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## "EASTERN TIDINGS."

Our monthly paper EASTERN TIDINGS is largely the product of our workers in India and Burmah. It is not the design or should it be the manufacture of one or two individuals. It is a medium whereby workers can communicate with our people in this field and keep them in touch with the work they are doing.

It is not only a privilege, but a duty we owe to believers in India that we communicate often to them through the EASTERN TIDINGS. We are on a battle field fighting against a strongly fortified host in heathenism. We are laying siege to the very Gibraltar of paganism and if ever soldiers needed the help, inspiration and encouragement of fellow-soldiers of the cross it is now in this field, with scattered forces, fighting as we are, against a wily foe. The prophetic word is to the point: "They helped every one his neighbour; and every one said to his brother, Be of good courage."

We therefore beseech you as fellow-workers and lovers of present truth to consider yourselves special correspondents of the EASTERN TIDINGS. As God leads, guides and blesses your efforts send forward your words of thanksgiving and encouragement that you may provoke others to good works. God is going out before us and giving us success in proportion to the faith we manifest in Him and the truth we are called to present to the world. As we talk faith and courage they will strengthen. Let us use the EASTERN TIDINGS as a medium of making strong our own faith and building up the courage of our fellow-workers. We all, by God's help may have a great

and helpful influence over one another and be agents of bringing success to each other by living an hourly life of faith in God and letting others know He is working in and for us. By your help EASTERN TIDINGS may in every issue breath life and courage and be a strong and able instrument in the advancement of the work in India.

Send your matter either to J. C. Little, Karmatar, E. I. R. or to the writer at 39-1 Free School Street, Calcutta. All matter should be in by the fifth of each month.

J. L. Shaw.

## PROGRESS OF THE WORK IN EUROPE.

I was much pleased indeed to learn that you had such good meetings and also that you have been able to secure a mountain home for your workers.

From the reports we have sent the "Review" you have been able to keep in touch with our work in the European field. Not only are we able to push the message in various parts of Europe proper, but we are also being able to extend our operations into Asia and Africa. You will be pleased to know that this spring one of our ministers visited Tarschkent, and organized a company of believers there. That is not far from the northern border of India. One of our workers has also visited Uganda, where he found quite an interest to hear present truth.

We never had larger and better meetings in Europe than we have had this summer. Now there are nearly 15,000 Sabbath keepers in our field; by the end of this month I expect to go to Russia,

and organize a Union Conference there. Just have finished organizing a Conference in France, and hope to organize four more Conferences in Europe in a short time.

There are with us now two Swedish brethren, who are here preparing to get ready for their mission to the Abyssinians. As we cannot enter that country proper, we plan to have them go to Massouah, in the Italian Colony of Eritret, and from there select a field in which to labour for the time being in that colony, until the way opens for us to get into Abyssinia itself. That is not very far from Aden. *Taken from a letter from L. R. Conradi to J. L. Shaw.*

#### MOUNTAIN MISSION REST HOME.

The date of dedication of our Mission Rest Home was fixed for Sabbath, October 13th, at 12 o'clock. An appropriate announcement for the same was printed and sent to different workers, and friends in Mussoorie. Already a cablegram has been received from Elder M. C. Wilcox of the "Signs of the Times" stating that the thousand dollars which the "Signs of the Times" undertook to raise have been received. We are, therefore, enabled to sing the Jubilee song and own the Annfield Estate free of debt. God has been better to us than we even had faith to believe. No less than twenty-six workers besides children and some outside friends have availed themselves of the Mountain Mission Rest Home and nearly every one has been greatly benefited by the change. We believe it is the Lord's design that this Home should be a means of physical and spiritual refreshment to our workers in different parts of the field. Bro A. G. Watson and family have recently come to the Annfield Home for a month's change.

Plans for an industrial Bible school for native people have been under consideration. It is not clear to us just how the work should be started, but the workers at Annfield are continually bearing this matter before the Lord with the sure conviction that light and wisdom will be given. Already Elder Owen has begun putting in a fruit garden and orchard. About two acres of the estate has exceptionally rich and very fertile soil. This is being prepared for fruit and already about a thousand strawberry and nearly that many raspberry vines have been put out. He expects also to put in different varieties of fruit trees. The Lord has said there is hope for our institutions in the soil and though there may and no doubt, will be hinderances, our duty is to go ahead and follow the opening providences of God leaving the results with Him.

Brother Hanson has sufficiently gained his strength to be able to do a full day's work daily. At the present time he is making an addition to the house so that our capacity will be increased by one or two rooms, at least, and if possible, three, without any very great expense. By means of this alteration and enlargement the capacity of the home will be increased and some of the rooms will be more easy of access and more desirable than they have ever been. It is fortunate that Bro Hansen is here at this time to over see these improvements. J. L. SHAW.

