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EXTENSION.

THE enemy of truth and the adversary of the Lord's work is ever planning ways and means to thwart the purposes of the Lord, and hinder the progress of His work. In these days just before the Lord's coming he is unceasingly vigilant in his attempts to nullify, if possible, the work of those who are carrying the final message. "The devil is come down unto you having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

One of the most successful means of impeding the progress of the message is to cause the workers to centralize, and give a few places much advantage in obtaining a knowledge of the truth, while other places are left without help. In the history of our work this has been done again and again. The experience of our people at Battle Creek is perhaps the most forcible example we can cite. When the headquarters of the Seventh-Day-Adventists was moved to Battle Creek, the work was in its infancy, and as yet there were no large institutions among us. As the work developed, the Review and Herald Printing Office grew into a large publishing house,—one of the largest in the United States. The Sanitarium which was started there also grew to large proportions. Soon a College was established in Battle Creek, and a very large church was built. All this appeared very well to the eye of man, but word came from the servant of the Lord that our people should stop colonizing in Battle Creek, and testimony after testimony was sent to the Battle Creek Church,

urging upon our people to leave Battle Creek, and go to other places where they might let the light and truth shine out to others, but they were slow to move. It was easier to remain there, and drink in the truth, than to get out and meet the opposition of the world, and tell what they had learned to others.

After waiting patiently for his people to obey, and finding that they would not, it was necessary to remove the cause which many claimed was holding them in Battle Creek, *viz.*—Our large institutions. Two of the largest, in which hundreds of our people had found employment, were burned to the ground and turned to ashes in less than a year. It seemed like a terrible blow, and many eyes were filled with tears as the knowledge of these terrible catastrophes flashed along the line from one country to another; but it was God's means of accomplishing His purpose. His people were let free to go and establish work elsewhere and extend the work. Many went. The head-quarters of our work, with the Review and Herald Office, was moved to Washington, the capital of the nation. This is a large city—many times the size of Battle Creek—so that from this point a far reaching movement can be organized, which will reach to every state in the Union, and through government officials to every government in the world. In this way what seemed to be a terrible calamity is working out to be a great blessing. A wider and broader field of influence is being found, and ere long we look to see statesmen, like Nicodemus of old, standing out for the truth for these times.

God does not want his people to centralize or colonize. The field is the world, and He wishes His servants to show their faith by scattering to the four corners of the earth, and lifting aloft in every city the banner of present truth.

We are in India, and the message has been going in various ways for eight years to the people of this land. Thank God a beginning has been made. Loyal hearts have responded to the truth as it has come to them, and we are thankful that among these there are those who are giving their time and strength in pushing forward the work. This is as it should be. The blessing of the Lord will rest upon every one who gives himself or herself to the Lord's work.

Let us review what has been done, how far has the message gone? Thus far in the work of India, only one or two large centres have been entered and public work begun. Large cities like Bombay, Colombo, and Madras are yet untouched. Each one of these centres of influence sends forth an earnest, anxious appeal for help. What shall we do for these neglected places? Shall we not do our part to establish the work in these centres? Personally, I feel as never before, the need of pushing on our work and entering new territory. May the Lord give us strength in appealing to our people at home for men and means for these needy places.

Arrangements have been made for Eld. Armstrong to go to Colombo and open up work. He has had a burden for this place, and we feel sure the Lord will bless him in going, and give him sheaves for his labour. We shall miss him. It has been a trial to some of our brethren and sisters in Calcutta to let him go, but as we think of the island of Ceylon with its 3,000,000 people without a representative of the truth, how can we say no? We know what the truth has done for us, and we look forward with anticipation to the time

when a little company shall be raised up there to bear their testimony. Shall we not follow our dear brother and sister with our prayers as they enter their new field? Shall we not lift our horizon until it shall comprehend these unentered corners, and by our means and loyal support, stand by the work until the message shall ring from east to west, and north to south? The extension of our work to the various parts of this great empire means hard, earnest work. It means the giving of our money, yea, more than that, it means the giving of our lives; but brethren and sisters it will pay, so let us do it, and press forward a united band.

J. L. SHAW.

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KARMATAR TRAINING-SCHOOL.

THOUGH there are three of us connected with this work, we all find our hands full. We feel very much encouraged with the progress made, but there is plenty of room for improvement. However we thank the Lord for the deep interest on the part of the girls in the Bible classes, the nursing work, etc. The boys are also doing much better. We have been doing some preparatory work in the garden, having dug about 50 holes some 3 X 3 X 3 ft., some 2 X 2 X 2 ft., to set out fruit trees, besides our school work.

For some time Brother Burgess has been out in the canvassing work. A week ago Sister Burgess paid him a little visit, and as he was not able to do much work, she stayed with him to help finish up a few stations before returning; so Miss Whiteis and I are very busy, but we enjoy it. To day we went about 2½ miles to a village to see a sick woman, and it really made us feel deeply interested in the work, and to long for more power to heal. As we rode along people came running to salaam us, and urged us to see their sick friends. Oh, for m

workers! and more of the Spirit's power!

