

# Eastern Tidings.

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## THE CAMPAIGN.

At the council, of the Advisory Board in November, it was decided to inaugurate a canvassing campaign for the "Oriental Watchman" and the "Good Health" to begin the first of January, 1908. The object of this campaign is to as far as possible reach the English speaking people of India with these papers and get subscriptions for the same for the year to come. The following persons were asked to take part in the Campaign: Bro. and Sr. Watson, Bro. R. R. Cook, Sister Della Burroway, Bertha King, Anna Orr, Frieda Haegart, A. Ruoff, Bertha Kurtz, Daisy Jewett, and Rachel Johnson. The territory has been mostly arranged for these workers, and as the year opens they will start upon their work. The Special number of the "Oriental Watchman" dealing with the Prophecies of Daniel, has been prepared especially for the opening of the Campaign and we believe it will be a helpful number.

As this earnest band of workers goes to different parts of India and Burma, seeking access into homes, and soliciting orders for our papers, let us bear them continually before the Lord in prayer to the end that they may be kept from disease and given health and strength for this very important work. Eternity only will reveal the outcome of this Campaign. Intercessory prayer is the simple yet mighty agency to make it a success both on the part of those in the field and we at home. *Let us pray.*

The "Oriental Watchman" is undoubtedly the most able minister in this field, and is accomplishing probably more to advance the truth than any other single agency. Sowing must precede the harvest. We are in a great unworked field and in proportion as we sow will the harvest be. "He which soweth sparingly

shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

Not only is the "Oriental Watchman" a light to Europeans; it also falls into the hands of English speaking Indians, and not without results. Recently a native brother began the observance of the Sabbath from reading it. One native man took extracts from the paper on leading points of present truth and translated and printed them in his own language bearing the expense himself and freely distributed them among his own people. There is no limit to the possibilities of these silent messengers. A harvest of souls lies before us in India. May God thoroughly arouse us to the need of very greatly increasing the circulation of our literature. In fields where our people have been faithful in this, great results have followed. Read subsequent articles by Bro. Enoch and Bro. James. —J. L. SHAW.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF SEED SOWING.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days." Eccl. 11: 1.

It would be difficult to conceive of a symbol expressing more completely the idea of wasted energy, or effort utterly thrown away. To grasp the full meaning of the simile stand some day on the banks of a rushing, foaming river, swollen by the monsoon, and watch your bread as it is whirled quickly away. To the earnest toiler, who through the heat and burden of the day has carried the printed page from house to house, the thought often comes, "After all is the result of my labour, equal to the effort put forth?"

To such, from heaven comes the above simile, with the blessed assurance, "Thou shalt find it after many days." We shall

not know this side the harvest home, the result of our faithful casting into the whirling currents of humanity, of the bread of life. *There* we shall be surprised at what we "*find*," when we see the full result of our seed sowing.

So, the divine exhortation follows, "give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth." Verse 2. None are to be passed by. The portion God assigns us is to be given to "seven," a complete number, and then lest we should still pass some by, the Lord adds, "also to eight."

Those of us who had the misfortune to pass through the Kingston earthquake were made to realize something more of the meaning of the concluding portion of verse 2. As we stood in the midst of the wreck and ruin, and saw thousands of our fellow beings dead and mangled about us, who but a few moments before were in the full vigour of life, planning for many years to come, there was borne home to our hearts a deeper meaning of the expression, "for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth."

In these last days, when calamities by land and sea are multiplying, and earthquake, pestilence and famine are in the land, and violence is rapidly filling the earth, we dare not delay. Those who, today, are alive and ready to hear the message, may on the morrow be far beyond any help we can render.

For the encouragement of our brethren and sisters in India I am glad to bring a word of cheer from the believers in the West Indies.

In the providence of God there have been gathered out in that field more than 3,500 believers in the Advent Message. Church buildings have been erected, a publishing House and a Training School established. It is a pleasure to pass on the word that these splendid results have been largely

due, under God, to the faithful, persistent circulation of literature, followed by earnest evangelical work.

The part that the circulation of the printed page has had in the accomplishment of these splendid results I have not space to outline here. I trust those interested will read the little booklet, "Glimpses of the Carribbean," which goes more in detail.

Suffice it to say here that the message was introduced into the field by a bundle of "Signs of the Times." The good old International Tract Soc., followed this up by the circulation of missionary papers and a missionary correspondence. The canvasser followed faithfully circulating the larger books. When the living preacher came he found here and there little companies awaiting him which the printed page had gathered out.

As believers accepted the message, their young people were trained as colporteurs. This has literally filled that field with our literature.

As soon as we had a sufficient constituency our monthly missionary journal, "The Caribbean Watchman," was started. Our people sell from house to house between six and seven thousand each month.

