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## South India

In looking over my file of the TIDINGS I find that it has been some time since I have reported anything from South India. This is not because we have not had anything to report, but because we have been so busy that we have not had time to report it.

When Brethren Fulton and DeVinney were down to see us, I had the opportunity of going with them on tour to visit our stations in South India. We found the work

work. Recently I was over there to visit some of those whom he has interested in the truth, and while there baptized four persons that have taken their stand as a result of his work.

We found the church at Pondicherry also in a flourishing condition. In addition to his translating work, Brother Devasahayam is carrying on systematic Bible work with energy, and it is bearing fruit. Re-

### A Thought for the Month

Do not look on your work as a dull duty. If you choose, you can make it interesting. Throw your heart into it, master its meaning, trace out the causes and previous history, consider it in all its bearings, think how many even the humblest labour may benefit, and there is scarcely one of our duties which we may not look to with enthusiasm. You will get to love your work, and if you do it with delight, you will do it with ease. Even if at first you find this impossible, if for a time it seems mere drudgery, this may be just what you require; it may be good like mountain air to brace up your character.—*Lord Avebury.*

in a very encouraging condition all along the line. The little church in Madras is alive and active. The brethren were greatly encouraged by having their leader, Brother P. C. Poley, ordained to the gospel ministry. The Lord has blessed Brother Poley in his ministry, and we feel sure that more blessings await him as he labours in Madras for the salvation of souls. Brother Asirvatham, our Tamil worker in Madras, is also being blessed with success in his

cently a young man of promise accepted the truth and was baptized. He is now attending the school at Bangalore.

The work in Nazareth, our oldest station in South India, is getting on well. For some time the brethren have been calling for a church building at that place. When Brethren Fulton and DeVinney were there, the people in their address of welcome did not fail to make mention of this great need. In reply to this point, Brother Fulton told

them that the Union committee had voted to help them in building the church to the same extent that they would help themselves. This greatly encouraged them, and since that time I hear that they have had a meeting of the church and have pledged over a thousand rupees with which to begin the work. Considering that their membership is small, and entirely Indian, and that they are for the most part poor people, this does very well for a start. I am sure though that they will not rest until they have raised their part of the money.

At Neyyattinkara, our youngest station, the work is progressing encouragingly. The people of that part of the country have many things to learn, but under the patient and earnest work of our brethren stationed there, they have made encouraging progress. The last time I was down there twenty-one were baptised, and now Brother Joshua writes me that more will soon be ready for that rite.

The colporteur work, though affected somewhat by hard times and war prices, has made encouraging progress. Especially is this true of the Tamil section. We have been trying a new plan with some of our men during the past few months. Instead of sending them out alone, we have

organized them into companies, appointing a leader who is responsible to us for all the literature that is sent to them from the office, and who submits the weekly reports to the office, selects the territory in which they are to work, and looks after the company generally. They all go to a town together, divide up the town and work until it is finished. They carry along with them their cooking outfit and are in every way independent. The advantage that we have found in this is that the men are a help to each other, and as a result of this help and encouragement which they are able to give each other they stay longer in the field. One young man has now been out over three months. Under the old plan we had great difficulty in keeping him away from home for more than ten days or two weeks. Their sales have been much better also than they were when they went out separately.

Our new European workers are making excellent progress in language study, and we feel that it will not be very long before they will be ready to help us bear the burdens of the work in this great south country.

We are all of good courage and are anxious to do all in our power to push the work along.

G. G. LOWRY.

### What is Love?

For other's sake to longer wear the garment old  
That they, more bare,  
May feel the warmth of robe you give,  
And have a braver heart to live—  
Nor show that you yourself deny  
By any half-regretful sigh,—  
Herein is love.

For other's sake to hush the moan,  
And speak in gentle, cheerful tone,  
For other's sake to hide your tears  
And keep unspoken all your fears;  
For other's sake to be quite strong  
When sore beset by foe and wrong—  
Herein is love.

