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## Return From the General Conference

It is a great pleasure to me to be once more on Indian soil and to again get into close touch with the work that is so dear to the hearts of all the readers of the TIDINGS. It has not been without many regrets that I have been absent from India so long, especially in view of my stay in this country in the first place having been so brief. But I have been very glad of the privilege of attending the great council of the church at San Francisco. It has been a great blessing to me personally, and I trust also that my visit to America will not prove to have been fruitless as a means of help to the cause in India.

That which impressed me the most in becoming acquainted with our people in America was their whole-hearted devotion to the cause of foreign missions. The Conferences place no restrictions on the transfer of their workers to foreign fields, and are liberal in handing out their surplus funds to the Mission Board. In our colleges the majority of the students seem to look forward to eventually giving themselves to mission service. I noticed also that many students who had as yet no definite conviction that they should go to foreign fields would express themselves as ready for such service should a call come to them that they felt to be from the Lord.

And everywhere our brethren seem to be ready to sacrifice and offer their means for the support of the great enterprise. In that wonderful meeting on the last Sabbath of the conference I was impressed not so much by the amount of money given as by the spirit that controlled the assembly. I felt

deeply moved at the spectacle of that great representative gathering of our people solemnly devoting themselves to the one all-consuming purpose of finishing God's work in the earth. It was evident that faith in the message and zeal for its promulgation, so far from abating, were springing up to a new and greater life. As Elder E. W. Farnsworth expressed it, "The future of this cause can never be the same as the past." One could not but feel that it was an epoch-marking-meeting.

The great spirit and burden of the church in America and the other Christian homelands is to send the light of the gospel to the non-Christian lands, counting no sacrifice too great, undeterred by the apparent meagreness of the results attained, ever ready to respond to the increasing demands of the great enterprise, supporting it always by prayer, by faith, and by an unflinching purpose,—the spirit of the Master himself, who will not rest, "till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth."

How can we who are permitted to go out as the messengers and representatives of such a Master and of such a people ever be discouraged or despondent or faithless? While the great heart of the church beats true as it does to the cause of foreign missions we ought to be ashamed to be in any way faltering or half-hearted in the privileged part that has been given us. The church at home is awakening to the needs and opportunities of the hour as never before. It is time for us as missionaries to take a new and wider view of what God intends

to be the future of the work. There are developments before us that will surprise us all. The work will assume larger proportions in spite of the difficulties of the times. We must seek to lay a good foundation in the mission committed to our care, for such work will yet bring a good harvest in the final rapid moves.

The Mission Board dealt very liberally with India in making provision for a goodly number of families to be sent to our fields, some to replace those who have been removed, and others for the extension of the Mission's efforts. About ten families had been definitely appointed up to the time of my departure from America, and other names were under consideration. It seems likely that most of those appointed will not be able to reach India until the beginning of 1919.

Pastor H. E. McWhinny with his wife and child sailed from Seattle on the 24th of April. On the 7th of June, Mrs E. E. Bruce, and Brother and Sister L. A. Semmens, with Pastor C. E. Weaks (returning to Shanghai) and the writer, sailed from the same port. Brother McWhinny was delayed so long at Hong Kong that we overtook him there. Our party landed at Colombo on the first of August. Sister Bruce continued the journey by sea to Bombay to engage in the English Bible work there. All will be glad to see Sister Bruce in India again, who has given so many years of faithful service in this field.

Brother and Sister McWhinny are going on to Mussoorie, where they will engage in language study. Brother and Sister Semmens are remaining in Calcutta for the same purpose. We ask the prayers of the readers of the TIDINGS for these new missionaries.

The dissolution of the division conferences has released the India Union Mission from its former connection with the Asiatic Division Conference. The India Union

will again have direct connection with the General Conference. We are glad of this, for we believe that India needs to have direct touch with the Mission Board. We have one-fifth of the world's population within our territory, and, as the chairman of the Board stated, "more than one-fifth of its problems."

The work is to be strengthened by one of the vice-presidents of the General Conference, Pastor J. E. Fulton, taking the oversight of the India Union Mission and the Australasian Union Conference. There will be no organic union between these two fields. Each will have direct communication with the Washington headquarters, and Brother Fulton will visit both fields on behalf of the General Conference. I am glad to state that Brother and Sister Fulton intend to reside in India. They will however, first visit Australia, attending the quadrennial session of that union conference, which is to be held in New South Wales in September. Pastor Fulton will then attend the Australasian camp-meetings from October to March, and the Central Polynesian Conference, which is to be held in Fiji, and will plan to reach India in time to attend our provincial general meetings during the monsoon season of 1919, and our biennial conference session in September of that year. I am sure that all our workers and churches will be glad for the additional help that is being provided for the union mission in these new arrangements.

