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A WORD FOR "EASTERN TIDINGS."

We plan to get out EASTERN TIDINGS after this the 15th of each month, and in order to do this it will be necessary that all matter for the paper reach the Office at Karmatar not later than the 5th of each month. From the attitude of our people at the General Meeting we take it that all feel that the EASTERN TIDINGS should be continued and we are thankful for this unanimous feeling. Let us make the paper a blessing to all.

In order to get the paper out it is necessary to have matter to put in it and in order to get it out on time it is necessary to have the matter in on time which is by the 5th of every month. It is impossible to manufacture reports of work at the office: each one should feel that upon him or her rests the responsibility of making the EASTERN TIDINGS a success. Every month it should go to the Sabbath keepers in India as a messenger of truth freighted with words of encouragement and experiences which shall provoke one another to good works. "They helped every one his neighbour; and every one said to his brother 'Be of good courage.' So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he that smootheneth with the hammer him that smote the anvil, saying, It is ready for the soldering: and he fastened it with nails that it should not be moved." We are nailing the truth upon the hearts of men and women in different parts of this great land. And while hammering away let us encourage our fellow-workers. It is our duty and a very precious and God-given privilege.

The reports need not be long: let them be short and to the point, telling in a brief way any experience that will be of interest and profit to other workers. The EASTERN TIDINGS will be sent to a number of Conference papers in America and so our reports in many cases go beyond the confines of India and serve as a stimulus to our people in other places. An occasional brief article can be worked in on methods and suggestions for work.

In India our Sabbath keepers are many,

and most of them isolated. The EASTERN TIDINGS may do an efficient work in drawing us as believers closer together, and uniting us in the one common cause of spreading the message of the Third Angel. If you know of a Sabbath keeper who has not subscribed to EASTERN TIDINGS, we ask you to take his subscription and send it in to the Office.

J. L. SHAW.

WORKER'S REPORTS.

After counselling with the Advisory Board it has been suggested by them that full explanations be sent to the different Workers regarding the report blanks so that they may be filled out sufficiently full to be approved by the Superintendent of the Field and compiled month by month for the perusal of the Advisory Board at the end of the year when they audit up the worker's accounts.

The Labourer's Report should contain on the first page the name of the month and the date: on the second line the name: on the third line the address: below that the work in which the worker is engaged. Each one of these should be filled out fully. The next is the number of weeks and days employed. There may be a question in the minds of some how to fill this out. It is the judgment of the Committee that a worker should report the time that he labours, and that he or she be credited for that amount of time. If for any reason they do not feel like working, then it is their privilege to report the number of days that they have worked and on the books in the office they will be allowed pay for the time reported. If a worker reports twenty days in the month, then he will receive pay for twenty days in the month. It is not the province of the Superintendent of the field or any other single individual to give full salary if a worker does not report that amount of time. However at the end of the year, if a worker has not been paid for full time, and it seems the judgment of the Auditing Committee and the Board at Home to allow full time: then it

will be allowed, otherwise they will receive pay for the time that is reported. We should like to have the workers bear this in mind when filling in the reports. Next line, salary. This should be filled in in dollars per week changed into rupees so that both will be shown. Below this should be the expenses as per itemized statement on the following page of report. *These two should be added up and the total put down so that it is not necessary for the office to do this work.* Below the total should be placed the receipts as given on the following page of report which should be deducted leaving the balance due to the worker.

Now a word about the itemized report of expenses. Each item of expense should be put down and not a lump sum. We would advise every worker to have a book in which to keep his expenses so that at the end of the month they can place down the date and the item of each separate expense day by day during the month and then total. The Lord has told us that we should be accurate and careful and that we should keep account of each expense for our own benefit and for the benefit of the work.

The question of what we should report as expenses may trouble some. Travelling expenses that are authorized should be reported. Workers who are engaged in office work where correspondence is necessary are entitled to their postage. Any other expense arranged for. House rent and food and servants for the same should not be reported on the Labourers' blank. No workers receive pay for living expenses unless specially arranged by the Advisory Board.

As to the Statistical report, it is no doubt sufficiently plain to be understood by all. If the workers keep a total record of the work that they do, at the end of the month there will be no trouble in filling out the Statistical report. The same book that contains the itemized record of expenses might be used for Statistical report. When the day is done, a record of the work the worker has been engaged in can be put down.

Workers who are studying languages, are requested to report the number of hours spent in language study.

As to receipts the report is clear on this point, I think. What we receive from donations to the work, from book sales, subscrip-

tion and treatment should be entered.

