

# Eastern Tidings.

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## AWAKE! AWAKE! AWAKE!

I HAVE a message from the Lord for all our churches. Divine truth is to be received and communicated; its saving principles are to enlighten the world. Those who are converted must become more and more intelligent in their understanding of the Scriptures, that they may be able to speak words of light and salvation to those who are in darkness, and perishing in their sins.

"God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." By his life of sacrifice, Christ has made it possible for man to become a partaker of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. The salvation of souls was the great object for which Christ sacrificed his kingly crown and royal robe, the glory of heaven and the homage of angels, and, laying aside his divinity, came to this earth to labour and suffer with humanity upon him. As workers together with him, we are to expect special blessings and definite results as we strive to save souls from the snares of Satan, that they may become the children of light.

My brethren and sisters, when a camp-meeting is held, take pains to become acquainted with those who attend the meeting. Interest yourself in their soul's salvation. If in no other way, you can give truth to the people by handing them papers and pamphlets. And not only at the

camp-meeting, but in the neighbourhood where you live, seek to gain access to souls. Get acquainted with your neighbours. O how many have never opened their lips to inquire of neighbours and friends if they would be willing to hear something of the truths for the time in which we are living. My brethren and sisters, study your plans. Grasp every opportunity to speak to your neighbours and associates, or to read to them something from books that contain present truth. Show that you regard as of first importance the salvation of the souls for whom Christ made so great a sacrifice.

Ministers, preach the truths that will lead to personal labour for those who are out of Christ. Encourage personal effort in every possible way. Remember that a minister's work does not consist merely in preaching. He is to visit families at their homes, to pray with them, and to open to them the Scriptures. He who does faithful work outside of the pulpit will accomplish tenfold more than he who confines his labours to the desk. Let our ministers carry their load of responsibility with fear and trembling, looking to the Lord for wisdom, and asking constantly for his grace. Let them make Jesus their pattern, diligently studying his life, and bringing into the daily practice the principles that actuated him in his service while upon the earth.

The end of this earth's history is near. The world is seeking for those things that perish with the using: its diligence and

activity are not exerted to obtain the salvation gained through the imparted righteousness of Christ. At such a time as this, should professing Christians be indifferent to the needs of those who are perishing in their sins?

Church-members, the world is your field, and it is white unto the harvest. "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest?" Christ said to his disciples; "behold I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true. One soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour."

Christ referred to the sending forth of his disciples, first the twelve, and later the seventy, who were to go out into the towns and villages and preach the kingdom of God. "I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour," he said; "other men laboured, and ye have entered into their labours."

The times in which we live have a peculiar importance. Countries hitherto closed to the gospel are opening their doors, and are pleading for the word of God to be explained to them. Kings and princes will open their long-closed gates, inviting the heralds of the cross to enter.

Can the Christian, who has the world for his field, fold his hands in idleness, and leave the sheaves ungathered? Eternity alone will reveal the results of well-directed efforts put forth *now*. Let every family who claims to believe the message put forth earnest, uniting efforts to pro-

claim the truth.

ELLEN G. WHITE.

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EXTRACTS FROM A LETTER FROM  
ELDER A. G. DANIELLS.

Well, we had a grand meeting in Switzerland. The attendance was much larger than we had expected. Nearly all the ministers in the European field were present. These men brought thrilling reports of the experiences the Lord had given them during the past year or two. These with the reports that were brought by Brethren Irwin, Prescott and Thompson greatly encouraged all our hearts. We never had clearer evidence of God's leading in this message than at the present time. He is giving power to His messengers and the work is making rapid strides in all lands. Brother Thompson was faithful in representing India and Burma. We could all see that he had been deeply impressed by what he had seen, and that he felt a great interest in that field. The Committee felt that the requests you sent for help were modest, and that we should respond to them as quickly as possible.

We gave our great mission fields careful study, and endeavoured to lay wise, broad, progressive plans for the more rapid development of the work. As the principal resolutions and measures of the Council will be printed in the "Review", it will not be necessary for me to mention the details of our decisions. We were all profoundly impressed that the time had come for this denomination to arise and enter upon a larger, stronger and more systematic missionary campaign than we have yet inaugurated. What we have done is but a preparation for a might-

ier work. We have the resources to do it and they must be used. All our General Conference men were deeply impressed with this, and are returning to their fields with the determination to stir our people. I expect to see large results come from the influence that will be exerted by these Union Conference presidents during the fall camp-meeting campaign.