W. W. FLETCHER.

"It is by no casual, accidental touch that wealthy, world-loving, world-worshipping souls can be drawn to Christ. These persons are often the most difficult of access. Personal effort must be put forth for them by men and women imbued with the missionary spirit, those who will not fail or be discouraged,—"*Ministry of Healing*," page 213.

## Tamil and Malayalam Meetings

Whilst in the Telugu field we have but the beginnings of a good effort, at Nazareth there is a well-developed Tamil church. It is about ten years since work was commenced in this station; and to-day, there is a strong Anglo-vernacular middle school of about seventy-five pupils, partly day and partly boarding, and a church of about fifty-five members; whilst a good number of former pupils and members are actively engaged in missionary enterprises in other parts of the field. The station is at present in charge of Brother Thomas who, with his wife, accepted the message in the local church.

An interesting feature at Nazareth is the measure of self-support already attained. For the six months, July-December, 1917, a total of Rs. 1503-0-3 was received in tithe, offerings, and school income, representing 54.5 per cent of the total expense of operating the station during the same period, including the expenses of Brother Thomas and his associated evangelists and teachers, and also the boarding department of the school. For the six months, January-June 1918, the income was Rs. 1326-14-3½, representing 60.5 per cent of the corresponding expenditure. In addition to this, a sum of over 1500 has been subscribed locally towards the cost of erecting a church building, a project which is very dear to the hearts of the church members.

Good attendances were maintained throughout all the recent series of meetings, a hundred and fifty or so being present at times; and close attention was paid to the studies presented. We have already reported concerning the little band of colporteurs which has gone out from Nazareth; and it may be added that the same spirit of keenness which characterizes that venture pervades the Sabbath school and other departments of the local work.

Encouraging reports of the progress of

the Tamil work being carried on in Pondicherry and Madras were rendered by Brethren Devasahayam and Asirvatham respectively. In each of these places we have a little company of believers which is steadily growing. Brother Ponniah told of the efforts being put forth at Arumuganari, a small village near Nazareth to which he has recently been transferred. It is hoped that still more Tamil stations can be opened out in the near future, there being many calls. In Ceylon too, where several of the Nazareth church members are engaged in trade, there are little companies calling for attention.

Since the last annual meeting in South India, the training school has been transferred from Coimbatore to Bangalore, where Brother G. G. Lowry now has his headquarters. Brother Meleen has recently taken over charge of the boys' department, whilst Sister Lowry continues to care for the girls. On our way north we were glad of the opportunity of spending a little time in Bangalore and seeing what is being done there.

At the close of the Tamil meetings, which lasted from July 11-16, Brother Meleen returned to Bangalore, and Brother and Sister Lowry, Brethren Blue and Thomas, and the writer, went on to Travancore for the Malayalam meeting at Neyyattinkara.

The effort in Travancore has been in operation for some three years or more, and is another testimony to the value of our literature as a forerunner of the message. Malayalam being very akin to Tamil, our literature in the latter language went ahead of us and gave rise to calls which led us to open our work in these parts. Now a quarterly in Malayalam is published, and other literature is in course of preparation.

At Neyyattinkara is located a five-standard school; whilst within a five miles' radius we have three other small stations,

at two of which primary secular schools are conducted; and at all four regular Sabbath schools are in operation. Some thirty-five or so believers had been baptized previously, about fifteen more candidates being presented at this meeting. Unfortunately Brother Blue and I had to leave before the meetings closed, so could not be present at the baptism.

The cause in Travancore offers great encouragement; and our present great need seems to be that of more trained labourers who can lead out in little centres of influence such as those already in operation, for there is no lack of openings, and the people are eager to become 'disciples.' Brethren Joshua, Santhanam and Abel are working faithfully; and we hope that they may soon be joined by many more.