On the blank space left for remarks there is room to report on the work, conditions, plans and suggestions. Any item of Tract Society business should be placed on a separate report. When the report is made out fully and completely then it should be sent into the office and after being approved the worker will be allowed as per statement and each report is placed on a file and kept until the end of the year. When the Auditing Committee come together they will have the benefit of these monthly reports in their annual auditing so that they may know what each worker has done during the year, what they have received and what their expenses have been. This may seem an unimportant matter to some but in a field like this where workers are scattered so widely, it is necessary that the reports be full, complete and accurate. We therefore ask you in the name of the Advisory Board to be careful and prompt in making out this report. The book-keeper is not able to credit the workers with their wages until their reports have been received. We are anxious for you to have your money just as early in the month as possible for we know that what salary the workers get is needed for their monthly needs and so if you will be prompt in getting in your reports, the office will be prompt in making remittances to you so that you may not be embarrassed in carrying on the Lord's work.

We wish you all very much of the blessing of God, and ask you to write us if there is any item not well explained or understood by you in the above statement.

Yours in His Service,
J. L. SHAW.

A GOOD DAY.

Sabbath March 9 was a day long to be remembered by the Calcutta church. Eld. Thompson spoke in the morning, the S. S. hour being in the place of the regular Sabbath service as the Burma Mail was about to leave the docks at 4. P. M. Eld. Thompson based his remarks on Peter's inquiry of the Lord in Matt 19. 27: "We have forsaken all and followed thee, what shall we have therefore?" He dwelt with emphasis on the necessity of one having all the truth and showed how satisfied Satan is to have us give up even one point, for by this he knows we are in his power.

The Lord blessed in the presentation of the

Sabbath truth and the blessed spirit of Jesus came in and testified to the message borne. Then followed a social service in which testimonies were given testifying of victories gained and benefits received from Eld. Thompson's studies and labours.

Our field has had a rich blessing in the services of Eld. Thompson, and as one worker remarked he could never know the good he had done in his labour in India. Eld. Thompson said he should love to work for India and if he never returned he hoped to be influential in getting others to come. MRS. J. L. SHAW.

THE MOUNTAIN HOME.

No doubt all want to know what is being done about locating a house for workers in the mountains, and we would be glad to tell you that a place has been purchased, but we are not able to do so at this writing.

Elders Thompson, Miller and Brother and Sr. Burgess with the writer visited five Hill Stations including Simla, Dagshai, Solon, Kasauli and Mussoorie. For several reasons Mussoorie seemed the best place to locate, so if a suitable place can be found the Mountain Home will probably be located there. A property known as "Glenbrook" estate had many points in its favour, but later the way closed up for that, and an offer was made on a property known as the "Amfield" estate. This had first been held at Rs. 30,000, which was so high that we did not consider it. But when the way closed for "Glenbrook" it seemed to be opening for "Amfield." The owner came down to Rs. 25,000 and has finally offered it for Rs. 24,000. This is somewhat above our means, but the property is for the best for the price of any thing we have seen. We can give no definite word, but the matter is under consideration.

We believe the Lord is willing to save us from making a mistake in the selection of a site and we therefore ask the prayers of all that wisdom may be given and no mistake made. Pray that the right place may be found and that it may be obtained for a sum within the limit of the means donated for the purpose. Bro and Sr. Burgess are stopping for the present at Dehra Dun which is at the foot of the mountains, fourteen miles from Mussoorie. They write very favourably of the place to begin work in the Hindustani lang-

uage. Bro and Sr. Hansen who have recently gone up also speak highly of the place. With a home in the Mountains and a station for mission work at the foot like Dehra Dun the objects of the donors to the Mountain Mission Fund will be obtained. We hope to have a place in the Mountains soon but can not go in advance of God's providences.

J. L. SHAW.

INDIA'S GREAT NEED.

After leaving Calcutta at the close of the General meeting and spending a few days at Karmatar, it was my privilege to accompany Bro. Cook in the Canvassers' campaign.

One morning while travelling I observed a small group of pilgrims on the station platform, returning home from a visit to one of the sacred cities of the Hindus. I learned afterwards that some had been compelled to live two days on the open platform, because they had been unable to get passage on the crowded trains which time after time had steamed away without them.

One group in particular attracted my attention. They came and stood before the carriage in which I sat, with a look of disappointment and mute appeal on their sad faces. Touched by the silent pleading, I enquired how far they were going. As I questioned them, I quietly noted the effect of the conversation on the other Europeans in the carriage, and noticed an antipathy in the demeanour of one against the invasion of the compartment by the pilgrims. In the meanwhile an aged woman of the party fell in a swoon on her face, twice, on the hard platform. I availed of the mournful occurrence to move on the heart of the man who was obstructing their entrance, and succeeded. Five weary women scrambled in with their bundles as best they could, the railway watchmen closed the door of the car and with their switches ruthlessly beat back on the platform the remainder of the pilgrims and the train sped on. The pleading faces of those left behind still appeal to me: "Won't you tell us of Jesus the mighty to save, that we may no more set out on these erratic pilgrimages to some sacred 'city of the gods, hoping thereby to obtain salvation; that we may never again have to pass cheerless days and still more cheerless nights on the stony railroad in the heat and cold and damp, in the vain

search for redemption outside of Christ."