The brethren were glad to hear of the purchase of a hill station and after hearing your report of the place, and also Brother Thompson's description, passed a resolution expressing approval of the purchase of this place. We sincerely hope it will prove a health resort for our missionaries in India, which will enable them to retain their health, and remain in the country.

J. L. S.

#### BAPTISM IN MUSSOORIE.

The Sabbath of June 22 was one long to be remembered by our company of Sabbath keepers in Mussoorie.

Bro. and Sr. Amar Nath, who accepted the truth last year in Tukipur under the labours of Bro. and Sr. Burgess, were at this time baptised. These humble Christians have been associated with Bro. and Sr. Burgess during the past year and doing what they could to bring others to the knowledge of present Truth.

The service was conducted in one of the streams that bound our Mountain Home. Through wooded paths, ravines, etc., a company of twenty-seven wended its way down to a place which our Brethren had dammed in. There between the rocky steeps with heaven itself our covering dome, in a temple not built by human hands, we witnessed the solemn ceremony.

Brother Little spoke to us on the significance of baptism, and the manner in which it should be performed. Bro. Shaw before performing the sacred rite made a few stirring remarks.

As these two representatives of India's millions went to their watery grave, we followed them and by faith saw again our Saviour's death and resurrection, and our hearts were stirred to consecration of our lives to service. Some were there whom God had raised from a bed of sickness, and thereby witnessed to His healing power. Some were there who are studying the message for this time, and we hope they will follow in this ordinance e'er the season closes.

Our prayers go with these dear ones as they endeavour to give what they have received to their benighted countrymen.

MRS. LYDIA HANSEN.

#### WORK AT BANGALORE.

Very encouraging word is to hand from Brother James regarding the work at Bangalore. We quote from his letter:—

"The interest in our meetings continues to grow and I hardly know how to take care of it properly at the present time. I have been almost persuaded to drop my Tamil for a time until this work could be brought to a head. It is not right to leave people go along from day to day without giving them special instruction in the truth when they are eager to know it. And yet the way I am situated it is impossible to devote the proper time to the language and at the same time give due attention to the English work.

I am anxious to know what is to be done about holding a strong public effort in this place this fall. Such an effort should be made by all means. I am sure from all that I have seen that we could get a good attendance at a well conducted tent meeting. There are some excellent sites upon which we could pitch a tent and be in a position to reach the greater portion of the European and English speaking classes. I have made enquiries as to the best time to hold meetings and it seems that the month of October is the most favourable time as the rains are over by that time. It would not be well to get it too close the holidays as the town is then crowded with other attractions that would work seriously against an interest." We understand that three or four have recently begun to keep the Sabbath.

J. L. S.

#### CEYLON.

We are alone now. The people who were in this house went down last Thursday. We expect to go to Kandy on Wednesday morning. The first night we were alone we felt rather nervous. A thief had tried to come in the daytime when the other people were here and we were at home. We have to have our windows open for fresh air and there are no bars. Just as we were settling ourselves for the night, Frieda was opening the window over her bed and saw a man slipping along the hedge. I thought at first I would not be able to sleep but I called to mind an Almighty Helper. His faithfulness and love. We both thought of the promise. "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about us." I went to

sleep and slept soundly, and every night the Lord has not suffered anyone to do us any harm. The Sergeant Major had a special patrol put on this house after the Bloxhams went down, but the thief could easily slip in between the rounds of the patrol. *Our Father* put on a *special patrol* that I have more confidence in than I have in the Sergeant Major's

The Singalese are a different lot from the people of India. They are not very fond of work and not enterprising as they might be, and have a bad reputation for thieving and are very ready with their knives in a quarrel or provocation. The Lord has blessed Miss Haegert especially up here and given her a fair amount of success, considering the few people up here at this time of the year. They go down when the rains come on. It rained night and day, with very short breaks in the day for a time. We sought the Lord about it and the weather has been *most exceptionally fine* for June. It ought to be pouring rain, but we have had a fortnight's lovely weather. Blue skies! I think the Lord sent the unusual weather especially for us.

I have heard such encouraging reports from Bangalore. An excellent family who were not clear on tithing came out all right on the tithing question and are now working to bring others to see this truth as well as the Sabbath. They are good people. It does me so much good to hear from them and Brother and Sister James. Another man and his wife have come out firmly. He has had experience in preaching in the Tamil. I think the Lord raised him up to help in the native work.

That young lady from Madras went home resolved to keep the Sabbath. I am anxious to hear from her. We pray for her every day. Another lady who was visiting there while we were there and who commenced coming to the meetings has begun to keep the Sabbath.

I am so glad to get Brother James' good letters telling of what the Lord is doing for the work there.