For other's sake to seek to bear  
The heaviest part of all life's care;  
Nor show the weary ache and strain  
That falls on heart and soul and brain;

And in it all to seem at rest  
And not as standing any test,—  
Herein is love.

For other's sake to make life sweet,  
Though thorns may press into your feet;  
For other's sake to walk each day  
As though joy helped you all the way,  
While in your heart may be a grave  
That makes it hard to be so brave,—  
Herein is love.

For other's sake—this brought to earth  
The benediction of His birth;  
For other's sake He suffered all  
That into human life could fall.  
For others flowed the crimson tide,  
For others He was crucified,—  
Herein is love.

## To our Fellow Workers in India

It has been a long time since we sent you word of our welfare, and yet you are not forgotten. Not a prayer ascends from our hearts to our Heavenly Father that does not carry a petition to Him on your behalf, and we watch every item from the land of our adoption for some word of you and your welfare, and the progress of His cause. Our bodies are here, and getting on as well as can be expected, but our minds, our hearts, so often travel the intervening miles to be with you that we can scarce say as much for them.

China does not make a China "booster." It happened to be 13th Sabbath for China and I was there with a good story so they called on me. But my time, energy and interest while here are for India outside my local work, and to this end I have spoken in California, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia this past year. And as summer comes again, if desired, I hope to again devote my energies to the same end.

Here in the Columbia Union the young people this year are raising \$5,000 for India.

"When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with Spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its constitution as a Protestant and Republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan, and that the end is near.

"As the approach of the Roman armies was a sign to the disciples of the impending destruction of Jerusalem, so may this apostasy be a sign to us that the limit of God's forbearance is reached, that the measure of our nation's iniquity is full, and that the angel of mercy is about to take her flight, never to return. The people of God will then be plunged into those scenes of affliction and distress which prophets have described as the time of Jacob's trouble."—*Testimonies for the Church, Vol. V, p. 451.*

The other day a request came in from the Sabbath-school department for an article for the 13th Sabbath pamphlet and I sat down to comply. Some way as I wrote it seemed that I was more homesick for India than I had ever been for home after going away at first. So India is near us always, and we look forward to the time when we shall once more be with you, and join you in labour.

A letter from Brother Williams the other day rather suggested I might have turned Chinese advocate, but as one swallow does not make a summer, so one speech for

It goes to the South India Mission. Ohio has \$1,400 to raise of this amount and already has a good start on it. So with the direct, definite interest in 13th Sabbath offerings for the first two quarters throughout the United States, India will certainly come in for its share of consideration.

I am looking forward to meeting the India delegates at General Conference in March. Mrs. Wellman and the children will remain here in Columbus while I am in the West so that the children may keep up their school work for the year.

This has been the severest winter America

has had for 18 years. The temperature began to drop early in December and we have had zero weather practically ever since. Ohio has no record of a colder December on its Weather Bureau records. To date, 20 below zero is the limit, with more promised. Shortage of coal has made conditions very hard for many, even those who were able to buy being unable to obtain it. We have been fortunate in having coal all but five days, and for those days we managed to keep from freezing by hugging close to our gas grate.

Dear brethren and sisters in Christ, we shall continue to pray and work for you, and our desire is that God in His goodness may keep you in health and strength, and bless your labours with souls from among the people of India. And may we together put our whole heart into the finishing of the great task which has been entrusted to us, till it is done and we reach the homeland. Please all accept this as a personal note to you and a reminder of our constant remembrance of you.

S. A. WELLMAN.

## The North India Meeting

It was my privilege to spend a short time with the North India workers in conference at Hapur. The meeting was such an evidence of progress as would delight the heart of every well wisher of the Advent cause. Eleven years ago when I first came to India there were only two European workers able to give the message in a vernacular tongue; while at this meeting there were not less than twelve foreign workers speaking in the Urdu tongue "the wonderful works of God," and in addition there were present about one hundred Indian brethren, including families, whose hearts have been touched by the principles and teachings of this message. When one considers that similar gatherings will be held in other divisions of India during the year, truly there is reason for rejoicing and confidence.

