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The Punjab Meeting

A company of about fifty workers and believers gathered for the meeting at Chichoki Mullian, February 26 to April 1. Aside from this number there were many occasional visitors from the villages. The station master and the railway staff came to the meetings, more, perhaps, out of respect than a desire to learn more of Christianity. However, one young Mohammedan ticket collector became quite interested and made an appointment for more

cration. From early morning till evening the days were filled with meetings, and the people seemed not to tire of hearing the Word read and of learning the way to render better service to the Master.

To many this was the first experience of its kind, and they sought every opportunity to gain a better understanding of the Way of Life.

The European workers in attendance were Pastor M. M. Mattison, Brethren F. H. Loasby, C. C. Belgrave and the writer. Brother Frank Smith from Chuhar Kana



definite study. He did not come any more, and when we saw him again, said his relatives had threatened him and warned him not to have anything to do with such matters as they were dangerous to investigate. The tent in which the meetings were held was near a much-travelled road, and there were many curious listeners who dropped in for a few minutes to see what was going on.

The meetings throughout were characterized by a spirit of earnestness and conse-

was only able to get down a part of one day. He stayed at the Dispensary to give the Indian workers the opportunity of attending all the meetings. Brethren Jahan and Lakhan Singh from the United Provinces were also at the meetings. All the evangelists and workers took an active part in the meetings.

It must be mentioned that Sister Loasby should be given a due share of the credit for the success of the meetings. Aside from her household duties, she was kept busy

all the day, ministering to the sick and looking after the comforts of the Indian believers.

Brother and Sister Loasby have a very neat, comfortable bungalow. They have irrigation, and soon will have a nice grove of fruit trees and a good lawn. Situated as they are in the midst of a prosperous community, we should soon see a good company of believers gathered out of darkness into the light. There seems to be a good spirit toward the mission and there is every evidence that we will reap a harvest there. The people now believe that we have come to stay. They had been told before that we would be off again as soon as we could get all out of them that we desired. But now they see that we are building there and intend to stay.

At the close of the meeting, there were fourteen baptized in the canal a short distance from the bungalow. Some of these have been with us a long time and others are new converts. There were three direct from heathenism. One of these, an old man, when questioned as to his object in taking this step, said he wanted to fulfil all the plan and do as Jesus did. He could not read, and all that he knew of the Way of Life was what he had been taught by the native evangelists. But he said that there was a change in his life, and he knew it was from God, and he wanted to be baptized and set his face steadfastly toward that beautiful home prepared for the faithful.

All the workers left the meeting of good courage, and filled with a determination to make the year to come one of victory, and by the help of the Lord to see greater results for His glory. I. F. BLUE.

Visit to the Bombay Presidency

After the conclusion of the South India meetings it was the privilege of the writer to spend twelve days with the workers in the Bombay Presidency. On Sabbath, the twelfth of April, the ordinances were celebrated with the Bombay church. There was a good attendance of believers, and a blessed time was spent together around the Lord's table.

Brother Scanlon and Sister Bruce are carrying on evangelistic work among the English speaking people of Bombay city. Already some fruit is seen, and the outlook

is quite encouraging. We fully expect that as a result of persevering effort the Bombay church will be greatly strengthened.

This church sets a good example in faithfulness and liberality in the payment of tithes and offerings. Although the membership is only thirty-four the amount of tithe paid for the first quarter of 1919 was Rs. 1297, while the Sabbath school offerings for the same quarter amounted to Rs. 375, and an annual offering of Rs. 272, was given.

Brother and Sister Kimble have secured a very fine flat at Chowpatty for the treatment room work. There is a growing patronage, and many friends are being made among a good class of people.

With Brother Scanlon I visited for the first time the believers at Lonavla. I also spent a pleasant day with Brother Wood at the Kalyan station. On the way north to Lucknow with my family we were joined at Nassik by Brother R. E. Loasby, who rode with us as far as Manmad, thus giving us opportunity to talk together concerning the work. As our train passed Lasalgaon we had a good view of the bungalow being erected there.

We hope that we shall soon see reinforcements enter the Bombay field, and that a prosperous future will open to this mission. W. W. FLETCHER.

Literature Work Burma

It is some time since a report regarding our literature work in Burma appeared in "Union Tidings."

Although there are only two of us in Burma giving our whole time to this line of work, the amount of literature that is being circulated month by month is very encouraging.

A letter just received from Bro. Roberts tells of a very interesting visit down to Tavoy and Mergui, the lowest point of Burma. His sales for the month of March realised Rs. 264-10-6. This is very good for one of our native brethren. Bro. Roberts adds, after referring to his report, "I expect to do very much better this time."

During February of this year I made a very interesting trip to the uppermost point in Burma, right on the Chinese frontier,

All the villages of any size between Mandalay and Myitkyina were canvassed, and in all a large number of papers and tracts were sold. If our literature work grows as much in the next five years as it has in the past five years, one canvasser will not be able to handle all of the papers published. At the present time I carry a supply of papers in ten of the Vernaculars, also Chinese & English. One does not need many of each of these before one's grip is about full. In addition to the papers we carry Burmese "Bible Readings", "Guide to Health" and a few smaller tracts, "World War" in Chinese, and one or two small books in English.

Speaking for Bro. Roberts and myself I can say we are of good courage. Our hearts are in the literature work and it is our desire to push it forward. We believe that it is by the literature that the message will finally be given to Burma. We thank God for the success He has given in the past and also thank him for the faith we have in what will yet be accomplished.

At the time of writing I am on vacation, enjoying the company of my wife and children and the cool scented atmosphere of the pine trees and hills of Kalaw.

W. CARROTT.

Our "Signs" Work.

