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TO SERVE.

O Lord, I pray
That for this day
I may not swerve
By foot or hand
From thy command,
Not to be served, but to serve.
This too I pray, .
That from this day
No love of ease
Nor pride prevent
My good intent
Not to be pleased, but to please.
And if I may,
I'd have this day
Strength from above
To set my heart,
In heavenly art.
Not to be loved, but to love.

MALTBIE D. BARCOCK.

THE POWER PROMISED.

God does not ask us to do in our own strength the work before us. He has provided divine assistance for all the emergencies to which our human resources are unequal. He gives the Holy Spirit to help in every strait, to strengthen our hope and assurance, to illuminate our minds and purify our hearts.

Just before His crucifixion, the Saviour said to His disciples: "I will not leave you comfortless." "I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever." "When He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth; for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak; and He will show you things to come." "He shall teach you all these things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto

you." John 14: 18, 16; 16: 13; 14: 26.

Christ has made provision that His church shall be a transformed body, illumined with the light of heaven, possessing the glory of Immanuel. It is His purpose that every Christian shall be surrounded with a spiritual atmosphere of light and peace. There is no limit to the usefulness of the one who, putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart, and lives a life wholly consecrated to God.

What was the result of the outpouring of the Spirit upon the day of Pentecost? --The glad tidings of a risen Saviour were carried to the utmost bound of the inhabited world. The hearts of the disciples were surcharged with a benevolence so full, so deep, so far reaching, that it impelled them to go to the ends of the earth, testifying, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." Gal. 6: 14. As they proclaimed the truth as it is in Jesus, hearts yielded to the power of the message. The church beheld converts flocking to her from all directions: backsliders were reconverted. Sinners united with Christians in seeking the pearl of great price. Those who had been the bitterest opponents of the gospel became its champions. The prophecy was fulfilled, The weak shall be "as David," and the house of David "as the angel of the Lord." Every Christian saw in his brother the divine similitude of love and benevolence. One interest prevailed. One subject of emulation swallowed up all others. The only ambition of the believers was to reveal the likeness of

Christ's character and to labour for the enlargement of His kingdom.

"With great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus; and great grace was upon them, all" Acts, 4: 33. Under their labours there were added to the church chosen men, who, receiving the word of life, consecrated their life to the work of giving to others the hope that had filled their hearts with peace and joy. Hundreds proclaimed the message, "The kingdom of God is at hand." They could not be restrained or intimidated by threatenings. The Lord spoke through them; and, wherever they went, the sick were healed, and the poor had the gospel preached unto them.

So mightily can God work when men give themselves up to the control of His Spirit.

To us to-day, as verily as to the first disciples, the promise of the Spirit belongs. God will to day endow men and women with power from above, as He endowed those who on the day of Pentecost heard the word of Salvation. At this very hour His Spirit and His grace are for all who need them and will take Him at His word.

Notice that it was after the disciples had come into perfect unity, when they were no longer striving for the highest place, that the Spirit was poured out. They were of one accord. All differences had been put away. And the testimony borne of them after the Spirit had been given is the same. Mark the word: "The multitude of them that believed were of one soul." Acts, 4: 32. The Spirit of Him who died that sinners might live, animated the entire congregation of believers.

The disciples did not ask for a blessing for themselves. They were weighted with the burden of souls. The gospel was to be carried to the ends of earth.

and they claimed the endowment of power that Christ had promised. Then it was that the Holy Spirit was poured out, and thousands were converted in a day.

Mrs. E. G. WHITE.

A VISIT TO CALCUTTA.

We enjoyed a pleasant visit of a few days in Calcutta and had the privilege of counselling with the workers there who are working hard to advance the truth. It was a pleasure to us to see the earnestness manifested by all and their desire to do all in their power to build up the work at the Sanitarium. The Committee spent several days counselling together regarding the Sanitarium, and have decided to make the treatment room work a more prominent feature than ever before. We have a splendid set of treatment rooms and were never better fitted to carry forward this work than at present time. Doctor Menkel is getting out leaflets describing the various treatments given and how different diseases can be treated by means of them. He expects to get out a good supply of these and use them freely among the business people in Calcutta. Mrs. Mackie is giving her attention to the ladies' treatment rooms and Brother Reagan the gentlemen's. We believe, by the blessing of God, that this part of the Sanitarium work can be largely increased. The principles of hydrotherapy are God-given and as we follow up every opening to advance these principles the Lord will bless the work.

The Hall and office at 39-1 Free School Street have just undergone repairs and are in good condition for the coming cold season.

We regretted to find Miss Wilcox who has been carrying a heavy load at the Sanitarium for several months much worn from her trying work, and trust that

now she is being relieved, a few months' rest will restore her.