I have almost got a new head. It is so different from what it has been for some years. For months it has given me very little trouble. You do not know how much it used to ache. A little loss of sleep, or worry or sometimes one letter written was enough to make my head give me trouble. This length of letter would usually have cost me a headache. Now my head is alright. I do thank God for it.

A. ORR.

#### CALCUTTA.

The Sanitarium is again having a good run of patients for at the present writing all of the rooms are occupied.

During the last month several serious operations were performed and all the patients are doing nicely.

Several new baby boys have also arrived during the month to keep things interesting.

The nurses have nearly all had their vacations, and are ready and looking to the coming season's work with determination to accomplish great things in the fight for life and health.

Among the things which are encouraging to us is the fact that our patients are

receiving a knowledge of the truth and some are very much interested.

Remember the Sanitarium work in your prayers and do not neglect to speak a word for it when opportunity offers.

The spiritual interest among the workers is very good. H. C. MENKEL.

#### ANNFIELD NOTES.

Our family at Annfield is smaller than last month, though the home is still well filled and all seem to be improving health-wise.

Brother Amar Nath and his wife were baptised Sabbath June 22nd. The place of baptism was provided by damming up a stream at the foot of the mountain on the Annfield Estate. It is the exact place where Brother and Sister Johnston were baptised nearly six years ago. It was a pleasant day, a goodly number were present and the occasion was a blessed one.

Mrs. Jewett was with us a few days and found Mussoorie a good field for selling the book "Daniel and the Revelation." She sold several copies. Mrs. Shaw has registered something over fifty orders for "Oriental Watchman" and "Good Health" in Mussoorie.

Brother Burgess's little booklet "Sanatan Susamachar" is finding a ready sale. Rudolph Barlow sold forty-five in one day. Brother Amar Nath sold a hundred in two days at Dehra Dun. He expects to visit other stations.

Mrs. Hansen has taken on her first case of Massage. Others are likely to follow.

The Americans at Annfield attended a picnic at the Woodstock School on July 4th. Over one hundred Americans mostly missionaries were present. We hope the occasion may prove to have worn away some prejudice.

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Don't fail to read the article on the first page. We cannot keep abreast with the message of present truth without a continuous study of the Spirit of Prophecy. In it we may get help for daily living, a clearer knowledge of truth and right methods for advancing the Lord's work.

We are in a field where there is considerable of prejudice against the truth both on the part of the English and Indian people. Our literature and personal contact with the people are the best means of wearing this away. We quote the following from Gospel Workers, page 50 :

"Our publications should be printed in other languages, that foreign nations may be reached. Much can be done through the medium of the press, but still more can be accomplished if the influence of the publications could be aided by that of the living preacher. Missionaries are needed to go to other nations to preach the truth in a guarded, careful manner. The cause of present truth can be greatly extended by personal effort. The contact of mind with mind, will do more to remove prejudice, if the labour is discreet, than our publications alone can do. Those who engage in this work should not consult their ease or inclination; neither should they have love for popularity or display."

Miss Orr and Miss Haegert after returning to Ceylon betook themselves to Nuwera Eliya, a hill station. They have canvassed that station and were at Kandy at the last writing. Both are much improved in health.

In a recent mail word comes that a sister in Denver has donated \$100 toward the \$1,000 needed to pay off the indebtedness on the Annfield Property. Let us pray that this indebtedness may be entirely liquidated by the end of the year.

Miss King has returned from Burma where she and Miss Jewett have had a very successful canvassing tour. Miss King returns in harmony with counsel of the Advisory Board and will soon begin study on the language.

In a letter to hand from W. O. James of Alberta, Canada, addressed to Brother J. S. James we learn that Brother James is having an encouraging experience in the canvassing work. He is field agent for that territory, but has not forgotten India and is looking forward to the time when he and Sister James and their little son shall return to India. We shall be glad to welcome them.

There has been some enquiry regarding the time to be set for examination of workers studying the language. No definite date has been set but they will probably take place some time in the early part of the cool season. We are glad to hear of encouraging progress being made by workers on the plains with the language in spite of the heat. Language study may appear easy but pegging away day after day with unflagging zeal is not easy.

Doctor Ollie Oberholtzer writes encouragingly from Moulmein, Burma. She has moved into a house by herself and has set apart a room for a dispensary and while learning the language will do medical work. This is a good plan. We must mingle with the people if we learn to talk their language.

We would suggest that those having many letters to write, possess themselves with a pair of postal scales. It will save double expense at the other end if letters are sufficiently stamped. At Annfield almost daily the postman asks for extra postage.