Over one hundred sixty were present in Sabbath school, the three outlying companies having come in for the occasion. The classes were conducted in the usual way; and the giving of the collection was heartily entered into. These people are just poor sons of the soil who do not see much ready cash; so their offering was reminiscent of

the widow's mites. Apart from the gift of foreign missionaries present, a total of ninety coins of an aggregate value of thirteen annas, was given. Travancore has its own small currency, the smallest coin being valued at one twenty-eighth of an anna; and thirty-six of these small coins were contributed. The next coin equals four of the small ones, forty of these being contributed. We are glad that of their meagre incomes these good people gave as they did, for even the smallest of these coins can be used in the purchase of the necessaries of every-day life, and represents far more to them than it does to us.

Throughout the meetings a real spirit of enquiry was evident; and we left to return northwards feeling greatly encouraged by all that we had seen and heard, and much impressed with the urgent need of more help being supplied to this section.

We were glad to meet Brother and Sister Woodward who are at present engaged in studying Malayalam, the meanwhile they look forward eagerly to the time when they may be able to take up their duties in these parts.

A. H. WILLIAMS.

## Simla

The Thirteenth Sabbath exercises were entered upon with the usual keen interest and given an appropriate local colouring as the following stanza from a transposed song will indicate.

From northern India's mountains,  
From southern hills and strands,  
From vast plains void of fountains,  
From Punjab's fertile lands,  
From ancient Brahmaputra,  
From Bengal's palmy plains,  
They call us to deliver  
Their souls from error's chains.

The special Thirteenth Sabbath collection netted Rs. 110, for which result we are happy.

At our recent Home Missionary meeting

the church decided to again adopt the "Missions Investment" plan, preparatory for this year's annual offering. Last season the net earnings resulting from various investments for missions netted over seven hundred rupees, and we are hoping to reach the one thousand mark this season.

July 27th, we conducted a benefit service for the British and Foreign Bible Society which resulted in a donation of Rs. 323. It is a pleasure to offer the Bible Society such a substantial evidence of our interest and co-operation in their good work.

On account of being without assistants this season, neither Mrs. Menkel nor I have been able to do the visiting or give the personal Bible studies we have the last few

years; but it is very encouraging that, notwithstanding the necessary curtailing of personal work, the attendance and interest at the regular services are steadily increasing.

The medical department is running at full pressure and we are enjoying the many opportunities of heart-to-heart talks with patients regarding eternal interests.

H. C. MENKEL, M. D.

## A Happy Event

"It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him an help meet for him." This word is as true today as when it was spoken in Eden. If there is any place in the world where one realizes the need of a helpmeet in the midst of the difficulties and trials that one has to face, that place is in a foreign mission field like India. We are glad to let the readers of TIDINGS know that the Lord has graciously supplied this need in the lives of two of our workers here in Bengal, in a way which we trust will tend toward the future happiness of the ones directly concerned and to the advance of the cause in this part of the field.

On Wednesday, August 7th, Brother W. H. Stevens, and Sister Della Burroway

were united in the sacred ties of matrimony, the ceremony being performed by Pastor Fletcher, assisted by the writer. After the service, which was held at 7 A. M. in our meeting hall on Free School Street, a wedding breakfast was served in true Bengali fashion at the Girls' School, to which our newly arrived workers were invited. Seated upon mats alongside of the boys and girls of our Bengali schools, we partook of the feast, made all the more enjoyable because of the atmosphere of love and fellowship which prevailed.

Our prayers and best wishes will follow Brother and Sister Stevens as they take up with renewed courage the work to which they have devoted their lives.

L. J. BURGESS.

### Magazine Sales

		No. Agts.	Hours	Subs.	Copies	Rs.	Value
BENGALI	March	6	642	158	849	82	11 0
	April	7	177	21	1136	25	6 0
	May	7	514	341	656	117	8 0
	July	9	819	194	1249	86	4 9
TAMIL	April	6	486	252	670	183	3 6
	May	6	487	144	338	128	15 0
	July	6	343	83	250	131	12 6
TELUGU	April	4	296	2	375	55	7 3
	May	7	56		281	46	10 9
	July	9				77	10 0
MALAYALAM	May	7			459	37	4 3

NOTE 'Value' includes miscellaneous sales as well as magazine sales.

## Literature Sales

It is some time since any statistics of vernacular literature sales were published, which we regret; but the foregoing is a summary of the reports which have reached us during the past few months. We trust to receive material soon which will make a more complete report possible. Judging by the amount of literature our Lucknow press is turning out,

there must be heavy sales of Urdu, Marathi, Gujerati, and Hindi publications; whilst over in Burma, Brethren Carratt, Beckner and others are working hard, with the result that the *Kin Saung* subscription list is well into the thousands. Large sales of Chinese magazines are also reported from the same section.