We also took occasion to visit the Health Food Factory and noted with pleasure the thrift of the place and the splendid foods that are being put out. Great care is being exercised in the raw material purchased for Health Foods. It is certainly a boon to our workers in this field to have such foods and those in charge of the work are doing their best to make the Health Food Factory a success from every standpoint. We were sorry to have to make so short a stay in Calcutta but it was necessary to get back to the hills.

J. L. SHAW.

CEYLON.

We have left Kandy far behind. After visiting Kurnegalle, Anuradhapurua, we came to Jaffna. I rather hesitated about taking this trip as it was rather expensive and I did not know what sort of territory was before me, but it has proved most successful. Nowhere that we have canvassed have we met with such good success as in Jaffna. There are only a few Europeans, but many of the Tamils, both men and women are well educated in English. We have had *especially* good success among them. Many of them have taken papers and some have taken "Heralds" also. I sold a "Heralds" to a native man the other day and afterwards, I met him, and he said that he had wanted that book *very* much and was *enjoying it immensely*. Another native gentleman took both papers and the book.

We are making a very thorough canvass of the natives. The steamer comes here only once in a fortnight. We will be leaving by the boat for Trincomallee on the 30th. Afterwards we will go Balicolia, thence to Galle, and then to Colombo. Some of these places

can be reached only by steamer and the boats come only once in every fortnight. We will not want to stay so long in Trincomallee unless we get a good native community to canvass. In case we don't, we will try to get down to Balicolia by a native craft of some kind.

I like these jaffna Tamils *very* much. They are nice people and some of them tell us that they enjoy reading good, religious literature. The women take the books and papers sometimes without consulting their husbands. One native woman took both papers and "Heralds" (ten rupees' worth) from Miss Haegert without asking her husband anything about it. Again, a native Hindu girl took both papers and and paid four rupees and fifty cents to Miss Haegert.

I do not know how much Miss Haegert has taken in this month. I have taken over one hundred rupees on papers already. Some of these natives have such nice, intelligent faces. Surely God will raise up witnesses here. We had good success in Anuradhapurua for the papers. We are going right round the island and giving Ceylon the most thorough canvassing it has ever had.

Miss Haegert canvassed a little Sinhalese girl in Matele whose people are Buddhists. She told us that she had been in a convent school and her faith in Buddhism was shaken. We talked to her and told her not to take up another false thing in its place. She wanted to ask her father if she could take the papers and promised to write. She wrote to Miss Haegert saying that she would like to take the "*Oriental Watchman*" and "wishing us every success in our noble work" as she expressed it.

I met a very pleasant surprise in the shape of a good missionary letter from Sr. Burroway this morning. I was can-

vassing a nice Tamil girl. She told me she got the *Watchman*: it was sent to her by a Mr. Thomas of Hatton, Ceylon, who was a relative of this lady. She said that she looked out for the O. W. each month: that in most papers one read some and skipped others, but that she read all the articles in the *Watchman*. They were good. She specially mentioned the article by Sr. White, on "The Crucifixion of Self," and asked who Mrs. White was. I spoke of some of her books, and mentioned "Patriarchs and Prophets." She had noticed the advertisement in the *Watchman* for this book.

This led to a question about a book Mr. Thomas had written in regard to. She said it was a book on "Daniel and Revelation." It was then that Sr. Burroway's letter was handed me in which she recommended this book to Mr. Thomas. I was so surprised and pleased to read this good letter. Sr. Burroway did not know how far reaching her letter would be. I wish more letters would be written to our different subscribers. Many souls would be helped and books would be ordered directly from the Society. Here is a wide field for usefulness for those who have a little time to spare. They need not be long letters. Sr. Burroway's letter was only two pages. At least two souls were interested in "Daniel and Revelation" through it.

We were both charmed with a dear old Sinhalese man in Matele, whom I canvassed through his little girl. There was such a sweet, bright look on his face as he spoke a few words in broken English about Jesus. The little girl wanted the "*Good Health*." No doubt, the pink cover and illustrations attracted her, but the father said no, they would take the paper that told more about Jesus. He gave two rupees although he does not read English. A. ORR.

A WORD FROM THE HOME LAND.

I think of you all so much, one by one and altogether. I have given five public talks on INDIA since my return, one in the Presbyterian Church, one at the Christian Church, and three at our own church. The last time a small collection was taken up for the native hospital work in India.

I am planning to attend the campmeeting in Colorado, and also the one in Nebraska. Just think, campmeeting! After ten or twelve years.

I do want to see all of you, but the Lord knows when that will be. I want to do His will and learn the lessons He has for me where ever I am.

SAMANTHA E. WHITEIS.

AMONG THE HINDUSTANI PEOPLE.

DURING July Amar Nath sold about a thousand copies of the Hindi Booklet SANATAN SUSAMACHAR with which he has been canvassing in Dehra Doon and Hardwar. As Hardwar is a stronghold and much respected city of Hindus he met with some opposition but notwithstanding he sold a goodly number of the Booklets there. Brother Nath has since gone to Meerut to work among his people there.