#### A QUARTERLY GATHERING.

On Sabbath, Oct. 12, the little company at Karnatar celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house. We were glad to have with us Eld. and Sr. Miller who

are taking a month's rest in Karmatar, and Bro. and Sr. Cook from Simultala. It is not often that we have the privilege of having with us as many of the workers from other places as this, and we appreciated it.

In our social meeting nearly every one spoke of his experience in coming to India, and since getting here, but every one was glad he is here. Every one had not had the experiences he expected, but each one seemed to feel that the Lord had a hand in his experience. Courage was the keynote of the meeting.

We all felt it was good to be there. Greetings to all our workers throughout the field.

J. C. LITTLE.

DEHRA DUN.

As we have just closed our season's work in Dehra Dun, we will send in a few items as the brethren may be interested to know how the Lord is blessing us. About fourteen have attended our Bible studies, some for only about a week and others for two months. They have come from various places from one to four hundred miles distant. Now most of them have returned and we earnestly hope that they have carried some seeds of truth with them.

Brother Masih, who has studied the message quite thoroughly, was baptized in the latter part of September and has now returned home.

Brother Camphor, an earnest Hindu-ani young man, who has been studying with us for about two months, is rejoicing in the light of present truth and has requested baptism. We trust that before his report is in print he will have taken this step and become one of us.

Brother Henry Scott after studying with us for about two months was called away by a telegram from his sister. There was no reason stated in the telegram but he afterwards learned that it was only a plan of his relatives to prevent him studying longer with us. We have since received two letters from him and he is still holding on to the truth and endeavouring to give the light to others.

Brother John Last has been with us for several weeks studying and preaching in public places, in the bazaars and elsewhere. All classes, Hindoos, Mohammedans and Christians have listened to his earnest words of warning and have been constrained to confess that his message is true. He has had some very interesting experiences among both high and low and we believe that his work will not be in vain.

Amar Nath has been working with good success in Meerut selling the Hindi pamphlet "Sanatan Susamachar." He reports a thousand sold during September. The following is a translation of one of his recent letters which may be of interest:—

"I have been enabled to sell a thousand of the pamphlets 'Sanatan Susamachar,' during the past month and have received a great blessing from the Lord. Please send me four thousand more of the Hindi pamphlets and five thousand of the Persian Urdu and two hundred of Christ's Second Coming in English, as there are many English speaking people here.

If I can be allowed a helper, I want to open a book shop and reading room in this place that many may learn of this truth. If our paper and some of our English books could be kept here I am sure that many could be sold, and I give my promise that many will be sold. There is great hope for the work in this place."

Brother Hardy spent about a month studying with Brother Hansen and about the same length of time with us in Dehra. He has now returned home to the Bijnor District and sends back encouraging reports of openings for work there.

Brother David has attended our Bible lessons quite regularly. He is a retired Government employe and is the head of a large family. He accepts every point as he sees it from the Scripture and is always desirous of having his family study the message with him. We hope that he may soon be firmly established.

Although our studies have been given mostly in the Hindustani language, we have had the regular attendance of one European and his wife, Mr. Beck. Several weeks ago he gave up his tobacco and destroyed his pipe although he has used it for a long time and is now an elderly man. The Lord convicted him in regard to the matter and gave him the strength to put away the vile habit. He has also accepted the other points of truth which have been presented to him and has resolved to keep the Sabbath. We feel to rejoice over the victory he has gained and hope the Lord will keep him faithful.

We have just received from the Press a new tract in Hindustani. It is a translation of one of the English tracts, "The New Testament Sabbath." It was carefully and prayerfully translated by a Hindustani brother in Agra. As we read it in this new language it seems more forcible than the original and we believe the Lord surely directed the mind of the translator.

One Sunday morning, not long since, I received the following telegram from

Hardwar, a famous Hindu city not far from Dehra Dun: "Please come tomorrow: urgent work." I rolled up a couple of blankets, took my Bible and went on the next train. There are two brothers in Hardwar, at present preaching under the direction of another mission, who have been studying the truth and are about convinced and wish more instruction. There is also a Hindu Sadhu who seems to be seeking for light. We hope to take our tent and spend a few days there soon, and then visit other places where an interest is springing up and trust that you will remember us in your prayers that we may have wisdom and strength to go wherever the Lord opens the way and help to hasten on the work of the Message. The time has surely come in India when there shall be delay no longer.

Sister Kurtz is faithfully studying the Hindustani language. She hopes that the time will not be long before she can speak freely to her Hindustani sisters in their own tongue. L. J. BURGESS.

#### AN EXPERIENCE.

Mrs. Watson, our medical worker, having gone to Mussoorie for a rest, Dr. Miller is here attending some of her patients during her absence.

