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Selling Literature When Travelling

I have just been going over the record of the literature I sold going to and from Kalaw for our hill change. I went from Myanaung to Rangoon, Mandalay, then back again to Thazi, by which time I had sold out all the papers, on the up trip. We rode our bicycles from Kalaw to Thazi on the down trip; then by train to Maymyo, Mandalay, and down the river by steamer to Myanaung. As near as I can estimate it, the time put in was about 30½ hours, mostly while travelling, or waiting for a train. I had Burmese, Chinese, Urdu, Hindi,

be selling them that to spend one's time thinking how hard the seats are, and what a hardship it is to have to travel "third." There is a great field open to our foreign workers in this. Better give it a trial. It is not necessary to know much of the language. I can talk Burmese, and speak a dialect of English known as "American," but my Hindustani breaks down trying to direct a *gharriwalla*, or tell the *dhoby* we want the clothes in a hurry; yet I sold as large a proportion of the languages I did not know as I did of those I did. If all

Our Present Duty

Let every soul who has received the divine illumination seek to impart it. Let the workers go from house to house, opening the Bible to the people, circulating the publications, telling others of the light that has blessed their own souls. Let literature be distributed judiciously, on the trains, in the street, on the great ships that ply the sea, and through the mails."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 8, p. 123.

Tamil, Gujarati, and Bengali papers, also about 78 of the *World War* and *World Problems*. The sales amounted to 696 single copies and 45 subscriptions, having a total cash value of Rs. 228-8-0. This comes to about Rs. 7-7-4 per hour for the time engaged, and a lot of that time I would have been sitting in a carriage waiting to change into another carriage.

When one considers how many sermons there are in the 1112 papers, it seems much better to have a bundle of papers along, and

would do a little in this way it would be a big help in the circulation of our vernacular magazines and would not take time from one's regular work either.

R. A. BECKNER.

"It is impossible to estimate the power for good, in this sad struggling life, of bright, glad, shining faces. Of all the lights you carry on your face, joy shines farthest out to sea."

"Knowledge is power."

Mussoorie Sabbath-School Convention

At the suggestion of our general secretary, Mrs. Blue, we decided to hold a Sabbath-school convention. June 8th was the day set apart for the occasion. Mrs. Blue arranged the programme and each one taking part did so quite heartily, so that at the close every one expressed how much they had enjoyed the meeting.

We did not follow our usual routine in the Sabbath-school, but after opening with a hymn and prayer, Mrs. Blue gave us a little talk about the growth of the Sabbath-school work throughout the world. We were especially interested in the growth shown in India. In 1896 the first school was opened in India. In 1908 the membership was 195; donations, Rs. 900. In 1917 the membership was 1,010; donations, Rs. 7,700. From these figures we can see how this department has grown in India, and in all parts of the world the increase has been much the same.

Brother Furnival followed this talk by reading an interesting paper entitled, "The Purpose of the Sabbath School." The children had prepared a special song called "The Sabbath Diamond." It was nicely rendered. We then separated for the recitation of the day's lesson; after which we called for personal testimonies as to the benefits of the Sabbath-school in our personal experiences. Many interesting testimonies were borne. This closed the first hour of the programme.

The next part of the programme took up all the meeting hour. After singing and prayer, Misses Johnston and Reagan sang a duet. The first paper by Mrs. Wyman on "The benefits of the daily study of the Sabbath-school Lesson" was very helpful, and we found it means much to daily perform this important duty.

"The Responsibility of the Sabbath-school Teacher," by Brother Lake, was also full of thoughts as to the seriousness of

the position which a teacher holds and his power for saving souls. Brother Brisbin showed the place of the school as a soul-saving organization and its possibilities for holding the younger members in the truth.

The "Question Box" was ably answered by Brother Wyman. Brother Pettit gave some interesting facts regarding "The Financial Goal." He told us that he remembered when the Sabbath-schools were only asked to give two pice a member. Now we are being asked to give twelve annas a member and a steady stream of donations is flowing into the treasury for Missions. We thank God for the privilege of giving.

"What Constitutes a Successful Sabbath-school" was the subject of a paper by Miss Manson. In this we found that to run a successful school it must first begin and close on time, and have a definite period for each exercise. Secondly, efficient officers and teachers are very essential. The school should also be provided with maps, black-boards, picture rolls, necessary papers for the children, and kindergarten sets. There should also be a definite goal for the offerings. The aim of the school should be to win souls for Christ, without which the school will be a failure.