Brother Mattison had arranged an effective programme providing for a deepening of the spiritual experience as well as reviewing essential points of faith and transacting business matters. Several Indian brethren very ably conducted meetings during the conference. Such training will enable our local workers to prepare for increasing responsibilities; a goal we must ever keep in mind.

Brethren Williams and Blue represented

general interests and gave their aid to the success of the meeting.

The location for the meeting, a mango grove surrounded by ripened fields of grain, and favourable weather, contributed to the general good effects of the meeting. All who attended will surely return to their stations benefited by the season spent together.

On several occasions agriculturists from neighbouring fields attended the services, giving careful heed to the message of the hour.

H. C. MENKEL, M.D.

"Come unto me," is His invitation. Whatever your anxieties and trials, spread out your case before the Lord. Your spirit will be braced for endurance. The way will be opened for you to disentangle yourself from embarrassment and difficulty. The weaker and more helpless you know yourself to be, the stronger will you become in His strength. The heavier your burdens, the more blissed the rest in casting them upon the Burden-bearer.

There is hidden in the heart of every gift of God to us a meaning and sweetness which only reveal themselves when the gift is shared with others.

## A Visit to Burma

Leaving Calcutta early in February for Burma, I arrived in Rangoon after a pleasant trip across the bay. Some changes have taken place since my last visit, for Brother and Sister Hamilton are now back in Rangoon looking after the needs of the English church, and we are glad that it has been possible to thus provide for this call. The work there has a bright prospect ahead, and the church is taking a new hold on things. New listeners are coming to the meetings, and old members are being revived, and the workers are earnestly seeking God that His blessing may be added to their efforts.

Brother and Sister Lowry are studying hard at Burmese in addition to their many other duties, which now include the temporary charge of the Tract Society office, pending the engagement of a new assistant for this work. Considerable interest is being manifested in a series of lantern lectures being conducted in the Burmese quarter near the mission house. Four evenings a week Brother Lowry, with Sayas Hpo Hla and Ba Tin, is holding meetings, large congregations giving close attention to the sermons.

It was a source of much pleasure to be able to visit Brother and Sister Beckner in their new location in the Henzada district. Quite an interest has developed here, and some believers have been baptized. Regular meetings are in progress, and we look with confidence to a goodly harvest being gathered in this section. Other missions have not been idle, but much yet remains to be done amongst the Buddhists and others.

At Kamamaung it was a privilege to take part in the baptism of the first convert at this station, the candidate being Sister Gibbs' dispensary helper, who was a non-Christian when she came to us. After the baptism all joined in the celebration of the

ordinances; and the simple service on that quiet Sabbath afternoon was a season of refreshing for all. I was glad for the association with Brother and Sister Hare, and left them of good courage in the Lord.

Brother and Sister Ludington were found to be still busy with Burmese study; and later news announces that Brother Ludington has passed his first examination.

At Kalaw, where I went in connection with the rest home that is in course of building, a few pleasant hours were spent in the home of Brother and Sister Carratt. Brother Carratt is meeting with very good success in his vernacular literature work.

Now that Brother Skinner has practically completed his English canvassing work he is studying Burmese diligently; and we hope he will soon be able to take over his work as leader of the vernacular colporteur work, as there is an excellent field for this in Burma.

We long for the day when the work shall be finished; and we believe that when at that time the Lord makes up his jewels, many will be found who have been gathered out through the efforts of our brethren in Burma.

A. H. WILLIAMS.

The great secret of happiness in married life is found in a myriad of little acts and compliances and surrenders upon both sides. Matrimony is an enormous compromise. Perfect courtesy, an incessant guard upon the temper that no irritability shall become a habit, and the constant conviction that where two have equal authority a harmonious decision can be always reached only by the utmost reasonableness,—these are little amulets that will banish the evil spirits and keep the home serene; and the touchstone to enable people to live thus is sincere, deep, and fond love for each other.