Brother Last has sent encouraging reports of his work in Patiala. He hopes that his wife will soon accept of the truth and be able to encourage and help him in giving the message.

Brother K. S. Hardy after spending about a month in the study of Present Truth has gone to the Bijnor district to work for a time with the Hindi Pamphlet. We are encouraged at the readiness with which this can be sold at one pice but as about half of the people read Urdu instead of the Hindi character in

these districts we hope to soon have an edition of this gotten out so as to reach all.

The following is an extract from a letter from brother Lall Mohammad of Agra who accepted of the truth some months ago mostly through reading, and since that time has been faithfully giving the light to others although he expects next month to be obliged to resign his position in the Baptist Mission in order to be able to preach the truth without restraint. He says: "I am now quite prepared to preach the present truths openly among my native brethren that their hearts might be enlightened by the heavenly light. I was since a long time out of my station to visit the out-stations work and to present the living words of my Saviour which give a great rest to the sinners who come to Him. I request you further to remember me in your prayers."

Brother Henry Scott came to us about a month ago to study the truth for these times. He seems to be making good progress and is seeking earnestly to become established on every point, which he studies carefully from the scriptures. He has also been helping us in some translation work.

Sister Kurtz is of good courage and is diligently pursuing her study of the Urdu language. She is trying to lay a good foundation for future work, and she feels that as her knowledge of the language increases, her interest and love for the people is becoming stronger in proportion. This is a great factor in learning the language. This love for the people and desire to give them the message combined with persevering effort is sure

with the help of the Lord to conquer. After putting the hand to the plow to learn the language one should never turn back. After having once begun, believing that it was the Lord's will, you will find it much easier to conquer by a continued effort. If the language is neglected a few times other things will come in to crowd out the study.

We are all of good courage. We hope you will remember us at the throne of Grace.

L. J. BURGESS

BANGALORE.

Our Sabbath-School is growing all this time. The membership is now thirty-six with three children's classes and two senior. We are very much pleased with the progress of this branch of the work.

A sister who has accepted the truth goes back to Lahore next Monday. She rather dreads going back. She has taken hold of the truth with all her heart and seems like a very fine girl.

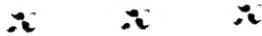
Another lady has commenced to keep the Sabbath. Two men are interested. They pay tithes and are trying to give up their tobacco but as yet we do not count them as Sabbath-keepers.

Our Munshi is getting interested. I hope you will make him a special subject of prayer. He is a fine man and is the right hand man of the Wesleyan missionary here, is a teacher and preacher. If he should accept the truth it would create such a sensation in Bangalore that you would hear of it in Mussoorie. The missionaries would all rise in arms against us. A number of others are attending regularly and seem deeply interested.

Your sister in Christ,

MISSIE JAMES.

EASTERN TIDINGS.



INTERNATIONAL TRACT SOC.,

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We learn through Brother Burgess that Brother Amar Nath sold 700 copies of the Hindi booklet "Sanatan Susamaehar" last month.

All workers are requested to address all business communications to the International Tract Society instead of to individuals, as it makes it awkward at times to have business letters come to individuals when they should be addressed to the office.

We are much encouraged by a letter from Sister Ruoff just to hand. She says: "My health is very good, much better than it has been since I left Calcutta. I eat well and sleep well which is a great thing in the tropics. The Lord has prospered me wonderfully since I came here."

The readers of the EASTERN TIDINGS will be glad to know that the interest in Bangalore is being maintained and souls are accepting the truth. South India is a large and very needy field. Our workers watch every omen of progress with interest. Brother James is now having printed our first Tamil tract.

Sister Anna Knight left for America September 5th. on S. S. Mombassa. She goes to answer the repeated appeals to conduct a school among people at her own home. For three years and more they have been pleading for her return, and fi-

nally after doing all she could to get someone else to take the school, she returns after six years' hard and faithful work in India. She goes with the work of India still upon her heart and we hope a short time at home may greatly benefit her healthwise and that she may in a little while return to her chosen field.

We call your attention to the article on the first page. Read it prayerfully. Our hope of success in meeting the obstacles with which we have to contend in this field lies not in our own strength but in the "Power Promised." There is no limit to the usefulness of the one who, putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart, and lives a life wholly consecrated to God."

ANNFIELD NOTES.

Misses King and Whaley are both able to be around again.

Brother and Sister Cook have returned to their work after a pleasant month spent with us.

In spite of the rains the interest and attendance has kept up well at the weekly Bible studies.

Brethren Hansen and Barlow are both continuing to improve in health for which we are extremely thankful to God.

He who would maintain a reputation as a truth-teller should avoid running into debt; for true is the old saying: "Lying rides on debt's back."

What is meant by our neighbour we can not doubt: it is every one with whom we are brought into contact, whosoever it be, whom we have any means of helping.

Devo Staley.