A. H. W.

### Statistical Report

OF THE INDIA UNION MISSION FOR SECOND QUARTER, 1918.

	Union	Bengal	Bombay	Burma	North I.	South I.	Totals
<b>European labourers :—</b>							
Ordained ministers	3	2	2	2	2	2	13
Licensed ministers	5	3	1	3	5	2	19
Licensed missionaries (men)	5	1	1	2	1	1	11
"    "    (married women)	14	5	3	7	8	5	42
"    "    (unmarried " )	2	1			1		4
Teachers (not incl. above)	2			1			3
Canvassers " " "							0
Other labourers					1		1
Total European labourers	31	12	7	15	18	10	93
<b>Indian labourers :—</b>							
Ordained ministers		1				1	2
Licensed ministers				2		2	4
Licensed missionaries (men)				1	3	1	5
"    "    (women)					3		3
Teachers (not incl. above)		8	1	9		20	38
Canvassers " " "		5	3		8	2	18
Other labourers	*25	8		1	4	6	44
Total Indian labourers	25	22	4	13	18	32	114
Total Eur. and Ind. labourers	56	34	11	28	36	42	207
No. churches		7	3	2	4	4	20
Membership		211	50	126	122	112	621
No. companies				2		2	4
Membership				11		54	65
Total membership		211	50	137	122	166	686
No. added by baptism			2			5	7
No. added by vote			1				1
Unbaptized adherents		78		40	27	227	372

\*Press employees, including Hindus and Mohammedans.

All labourers under the direct control of the Union Mission are enumerated in the Union column.

## Sabbath School Report

FOR SECOND QUARTER, 1918.

	No. Schools	Membership	Average Attendance	Home Dept.	Regular Offerings	13th Sabbath Offerings	Total
<b>Bengal Mission</b>							
Calcutta (English)		63	51	13	162 4 9	133 2 9	295 7 6
Calcutta (Bengali)		57	32	10	39 5 9	32 12 0	72 1 9
Calcutta Out School		11	11				
East Bengal		90	79		17 11 9		17 11 9
Karmatar		47	46		10 3 3	1 3 0	11 6 3
TOTAL	5	268	219	23	229 9 6	167 1 9	396 11 3
<b>Bombay Mission</b>							
Bombay		22	20		167 9 0	160 0 0	327 9 0
Kalyan		56	47		22 4 9	7 13 7	30 2 4
Lonavla							
Manmad		6	5		5 11 9	3 0 0	8 11 9
TOTAL	4	84	72		195 9 6	170 13 7	366 7 1
<b>Burma Mission</b>							
Kalaw		13	12		34 7 6	6 7 0	40 14 6
Kamamaung		4	4		4 1 9	1 7 6	5 9 3
Meiktila		25	20		54 12 9	13 2 6	67 15 3
Myanaung		6	5		10 1 0	12 0 0	22 1 0
Myanaung Out School		4	4		2 3 0		2 3 0
Rangoon (English)		50	41		70 2 9	120 0 0	190 2 9
Rangoon (Burmese)		18	9		13 1 0	8 0 0	21 1 0
TOTAL	7	120	95		188 13 9	161 1 0	349 14 9
<b>North India Mission</b>							
Agra		14	14		18 0 0	4 8 0	22 8 0
Cawnpore		10	7		43 0 0	12 8 0	55 8 0
Chuharkana		19	16		20 12 0		20 12 0
Garhwal		38	35		20 8 0	5 0 0	25 8 0
Hapur		9	7		12 1 9	5 2 0	17 3 9
Lucknow		13	12		43 6 3	2 5 6	45 11 9
Mussoorie		60	52		194 9 9	57 11 0	252 4 9
Najibabad		29	26		12 8 6	1 3 9	13 12 3
Najibabad Out School		23	20		3 11 3	7 9	4 3 0
Rae Bareli		3	3		2 0 0	2 0 0	4 0 0
Simla		32	27	2	156 12 6	110 0 0	266 12 6
TOTAL	11	250	219	2	527 6 0	200 14 0	728 4 0
<b>South India Mission</b>							
Bangalore		40	34		20 8 0	47 15 9	68 7 9
Madras (English)		10	6		23 2 6	4 12 0	27 14 6
Madras (Tamil)		14	12		4 3 0	3 11 1	8 3 1
Narsapur		9	7		2 9 6		2 9 6
Nazareth		110	80		16 2 7	4 2 5	20 5 0
Nazareth Out Schools		10	9				
Neyyattinkara		78	49		6 0 0	5 0 0	11 0 0
Neyyattinkara Out Schools		92	63		8 0 0		8 0 0
Pondicherry		28	24		8 0 3	3 1 0	11 1 3
Rajamundry		15	11		11 8 0	2 4 0	13 12 0
Taugaserry		3	3		12 0 0	1 0 0	13 0 0
TOTAL	11	409	298		112 6 10	71 14 3	184 5 1
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1131</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1253 13 7</b>	<b>771 12 7</b>	<b>2025 10 2</b>