Is it possible that some of our *Tidings* circle are not fully acquainted with our plans for the circulation of the "Signs of the Times"? It is now eight weeks since we saw the last copy of our Lucknow paper, and many greatly miss its monthly visits. But, with a little effort I believe we can make up for its disappearance.

Are you aware that we have placed an order for 2,000 copies of the American "Signs of the Times" to replace our local paper? We must dispose of these papers, and we want your help in the effort. We can do something at this end, but we cannot do it all. Without your help the effort will not be fully successful. Do you think that 2,000 papers is more than India needs? If you feel sure that Heaven is satisfied with our present attainments, then, but not till then, can you cease your efforts to bring the truth before the English speaking population of our great field through the agency of this splendid periodical.

The terms are generous. Just look at the rates given below:—For Clubs, 2 to 5 copies to one address, as. 1 per copy, postage extra. For Clubs, 6 or more copies to one address, as. 1 per copy, post free. Single yearly subscriptions, Rs. 4/8/- in advance.

You do not need to wait two or three months before seeing your first papers come to hand. From current numbers we can supply your orders as soon as we receive them. This will appeal to those handling the papers we feel sure.

What have you already done to help? and what are you willing to do? Are you going to allow the whole of the burden to fall upon others? It will mean a big lift, if we are to reach our aim; but can we afford to fall short? We look to every *Tidings* reader throughout the field, yes, and to every member, to help in this effort, and to help *now*.

In the transition from one paper to another, naturally, we have lost a large number of subscribers, and our lists have perceptibly shrunk. But we are confident you will do your best to help us renew our lists.

For the willing worker is held out the promise of participating in the joy of the Lord—the joy of seeing Souls saved in the kingdom. That the "Signs" is a soul-saving agency is proved by the ever increasing number of those who have found the way everlasting through the truths forcibly presented there. Do not ask to be excused, but come up to the "help of the Lord", and we shall see our lists growing daily, and our aim well within our grasp.

F. J. BUTLER.

Good Company

The young man who studies the Bible will find himself in company with the strong minded men of the ages. He need make no apology for giving much time to the Book which has engaged the most serious attention of painters like Raphael; of sculptors like Thorwaldsen; of musicians like Mozart; of lawyers like Blackstone; of orators like Bright; of business men like William E. Dodge; of physicians like Harvey; of philosophers like Locke and Mill; of poets like Milton and Tennyson.

—*Youth's Comrade.*

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Sabbath School Rally Day

The May number of the "Sabbath School Worker" is a special "Rally Day" number. In it is found some excellent material for a beneficial rally. A suggestive program, which may be altered to suit conditions, is given on pages 102 and 103. Our English Sabbath Schools will receive much benefit by setting apart a certain time for the consideration of the Sabbath school work. There are many thoughts and paragraphs, which, if translated, would be of great help to our vernacular Sabbath Schools.

In some parts of the world June 7 has been set aside as "Sabbath School Rally Day". Owing to the fact that the "Worker" does not reach us until late, probably June 14, or even a later date, would be more suitable. But every Sabbath School will surely feel repaid for any effort put forth in planning for and carrying out a special "Rally Day" program.

Mrs. I. F. BLUE

Miss N. Murdoch, formerly of our Calcutta Treatment Rooms, has connected with our Union Mission Office as Stenographer.

Sabbath, May 17, saw the arrival in Calcutta of eight missionaries from the States. The party consists of Brother Enoch, Brother Denoyer and wife, Brother Hubley and wife and child, Brother Jewell, Miss Reid and Miss Shryock. We welcome our returning workers, and extend also a cordial welcome to the new missionaries.

Brethren Enoch and Hubley and Miss Reid have gone to Bombay, where it is expected that Brother Hubley will take charge of the English evangelistic work, while Brother Enoch and Miss Reid will enter the vernacular work. Miss Shryock at present is in Mussoorie, and expects to enter the vernacular work in North India. It is understood that Brother and Sister Denoyer are returning to Burma.

Dr. Menkel writes from Simla:— that "The season of 1919 has opened with promising omens. The Week of Prayer, April 5-12, proved a real spiritual uplift to the church and resulted in a thank offering from our membership of Rs. 1730/-."

From the same source we are glad to hear that in the treatment rooms nearly twice the number of patients are being treated as during the same period of last year. Though as yet early in the year, the public meetings are well attended and the interest manifested in home Bible studies promises to develop encouraging results.

Pastors Fulton and Fletcher have gone to Bombay in company with the new workers.

At the recent Union Committee meeting held at Mussoorie it was voted to hold the biennial meeting from December 25, 1919 to January 4, 1920.

We were very glad to learn from a recent letter that Sister R. E. Boose is continuing to improve in health, so much so that she has been able to carry on Bible work for a time. She writes that her thoughts and prayers are continually with the work and workers in India.

Errata:—We regret that in publishing the "Lines of Progress" Chart appearing in our issue of May 1, a small error has crept in. The South India membership for 1918 should be 195 instead of 159 as given.

The Home Study Habit

That is the habit to form if you can not go to School. And the Fireside Correspondence School was organized to help you form this habit. The President of the General Conference says, "I believe this school is conferring an unspeakable benefit upon our people."

For full particulars write today to the principal, C. C. Lewis, Takoma Park, Washington D. C., U. S. A.

Bro. F. A. Wyman led out in a baptismal service on Sabbath the 11th May. Three new members were baptised, having heard the truth through the Calcutta effort.

Pastor Fletcher has secured accomodation in Dehra Dun. His present address is given below.

"Violet Villa"
Curzon Road,
Dalanwalla, Dehra Dun.

Pastor R. D. Brisbin, writing from St. Helena, says they experienced a very pleasant voyage, and are both feeling very much better in health, the sea voyage having benefitted them physically.