Last week a man came from a village four miles away and wanted Mrs. Miller to go to his home to see his sick father. Mrs. Miller was unable to go, so Shoto Mitter and I went instead. The man was sick with fever and Mrs. Miller had directed us what to do for him. He had been sick four days, and during that time his kavi-raj (native doctor) had not permitted him to have any food nor drink water. When we saw him, instead of having fever, his

temperature was below normal; and so, one of the first things we did was to have his relatives give him some food. That, together with a little treatment, cured him in a few days.

About a week later we were sent for again to see the old kaviraj who was also sick with fever. Of course he had starved himself and abstained from drinking water as he had treated his patient. He was in a state of collapse when we got to him but he had such great faith in our treatments that he said, "Even the devil runs away at your coming. Treat me as you did the other old man and I will be quite well."

The people of the village brought out all their sick, but not being doctors we only treated three fever patients and told the others to come to the dispensary so Dr. Miller could examine them. Most of the people of the villages are very poor, so the three patients we treated gave us two annas and two small pumpkins.

Such is the ignorance and poverty of most of the people of India, and thousands of their sick die just for want of a little care and simple treatment.

MARION H. BELCHAMBERS  
KARMATAR.

#### AMONG THE SANTHALS.

One day Brother Cook, three Santhali workers, and I visited a native village. After Brother Cook gave the customary salutation, we were welcomed to a seat and made comfortable while Fatah, one of the Santhali workers, preached the gospel. The villagers were very much interested, asked many questions, and invited us to come again.

As we looked upon the people of that village, clad in the most meagre garments, and their boys and girls from one to ten years of age running about without so much as a thread on them, as we noticed their dirty faces, long matted hair and filthy surroundings, we could hardly grasp the fact that these were human beings, souls for whom Christ died, but such was the fact. One evidence that Jesus loves these people appealed to us strongly. It was this. He had brought us, unworthy as we were, for such a long distance to tell them about him their true Saviour. We came away hoping that the time is not far distant when Brother Cook and his family will be able to go from village to village proclaiming a risen Saviour. They are getting on nicely in their study of the Santhali language, and we are so glad to have them join our ranks to help finish the work the Master has given us to do. Brother and Sister Cook are both of good courage in the Lord.

W. W. MILLER.

"By association with those better and stronger than ourselves we may obtain goodness and strength wherewith to help those who may be worse and weaker than we."

"Environment need not and should not determine the character of one's life. The true man will rise above that which environs him."

"God is always the same, yesterday, today, and forever. We sometimes think that God treats us differently at different times. That is not so; we are changeable and variable, but God never changes. The variation is all in ourselves."

## EASTERN TIDINGS.



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No definite word has yet been received as to the time of our Board meeting.

Karmatar has been having something out the ordinary in the shape of a typhoid fever patient. One of the little girls has had it, but we are glad to say that she is now on the way to recovery.

Brother and Sister Watson and Dr Menkel are the latest visitors to the Mountain Mission Home. We have not heard from all of them, but those we have heard from speak a good word for our rest Home in the hills.

A card from Brother Amar Nath who was baptised a few months ago at Annfield states that he has sold 2,500 copies of the "Sanatan Susamachar" since going out. His card was received about two weeks ago and it is quite probable that he has sold several hundred more since then.

Sabbath, September 21st, the writer spent with the workers in Dehra Dun. We had some good meetings together and a keen interest in the truth was manifested. One native brother was baptised and another was seriously considering the same step. Since then another English speaking brother and sister have begun the observance of the Sabbath and the interest in Dehra Dun is growing.

We are not able to state at this writing the definite date of the meeting of the

Advisory Board for their annual work owing to not knowing the exact date of the arrival of Brother Enoch. It is quite probable, however, that the meeting will be held early in November in Calcutta. Workers having matters of business or otherwise which they are not able to present in person to the Advisory Board would do well to send the same in writing to Brother J. C. Little, the Secretary of the Advisory Board. We are planning to have meetings daily for the benefit of all our workers in and near Calcutta and the Church in Calcutta may think it advisable to have evening meetings for the outside public. The prayers of all are earnestly requested in behalf of the workers assembled at this meeting that wise plans may prevail. There is unlimited help in earnest, persevering prayer.

Just as we go to press a letter from Brother Shaw brings us the following item:—

"We dedicated the Mountain Mission Home last Sabbath and it was a blessed occasion to us all: Quite a large number of outside people were in. Notices were printed and also put in the paper. In the afternoon we had a still more blessed occasion and three dear souls gave themselves to the Lord by going forward in the ordinance of baptism. The baptism was celebrated at the foot of the mountain where a baptistry had been prepared. Brother Pemberton, Mrs Raynor and Brother Camphor, a native brother, were baptised. The dedication gave us a better opportunity to give some of the people in Mussoorie a better understanding of our people and the work we are doing than they ever had before."

"Flattery is wrong, always wrong, because it has in it the element of falsehood."