This constant circulation of literature has not been in vain as the nearly 4,000 believers testify. One of the islands, Jamaica, has more than 1,500 baptised believers, with more than 36 churches, and about 60 Sabbath Schools. And still the good work moves on.

The situation in India is somewhat different, but the principle is the same.

So we must press on giving no heed to what seem unfavourable circumstances or a forbidding outlook. "He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap."

In view of these things it seems vital that all of us should throw our energies into a winter campaign in behalf of the "Oriental

Watchman." Living faith in these scriptural promises will cause us to consecrate our talents anew to God during this cool season.

As we sow now so shall we reap in the harvest home. The season for sowing is rapidly slipping by. It will not return. Our joy in the harvest home shall be in proportion to our toil in the sowing time.

Therefore, "in the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand; for thou knowest not whether will prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be a like good."—Geo. F. Enoch.

#### A WORK OF REFORM.

Seventh-day Adventists have been chosen from among the world to do a special work at a special time. This work is a message of reform such as has never been heralded to the world in any former period, and which is to go to every kindred, nation, tongue and people. But more important still, this reform message must be carried within a certain time,—"this generation." The generation referred to by Christ that should not pass away until all things were fulfilled, is rapidly dying. The time to warn the world of its destruction is becoming shorter and shorter.

The people to whom is given this message of reform are few in numbers. From a human standpoint it would seem impossible for them to do the work entrusted to them. But God in choosing a people weak and few in numbers has not neglected to place in their hands the weapons that are strong and mighty and well able to do the work for this time.

Of one of the weapons of warfare the Spirit of Prophecy says that "God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the truths contained in our books; and canvassers

should be impressed with the importance of bringing before the world as fast as possible the books necessary for their education and enlightenment. This is the very work the Lord desires His people to do at this time. . . . We can not too highly estimate this work; for were it not for the efforts of the canvasser, many would never hear the warning."

Thus we see that the work of sending our literature, laden with a reform message which is to go to all the world, is a work of sacred ministry for the salvation of souls. God has ordained it to be so and it is our blessed privilege to have a part in this work which has brought light and blessing to so many souls both of those who hear and of those who carry it.

I know from ten years of active experience in different parts of the world that our literature is our most effectual and able minister. Through it we can reach the millions who will never be able to hear the living preacher. Through it, those who speak a Babylon of tongues can read the truth in their own language. Actual figures show that 60 per cent of those who now rejoice in the truth received it through the medium of our literature.

In this work of reform we have every advantage over previous reforms that have gone to the world. In the days of the Apostles the gospel was preached to all the known world without the aid of the printing press and the mails to carry the printed page. The reformers of the 15th and 16th centuries had ill devised means to print the truths which they were proclaiming, yet as we read the history of their work we find that they placed the utmost importance upon the printing and circulation of their tracts and books.

The Lord has given us a great field to warn with this message and to assist us

we have the most modern facilities in the art of printing and publishing. India's millions must have the message that will prepare a people to meet the Lord. From the many tongues and nations of India this people will come, and the methods that will figure largely in doing this work will be the diligent and prayerful manner in which we send out the printed pages of truth.

Let us press into this work that no part of this needy field be neglected and that neglect be laid to our charge. If we sow sparingly we shall also reap sparingly. If we sow in tears we shall reap in joy.

J. S. JAMES

#### THE FIRST LANGUAGE EXAMINATION.

The closing days of the year were busy ones for our workers in Karmatar who, under a pressure other work, have been carrying on their language study during the year.

During the progress of the Bengali examination Sister Burroway who has had charge of the medical work since Brother and Sister Watson were transferred to Calcutta, was called out a number of times to attend several critical cases in distant villages; but notwithstanding interruptions and the anxiety connected with these cases, she was able to make a high grade in her examination.

Sister Little also passed an excellent examination in Bengali; and Sister King who in spite of repeated attacks of fever has been keeping up her study of Hindi during the past few months, passed a very creditable examination based on the first six month's work in that language.

We trust that the results of this first examination will be an encouragement to all who are taking up language study to press on in the good work until we have a strong band of well qualified men and

women to pioneer the Message in the various tongues of India.

Georgia A. Burgess.

#### EXPERIENCE IN THE CAMPAIGN.

Mother and I have begun the Canvassing Campaign for the papers here in Calcutta, and while it would seem as if the inhabitants of the Metropolis ought one and all to know the WATCHMAN, yet it is not so. There are so many to whom it is a new paper.

Both mother and I are thoroughly enjoying the work. It does one's heart good to carry the war into the darkness of the enemy's territory, with the earnest hope that some bound in his bondage may be lightened with the glory of the Truth. The Lord has blessed us greatly, and those of us who have canvassed before hardly, I am sure, need to be reminded of our precious experiences in this branch of the Lord's work.