We have adopted the plan of taking up a donation in our Sabbath school, and were very happy to see how cheerfully the children entered into it. The first Sabbath we got As. 12-6, the 2nd, Re. 1-0-6. This is very good when we consider they have no income. But I set the five little folks to gather up some manure scattered over the compound, to put under trees which we are going to set out, and paid them one pice each; thus they had a chance to earn some money to give to the Lord. And Oh, I wish you could have seen how cheerfully they entered into the plan! One little boy enthusiastically exclaimed, "we will earn a hundred pice."

Brethren, it pays to "train up a child in the way he should go." And since this is a Training School, we feel *sure* this is right.

Pray for us and the work here. With love and Christian greetings to all.

Yours in the blessed hope and work.

ANNA KNIGHT.

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A BAPTISMAL SERVICE.

We are glad to report another baptismal service, which was conducted at the close of the evening service, Sabbath, February 27. Four of our young people in the Calcutta Church showed their faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ by going forward in the ordinance of baptism.

Surely nothing can be more pleasing and acceptable to God than the dedication of young lives to His service. We earnestly pray that these four, three sisters and one brother, having thus far followed the divine pattern in fulfilling the righteousness of God, may continue to walk day by day "even as He walked," in newness of life.

H. A.

RANGOON.

At the beginning of February, steps were taken to organize a school. Sister Meyers was successful in securing twelve pupils to start with. We hoped that Sister Harrison would have been able to take over the teacher-ship, but owing to failing health, this has not been possible. Nevertheless we have thought it advisable to continue the school, and pending final arrangements for a permanent teacher, Sister Meyers is conducting the school.

We are glad to say that the question of getting furniture for the school, which was a difficulty that at first presented itself, has been settled by a few friends donating, and a sum of Rupees fifty-four already donated will help materially towards such furniture as will for the present be required. We have had an increase since the school started, and it now numbers fifteen. We feel sure that there ought to be no difficulty in getting up a large school here, and we are already promised more pupils, but feel diffident about substantially increasing our numbers till we can get the services of a teacher who will be able to devote her whole time to school work, and developing its interests here. We desire to express our gratitude to those who have already helped us with donations for this work.

We were glad last month to have an opportunity of conducting a meeting at the house of one of our Burmese sisters, where a large gathering assembled of English speaking Burmese.

In the early part of February Sister Smith and Sister Enid Sloane, started out for their journey on the Mandalay route, and have since visited all the important towns as far as Katha. A detailed report of their tour will appear in due course, but we are glad, in the meantime, to say they are having good experiences in their work.

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MADRAS.

I HAVE enjoyed my work this past month very much indeed. Surely some seed has fallen on good ground. Many times I have met people who just seem ripe for the truth, and one cannot help, in some cases, seeing how their opinions are being formed by our literature—unconsciously, perhaps, but nevertheless it is so.

The Lord has blessed me with good success in taking orders for the books and papers, my February orders being eighteen for "Patriarchs and Prophets," sixty-three for the *Oriental Watchman* and thirty-six for *Good Health*, besides orders for some of the other books.

I must write of our experience with a case of peritonitis. Mrs. Conran has been very ill indeed with it, and nothing they did for her seemed to afford her much relief. Finally they let us take her in hand, and the Lord blessed the simple treatment that we gave in a most marked way, and the result is that they are most grateful. I do hope it may be the means of making them study health reform. Mrs. Conran has turned to me for advice, in a way that seems almost pathetic.

As I see the way people live, I want to appreciate and practise health reform in a thorough, strict way; for it is only practical demonstrations that will convince people of its efficacy.

Sometimes I can not help singing the

Doxology out of sheer joy, for the wonderful blessings of the Lord, and for His compassions which are new every morning.

I ask that I may be remembered before the Lord by our own people, that I may be faithful in seed sowing. "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."

D. M. JEWETT.

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TUNDLA.

THE Lord has blessed us in His work since leaving Nagpur, from which place our last report was given. The way is always open for us to get a convenient location as we go from place to place. Last September we went to Jhansi during the very hot weather, but could not find a place to stay, although I looked about for three days, canvassing as I went. At that time the heat almost overcame me; we felt the Lord did not want us there until cooler weather, so left for Bina. This spring, January 25th., we again found ourselves in Jhansi, and it was only the work of a few hours before we were ready to canvass.

After working Jhansi for two weeks, we went to Jubbulpore, and there found numbers who had taken the paper before, and had simply let the renewal slip by because no one had been around to take the subscription. How I wish it were in our power to present the truth in our canvass in such a way that it will not only take the order for that year, but that it may leave an impression which will come to them as they see their subscriptions expiring. Shall we not pray for this? We are not enough in number to visit all places every year, and may the Lord help us to plant that seed which springs up unto life everlasting.

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