Brethren, do not our hearts yearn toward the helpless millions of vast India, who are groping in such dense darkness? Shall we not, as we set ourselves with a dogged determination to master one or other of the numerous languages and dialects spoken by her **Three Hundred Millions**, plead with God for the gift of tongues? Shall we not love these poor people more and show this love by word and deed? Shall we not labour with those we come in contact with each day, not forgetting our Servants? Let us cease to criticize them, for they have been nurtured in dense darkness and the coming of the Lord draweth near, yes very near!

Sr. Burroway, Mrs. Watson and I with a Bengali sister, are planning to enter Koro, (4 miles from Karmatar) very soon, to open up medical and school work among the five or ten thousand Bengali people there.

We need Two thousand five hundred Rupees (about Six Hundred dollars) to accomplish the purchase of land and the erection of a building thereon. Rupees six hundred (*two hundred dollars*.) has been donated. Who will help with the remaining Rupees nineteen hundred (*six hundred dollars*)? Friends in India, friends in America do I hear you say you love the Third Angel's message? Then what will you contribute for needy Koro with its thousands of perishing souls who prostrate themselves at the feet of the Brahmins (Hindu priests), and vainly seek salvation by cheerless pilgrimages, and other deeds of the flesh?

India's great need is the Third Angels Message!

Will you not help to give it? "Behold, the day of the Lord cometh!"

Please forward all remittances without delay to International Tract Society.

39-1 Free School Street, CALCUTTA.

Do I hear you say you long to be a missionary to the heathen?

Just as surely as you send us your Rupees or Dollars to help forward the work in Koro, just so surely are you a missionary commissioned by the Saviour to preach the gospel of the kingdom to the thousands of heathen here.

A.G. WATSON

A CAMPAIGN EXPERIENCE

I do think the articles on Spiritualism are timely. Only last night I met a man who gave me a yearly subscription for *Oriental Watchman* who said he wanted to read something on that line. He had heard about it. He said, also, that he believed the coming of the Lord was near and suggested that "Spiritualism" was a sign of the end.

I canvassed an educated native gentleman the other day, a heathen, who gave me a paid order for *Oriental Watchman* for the year, and who seemed to be interested in what I told him about the paper. "Spiritualism" is one of the things I make particular mention of and I believe many people will read those articles with interest. I have not met any "Age to Come" people to my knowledge in Madras, but I know many people are not clear in regard to the Millennium. I have met those in Bangalore who believe in the "rapture"

Some articles on the Millennium would be a help to correct various erroneous theories.

We have not been able to put in much time here. About four hours and one is glad to get in. It was hot when we came and has been steadily warming up.

I think we will go down the S. I. R. into Ceylon and work up country until after the rains begin and then canvass Colombo and Gaur. It is getting too hot to work in the plains.

ANNA ORR.

THE CAMPAIGN.

We are glad indeed to see the success that has attended the efforts of our faithful canvassers in the *Watchman* and *Good Health* campaign. Our *Watchman* list now stands at 1200 and *Good Health* 727. The campaign season has nearly closed, but a number of earnest workers are still in the field and expect to remain there for some time to come.

Burma has had almost no work thus far and yet in the past it has furnished us with large lists of subscribers. We believe that Mrs. King and Jewett will find a good field in Burma, and that our list will grow in that field. Ceylon has been a splendid field in the past, but the campaign has not reached this island at all. Southern India has only been touched as it were with our finger tips.

Now this all speaks courage to the workers who are still in the field. The cream of the

territory is still before us. The fields are white already to harvest and reapers are needed. The work of our papers in bringing souls into the truth has been such that we can push forward their circulation with courage.

An accident overtook our March "*Good Health*" on the way out from London, and many copies were ruined. Fortunately we were able by careful picking to get enough out for all the subscribers. We can praise the Lord for this.

Let the watchword all along the time be "Onward." We have a Leader who will not fail nor be discouraged until he has set righteousness and truth in the earth. J.C.L.

LEARNING THE LANGUAGE.

Dr. Oberholtzer writes—"I am not doing anything but studying the language. Stopped in Rangoon ten days, then came to Moulmein Feb. 11, and have been under Burmese environments.

I know the Lord is helping me in getting hold of the language for which I am so thankful. I feel that I can't crowd fast enough. I have worked very hard eight and ten solid hours and some-times more. I feel I can not be a consumer without being a producer. David said I would be talking in six months very well. It is only the Lord's blessing that is enabling me to make progress, for naturally I am so stupid about such things. Urge the workers that are studying the language to get away from English work and friends as much as possible. This with work and prayer is the secret of success. I am sure."

