays close March 12th, at which time the work of the school will be resumed.

Our hearts have been saddened by the death of Ruth, the wife of Admatha Howard. For some two months she had been ill from what appeared to be acute

tuberculosis, together with other complications. She had been with us in Chelusain for some time, but expressing a desire to be with her mother she was taken, but passed away before reaching home. Word was sent me at once and Mrs. Smith and myself went to them as quickly as possible. Sabbath, February 16th, we laid her to rest on the hillside near her home. A short burial service in the vernacular was conducted by the writer for the benefit of the few Hindu

relatives and friends who gathered at the grave. We believe Ruth will be among those who will be resurrected to live with her Redeemer throughout eternity.

As school opens again and as we grapple with the problems of evangelizing the Garhwali people in their homes, as well as in the school, we sincerely ask the prayers of all those who may read this report.

F. W. SMITH.

Khulna and Gopalgunj

On Friday, February 14th, I started on a trip to East Bengal. I spent Friday and Sabbath in Khulna with our little company there, including our workers, Brother and Sister Poddar, and six independent Sabbath-keepers. Among the latter are one merchant, one raj mistry, and a cook. The cook is an artist in his line, earning Rs. 30 a month. On Friday he prepares the food for Sabbath, leaving his assistant in charge to do the serving on that day, enabling him to keep the Sabbath without any difficulty. I held three meetings with the believers in Khulna and was quite encouraged at the prospects for the work there.

On Sunday I arrived in Gopalgunj where I spent several busy days in counseling with Brother Mookerjee and the other workers regarding arrangements for the work in that part of the field. The prospects for the work in East Bengal are bright. On his recent tour Brother Mookerjee baptized twenty-five persons, most of whom have been keeping the Sabbath for some time. There are still others who are being prepared to unite with us. About Rs. 150 in tithes and offerings was taken in. Considering the poverty of the people this is quite a sum, and encourages us to expect greater things in the future.

Much of the prejudice which has existed heretofore has disappeared and a more friendly spirit is coming in toward our

people in East Bengal, and the present is an opportune time to push forward the work.

Plans have been laid for a Bible Institute to be held in Gopalgunj in May and June, by Brother Mookerjee, for the benefit of certain new members who have embraced the Sabbath and wish further instruction. We hope to secure some more workers for the canvassing field as the result of this Bible Institute.

The Week of Prayer

The week of prayer was entered into heartily by the members of our churches in Calcutta and as a result much blessing was received.

The students in our Bengali schools sought the Lord for a higher experience and for more power to live the life of Christ. Nearly all made a thorough consecration of all to the Lord and to His work. The offering was also made a subject of prayer, as a result of which we were gratified to see the best offering we have ever had in our Bengali church here, so far as my knowledge extends, the total amounting to Rs. 352-10-0. The students who spend part of the day in canvassing set aside a large share of their profits for the week, and those engaged in other lines were allowed to do overtime work. They were also given the pice which they saved by fasting to add to their donation. The offering in the English church amounted to something over Rs. 400.

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Health Hints for Adventist Missionaries in India

The mosquito net should never be dispensed with unless it be in the hills or during the cold weather in North India where local conditions must be considered. A little extra trouble in carrying the net while travelling and putting it up under inconvenient conditions will be well repaid. In very malarious districts during the malarial season quinine prophylaxis can be advantageously used. Five grains of the bi-hydrochloride of quinine three times during the day one day in the week will answer.

Any bowel trouble, no matter how trivial, should be attended to at once. Every day that a condition of this kind lingers makes it that much harder to overcome. Chronic bowel complaint is sufficient cause to invalid one home.

A small medical case containing drugs that will cover the diseases common in India is a valuable adjunct to the outfit of the missionary, especially if his work takes him away from the centres into the districts. The writer has given time and thought in putting up a small medicine case to meet the needs of the lay missionary and he will be glad to assist the missionary in providing himself with one of these cases.

The missionary who has not been vaccinated against smallpox and inoculated against typhoid fever should consider it a serious offense. These are means placed at our disposal for the prevention of disease and the saving of life. No comment is needed on the value of vaccination against smallpox as the statistics are convincing enough; and the results obtained in the armies at war on the continent in keeping down typhoid by inoculation ought to convince the most skeptical.

Finally, worrying and fretting will shorten one's stay in the tropics. The conditions under which one has to labour are such that tend to constant irritation to the nervous system. When we consider that nervous conditions are the greatest cause of invaliding home, and especially those of a functional type, among all of the missionary organizations in all tropical countries, one needs to exercise great self-control and not let the little things of life bother him. A serene, patient attitude and a life filled with the spirit of Christ, will avoid many causes that tend to invalid one home.

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The Christian Literature Society now advertises the *Indian Missionary Manual* for only Rs. 1. This is one of the best books we have ever read for all round advice to missionaries, old and young, even though it is a bit out of date. We trust all who do not own a copy will avail themselves of this opportunity. The Rev. W. Hooper has just written a new book entitled *The Hindustani Language* which is highly recommended by the Society. They say, "It explains just the difficulties which most munshis either cannot or, at least, usually fail to elucidate." The price is Rs. 1-14.

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