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## Here and There

A good report regarding the literature effort in Burma will appear in the next issue.

God is good. The monsoons have at last broken in the U. P., thus saving two of the most populous provinces of the Empire from famine.

A paragraph in the *Leader* announced that all the mails for India posted about the middle of June in London were lost by enemy action.

In a recent issue it was stated that "the monthly sales for Mammad average nearly Rs. 100 a month." It should have read "Rs. 127-1-6". We are glad to make the correction.

Many will remember Brother and Sister Perrin, formerly of Lucknow. We see by an American paper that they are much pleased with their new home in Melrose, Massachusetts, where Brother Perrin is connected with the Sanitarium. Their son Harry, we understand, has been canvassing in Kentucky the past summer.

Statistics and tabulations have a place in the organization of which we are members, but per capita comparisons of tithes and offerings with other denominations, long lists of the thousands of papers and books being sold, and many other statistical tables of the same nature, should find less and less space in the reading matter of the remnant church. We should be glad that a *little* is being done; but when we just forget for a time all about figures and numbers and read our own wretched character sketch in Revelation 3: 15-17, we shall drop on our knees and thank God He lets us live when we are only doing about one one-hundredth of what we ought to do. "Not by an army, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

It should have been stated in the last number of *TIDINGS* that the brother on the left of the picture on the front page is a faithful canvasser for our Gujerati literature who has taken only about two weeks leave from service in the two years he has been working. Through this instrumentality Brother Pettit says that interests are springing up all over the Gujerat and he asks the prayers of our readers that God may soon bring someone to take charge of evangelical efforts in this large and needy field.

Nicknames are not necessarily derogatory nor unwelcome, for frequently they are given because of some strikingly worthy characteristic. The Fijians have named the believers in our message, "The clean Church." The Chinese call them, "The true doctrine Church." African natives gave to one of our missionaries a name meaning, "The-man-who-goes-alone," because, regardless of custom, he followed the Word of God. One of our evangelists in Spain is called, "Signs of the Times" and "End of the World."

## When to Pray

"Let the individual Christians, the families, and the churches bear in mind that they are closely allied to heaven. The Lord has a special interest in his church militant here below. The angels who offer the smoke of the fragrant incense are ministering for the praying saints. Then let the evening prayers in every family rise steadily to heaven in the sunset hour, while these divine ministers are *speaking before God, in our behalf*, of the merits of the blood of a crucified and risen Saviour. The blood alone is efficacious. It alone can make propitiation for our sins. It is the blood of the only begotten Son of God, that is of value for us, enabling us to draw nigh unto God: his blood alone that taketh away the sin of the world. Morning and evening the heavenly universe beholds every household that prays; and *the angel with the incense, representing the blood of the atonement, finds access to God.*"—Mrs E. G. White in *Week of Prayer Readings.* Dec. 23, 1897, page 5.

Two men toiled side by side from sun to sun,  
And both were poor;  
Both sat with children when the day was done  
About their door.  
One saw the beautiful in crimson cloud  
And shining moon;  
The other, with his head in sadness bowed,  
Made night of noon.  
One loved each tree and flower and singing bird,  
On mount or plain:  
No music in the soul of one was stirred  
By leaf or rain.  
One saw the good in every fellow man  
And hoped the best;  
The other marvelled at his Master's plan,  
And doubt confessed.  
One, having heaven above and heaven below,  
Was satisfied;  
The other discontented, lived in woe,  
And hopeless died.—

Sarah Knowles Bolton.