HEATHEN IGNORANCE.

The more we come in touch with India's needy millions the more we are led to realize their need. In fact we do not come to realize the great work before us until we come into actual contact with the ignorance and superstition of these poor people.

The other day we had been out to a village and were returning, when a native man overtook us. He was only a common farmer, but we thought to test his knowledge of common things a bit. We asked him how old he was. He could not have been a year less than thirty, but he replied that he was fourteen or fifteen years of age. He told us he had a daughter who was five or six years old. But on further questioning we learned that the daughter was the mother of one or two children.

Now ordinarily this would seem to us great ignorance, but this man's case is a fair sample of village intelligence among the lower classes. Ignorance among the better class of village people may not be quite as deep but it is equally as dense. A man who may be said to represent average intelligence among the better class of village folk, was one day listening to a Bible reading. The subject of earthquakes having come up he declared that he knew their cause. A large serpent down in the centre of the earth occasionally coiled or uncoiled and thus earthquakes were caused. This man could read.

These wanderers in darkness need teachers who can lead them into right paths. Surely the one who knows the language has a vast field before him. Let those who are studying the language know that a vast unentered field is before every one who learns one of India's tongues. Take courage and learn quickly, for God's hand and favour are with you J.C.L.

GLEANINGS.

"Words should be the echo of works."

"THEY are always leaders who follow Christ."

"THE highest heights of joy often rise from the deepest depths of sorrow."

"Why should we complain that time is short when we do not half utilize that which we have?"

"THE Christian is not a reservoir for storing up spiritual energy, but a conduit for its transmission to others."

"ONE cannot put his powers of imagination to a worse use than constantly to imagine himself ill thought of by others."

"SILENCE is not always golden. It is arrant dishonesty whenever failure to speak will give a false impression or do another an injustice."

"LIGHT is not obtained by searching, but by submitting. You can never find God by searching. You must come like a child; you are not asked to understand, only to accept and believe. — *Haslam*.

EASTERN THINGS.



INTERNATIONAL TRACT SOCIETY.

394 Free School Street, Calcutta.

Miss Jewett and Miss King received a warm welcome in Burma where they have gone to canvass.

We are deeply grateful to God for the success which has attended the canvassing campaign. Every worker has been having a good experience.

The workers are asked to carefully read the article "Worker's Reports" and if any one does not know how to fill out the monthly report, please write to the office.

The Advisory Board recommend that Miss Kurtz take hold of the Hindustani. At the close of the campaign she will probably connect with Bro. and Sr. Burgess.

A letter from Dr. Olive Ingersoll reports a pleasant voyage as far as Port Said. At this point they were seriously considering a trip through the Holy Land with some Australian Missionaries they met on board their steamer.

The Sanitarium was filled with patients during the last month. Elder Thompson held a series of meetings with the workers much to their help and encouragement. The outlook for the work is very encouraging.

Sr. Little and Sr. Burroway are devoting their entire time to the Bengali language and expect to be able in six months to pass the first year's examination. They have set their heads to master the language and God is blessing their faithfulness.

We are glad to see our isolated Sabbath keepers taking orders for our papers and books. That is a splendid way to keep our own souls warm and help forward the message in India. Sr. A. E. Johnson has been canvassing Sind and is probably now at Karrachi.

Bro. and Sr. Hansen have been favoured in finding a pleasant home and good school for Paul and Florence. They will make Mussourie their home for the present. Bro. Hansen is improving the opportunity of Bro. Burgess' help in the language work.

The last few weeks at Karmatar have been busy ones for our workers. There have been several guests with the family. In fact at one time the house was so crowded it was necessary to give up the dining room and use the veranda for the meals and family prayers.

Eld. Thompson sailed from Calcutta March 9th for Rangoon where he will hold a series of meetings until the 28th when he sails for Egypt enroute to the spring council of the General conference which begins May 9, at Gland, Switzerland. We shall long remember his stay among us and his clear and careful counsel.

Bro. J. S. James left Calcutta March 13 for Bangalore. His help in the canvassing work has been much appreciated. His attention and time will now be given to the Tamil language. As Bro. and Sr. James take up this new work and pioneer the work in Southern India our prayers should go with them that God will greatly bless and direct them in this new field.

Bro. and Sr. Burgess have located for a month at least in Dehra Dun. There are not many missionaries in the place and opportunity seems to be given to open up work there. They have rented a little cottage with school building connected for Rs. 25 per month. Bro. Burgess writes that there is a request for one of our sisters to go there and connect with a school and assist in the teaching. This would afford an opportunity for language work.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart:
and lean not unto thine own understanding.
In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He
shall direct thy paths." Prov. 3: 5, 6.

DR. SAMUEL SMILES was the author of many good thoughts, but he never gave expression to a more important truth than this: "The hollowest of all gospels is the gospel of ease and comfort."