## A Questionable Action

The Representative Council of Missions has passed the following resolution to be submitted to the U. P. Government for approval and will appoint delegates to meet with His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for making suitable arrangements for the fulfilling of their plan.

"This Council, representing the British and American Missionary Societies of the United Provinces, is of opinion that at the present critical time every Society should be prepared to meet extraordinary demands for the cause of the Allies.

"We therefore appeal to all Societies to review their resources of men and buildings and to be prepared by co-operation, the mutual pooling of resources, and, if necessary, the curtailing of work, to release suitable buildings and to place at the disposal of Government every available man for such service, whether combatant or non-combatant, as he is capable of rendering."

We are fully in harmony with all plans for the upholding of Government in the ordeal through which it is passing to the extent that the plans do not interfere with our duty to God; but shall we as missionaries who have been consecrated to the furtherance of the Gospel Message of salvation to the unenlightened peoples of the earth now give the lie to our vows and take up the sword and the rifle for the forcible fulfilment of a kingdom of peace? Our Saviour said, "My kingdom is not of this world;" and the Apostle Paul, "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal." These statements cannot be harmonized with the above resolution.

With all due respect to the Representative Council of Missions of these provinces we should like to ask if they consulted their Home Boards before passing this resolution, and if not, on what authority can they turn over the institutions and resources built up by the lives and sacrifices of godly men and

women without asking the opinion of those who are supporting them? There are many other questions involved which seem to indicate that a little more time spent in prayer and the study of God's Word would have led the framers of this action to other ways of assisting Government.

Finally, we wish to quote a communication in *Kaukab i Hind* from President Wilson, which is very pertinent to the question.

Bishop J. E. Robinson of the M. E. Church writes that in response to the following question addressed to President Wilson by a W. F. M. S. missionary now on furlough in America: "Do you agree with me that if Missions have justified their existence, this is a time when they should not only be maintained *in spite* of the war, but urged on *because* of the war?" the President sent the following reply:

"The White House."

Washington, Dec. 5th, 1917.

"I entirely agree with you in regard to the missionary work. *I think it would be a real misfortune, a misfortune of lasting consequence, if the missionary programme for the world should be interrupted.* There are many calls for money, of course, and I can quite understand that it may become more difficult than ever to obtain money for missionary enterprises, but that the work undertaken should be continued and continued . . . at its full force, seems to me of capital necessity, and *I for one hope that there may be no slackening or recession of any sort.* (Italics ours)

"I wish that I had time to write you as fully as this great subject demands, but I have put my whole thought into these few sentences and I hope you will feel at liberty to use this expression of opinion in any way that you think best."

"Cordially and sincerely yours,

WOODROW WILSON."

## Tamil Work in Madras

Just two years ago we started work among the Tamil people of this city. During this period services were conducted very regularly and some persons took much delight in attending them. The seed sown in earnest hearts began to yield fruit very early. Year before last two young men consecrated their hearts to God and one of them has just finished a year's training in the Lucknow School. He is very strong in the faith and does good missionary work among his friends and relatives. Last year a young Roman Catholic accepted the Third Angel's Message as the direct result of a series of lectures which I preached at our rented hall here.

Now for the last few months I am also holding Bible classes in different houses. Consequently many people are given a

chance to become familiar with the truths which we propagate. Very recently a family of four members took their stand, and they were baptized by Pastor Lowry in the Adayar river. These honest souls had to forsake many things for Christ's sake and yet they stepped out very boldly and committed themselves to God saying, "Thy will be done."

By God's grace a company of a few believers is started here and we trust that a strong church will be organized at this place in course of time. Now I am conducting another series of lectures and the attendance is good.

I earnestly request the members of the TIDINGS family to remember the work here at the throne of grace.

A. ASIRVATHAM.

## The Telugu Field

Brother Benjamin and myself have been working as evangelists in a Telugu town called Rajahmandry for the last eight months. It is on the main line to Madras, and has a population of fifty thousand people, being a district town and of some commercial importance because of its position on the bank of the Godavari river. The Lord is blessing us in our work and

ten persons are keeping the Sabbath, four of whom are children. Please remember these new believers in your prayers so that they may take the full stand for the truth. Let us all be "knit together as one man" for the prosecution of the Message. Please remember our work at this place.