A poem recited by Dolly Crooks about "Our Sabbath School in Heaven" closed the programme, and all joined in singing the Doxology.

In passing this report on to others, we trust they may find help and courage, as we did, in holding a convention and learning how to make their Sabbath-school a success.

C. MANSON

"When men use their powers as God directs them to their talents will increase, their ability will enlarge, and they will have heavenly wisdom in seeking to save those who are lost."

Simla

The local church has again assembled and the season's activities were inaugurated with a week of prayer accompanied by that spiritual uplift always resulting from such a season. The annual offering taken the last Sabbath netted Rs. 705.

The spirit and purpose of the local church will be recognized in the following desk card to be found in every home.

"I MUST—

"Win one soul for Christ during 1918.

"See there are no vacant seats at the church services.

"Secure personal touch with at least twenty persons.

"Distribute twenty pages for every one of last year."

"PLAN PRAY WORK."

May 4th, we began a series of lectures on Daniel and Revelation and were encouraged by an increased attendance.

The women's band has a live wide awake meeting each week and is covering a list of subjects which promise to be very helpful to our sisters.

Brother Asprey's help in the Treatment Rooms was interrupted by sickness.

The church is mailing two hundred Signs each month and plans other Home Missionary activities.

The Sabbath-school continues the same spirit of keen interest which has been so marked a characteristic in the past and the per capita donations average from eleven to fifteen annas a week.

H. C. MENKEL, M.D.

I. U. M. Directory

A request has come asking that a directory of our Mission employees be given in these columns. We suggest that this list be cut out and saved for future reference.

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Here and There

Pastor C. F. and Mrs. Lowry have passed their first year's examination in Burmese, receiving 85 per cent and 88 per cent respectively. Congratulations.

We are sorry there are only four pages in this number but we are sure you do not care to have us furnish the "copy" for the other four. We shall be glad to use any of yours, though.

The sun in India, like fire and water, is a great blessing if we do not get too much of it. We regret to hear that Brother Frank Smith of Chuharkana is a sufferer from its effects. He and his family are now in Mussoorie.

Brother Mattison and family spent their leave in Garhwal this summer with Brother and Sister Floyd Smith. They have again returned to their station at Hapur.

Brother and Sister Pettit are again in Bombay, ready for another year of labour in the heat.

According to reports in the *Review* from General Conference the following persons have been voted to India:

W. E. Strickland, H. E. McWhinney, Lindsey Semmens, Miss Margaret Cady, J. V. Carter, Mrs. Edith Bruce, Lorain C. Shepherd, Glenn C. Russell, Arther Nelson, Clyde Scanlon, N. C. Nelson, and Harold Reith. Some of these are said to be already on the way. We earnestly hope that they all reach India.

We are always glad to learn of the whereabouts of former labourers in this field. The following comes in an American conference paper:

"The book work in the good old Central Union will always lie close to our hearts. We rejoice that a strong experienced field secretary in the person of Elder J. S. James has been secured to take immediate charge of the work in the Union. He is fresh from the foreign field. . . . Owing to the educational needs of his family he has been given a five-year furlough."

Until the time of General Conference, Brother and Sister Leech, formerly of Karmatar, were taking special studies in Walla Walla College preparatory to their return.

By the way, we also read of some exceptional cows owned by Walla Walla College, one of which in a recent official test produced in one day 102.4 pounds of milk and 4.97 pounds of butter; and in seven days she produced 637 pounds of milk and 31.25 pounds of butter. Wonder what some of these *gowalas* would say to that!

Guild Wood was recently bitten by a mad dog in Poona. As he received prompt medical attention we trust he is beyond any danger although undergoing medical attention at Conoor. Brother R. E. Loasby shot the brute.

Two brand new copies of *Bone of Contention* are urgently needed by the Lucknow office. Will anyone having such available, kindly post them to us and we shall be glad to pay for them.

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Notice

We would draw attention to our previous notice to the effect that orders for books and periodicals are sent on to foreign publishing houses at the customer's risk, and that the Lucknow office is unable to accept any responsibility for packages lost in the mails. The receipt of a bill for supplies ordered in this way may be regarded as an indication that shipment has been made; and whilst we shall be glad to forward on complaints of non-receipt yet we desire to emphasize the fact that the order has been accepted on the understanding that losses due to war conditions will be borne by the customer.

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