N. B. SOLOMON.

## The Story for India

I was once walking away up in the Himalaya mountains and approaching an old temple when the priest of the temple recognizing me as a missionary came out to meet me. He said, "I hear from pilgrims from all over India of the wonderful things you missionaries are doing and the wonderful story you tell. Will you tell me? I want to hear it directly from a missionary."

We sat together under a tree on the side of a mountain and I took my time and told

him at length the story of Christ's sacrificial love and forgiving spirit. When I reached the place where they were nailing Jesus to the cross, and when I told the old priest that, even while He was being nailed to the cross, Jesus prayed for his enemies, "Father forgive them," the old priest sprang from my side, stood in front of me on a pathway just below, excitedly moving backward and forward, shaking his clenched fists at me while tears were

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rolling down his cheeks, and cried, "Get out of India! Get out of India! Get out of India!"

I replied, "Why? Why? What have I done?" Trembling with excitement he answered, "Do not tell the warm-hearted people of India that matchless story of love and forgiveness; for we have nothing like it in Hinduism or Mohammedanism or Buddhism or Confucianism or any other religion of the eastern world. If you do tell my warm-hearted people that story, they will forsake us, our temples and sacrifices and services, and leave us priests all alone, while they follow Jesus."—From *The Sinless Incarnation* by Bishop F. W. Warne.

It is a good and safe rule to sojourn in every place as if you meant to spend your life there, never omitting an opportunity of doing a kindness, or speaking a true word, or making a friend.—*John Ruskin*.

The law sends us to Christ to be justified, and Christ sends us to the law to be regulated.—*John Flavel*.

We hear that Brother Cranmer of Madras is a live missionary for he takes along *Signs* and small books in the morning on his way to office and *sells* them to the people he meets. If we had about one hundred people in India like Brother Cranmer we would never have to worry about the circulation list of our papers. It is everyday work of this kind that counts.

## Here and There

We note by the last mail that the General Conference closed the 14th of April because of war conditions. We shall now be looking for Brother Fletcher's return.

As it is necessary for even an editor to take leave once in a while, Brother Mead will open all mail addressed to THE EDITOR, INDIA UNION TIDINGS, and see to its publication for the coming month. Therefore, please address all contributions to THE EDITOR of TIDINGS to prevent delays.

We have just received the following word from the General Conference, which we pass on to those interested:—

"It is becoming more and more difficult to obtain shipping accommodations from the Pacific Coast, and for a number of months it has been practically impossible to obtain any space out of San Francisco. It would be just as well for any of the workers in India who would be inclined to order goods from America to know this. If they do order goods it would be best for them, I think, to simply place their orders with Montgomery Ward & Co., who would be in a position to know whether space could be secured, and would thus avoid the purchase of goods which could not be shipped."

The first of this year's series of local meetings has now passed, with the closing of the North India meetings at Hapur on the 16th April. It was a source of encouragement to be able to join with the workers there and to witness the baptismal service at the close. We invite the Adventist family in India and Burma to unite their prayers with ours that these who have just taken their stand may continue to grow in the knowledge of the Lord, that the seed which has been sown in their hearts may bear fruit, 'some an hundredfold, some sixty and some thirty,' because of the consistent Christian lives lived in the communities which these new believers represent.

A. H. WILLIAMS.

Frederick Sumner Furnival was born May 27, 1917. He bloomed like a little flower for all to love, and then after a short illness quietly fell asleep at Grey Castle, Mussoorie, April 15th 1918. Words of comfort from Jer. 31: 15, 16; Isa 65: 17-25; and 1 Thess. 4: 13-18 were spoken by the writer, and the little babe was laid to rest on the beautiful hillside among the trees in the Mussoorie cemetery, to await the voice of the Lifegiver. The parents sorrow, but with the blessed hope of the resurrection.

F. A. WYMAN.