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not which shall prosper, whether this or that."

A lady I met the other day said she had been longing for the past year to know more of the truth concerning the kingdom; she had heard a little while I was canvassing a lady, and she said she had never been able to forget it: surely the seed sowing done through canvassing will be greatly blessed of the Lord. I am looking forward with keen interest to the reports of my fellow-labourers in the Campaign.

Mother has had some good experience. She canvassed a house and found a gentleman who had been 22 years working in the High Court in Calcutta. He had never had the O. W. At first he refused it decidedly, but finally he took it. He said he was an instructor in the "Sunday School Union." Mother gave him and his wife the Message.

They invited her in to see a fine selection of Bibles they had got and mother gave them a study on Daniel 2 and recommended the "Daniel and Revelation." They expressed a great wish to see a copy and she is going round with one to-morrow. "We have one of your books," said the man. "Patriarchs and prophets;" a fine book it is," he remarked. Another Jewess that mother met said she was taking the paper and that her subscription was not yet up; she gave Rs 2 advance and expressed a wish for Bible study. She seemed visibly drawn when she knew we kept the Sabbath. Her name is Mrs. Gubby—the dear old lady—but she said she never before had heard of Sabbath keeping Christians. We have also met people who ask for literature on the Second Coming. One experience mother had was at a house where she started a dear old Scotch lady for the paper—at first. She seemed disinterestedly looking at mother from her top stairs while mother stood below. In desperation mother said, "It takes up and proves the Second Coming of our Lord." "O, come in," said the woman, "Come in at once. God has sent you to me. I have been to our Presbyterian Minister and asked him to speak on this subject and he says it is not important;" but she said, "I know it is; the Bible is full of it from Genesis to Revelation. I know he is coming soon." She is a devout Christian and her prejudice went like the wind. "What ever you think of the Sabbath is one thing, but we do agree on the soon coming of the Lord." I gave her a talk on Matt. 24 and she she is fairly devouring "Prophetic Lights."

We have many openings for Bible work and are obliged to give studies on the spot as we canvass; and so the harvest is ripening fast. We have never been so impressed at the willingness of people to know

and hear as low, so lamenting lost opportunities, we press on daily working to bring the "O. W." and books before the people, and are being greatly blessed. Let us do all we can now, before the "night comes in which no man can work."

Your in the blessed Cause,  
D. Jewett.

#### AGAIN IN INDIA.

AFTER nearly four months' absence, I am home again and at work. Though when I left India, I did not expect to live to return, the Lord has been good to me indeed and at present I feel that I will be able to do much more for the Master.

While in England I had the privilege of speaking encouraging words to many young and old people in London, Watford and West England. But I could not bear the thought of the work suffering in India for want of help and so many leaving the field, so I prayed God, if it was his will, to restore to me my health, and send me back to India. The way opened and I started back by faith, though a medical man told me I would not live if I returned to India as I was in no condition to fight the climate.

Dear workers, the Lord is so kind and merciful. We little realize His kindness, and many have to have some dreadful calamity befall them to open their eyes.

Our work in the treatment rooms is increasing, and we are confident of more success in the Health Food work the coming year than ever before. We are all of good courage and feel that the Holy Spirit is working in our behalf as never before. There is no power on earth like prayer to give us peace and comfort in time of trials and afflictions.

Dear fellow workers, send in your good reports to this little paper and encourage one another. While I was in England

feeling very much cast down I received a copy of Eastern Tidings and it was like a letter from heaven, and made me more determined than ever to return to the field of battle in far off India. Brothers and sisters, victory is ours surely. Let us rally around our captain and make the coming year one of triumph all over the field — H. J. JEWELL.

#### AUSTRALIA.

Perhaps the best way to let all our friends hear from us, is through Eastern Tidings. The year is closing with all its mistakes and experiences and blessings, and we feel that we have much to thank our Heavenly Father for. Our dear little home located here is on a farm and has been such a blessing to us. The little boys and I are alone and we are having a real good time. We have just returned from Campmeeting, our first experience. We did enjoy living in a tent and attending all the meetings. I went as a church delegate. We did have a feast of good things from the word and the Spirit of Prophecy. The Lord worked in a marked manner for our young people. Quite a number were baptised, and O so many decided to take their stand on the Lord's side. The last day of the feast I believe everybody got a spiritual uplifting. It was so impressive. My soul was deeply stirred to see mothers with their dear little babies in arms come up the front when the call was made for consecration. We are truly living in blessed times as well as perilous when God's Holy Spirit is filling human lives that are emptied of self and rejoice in this truth. It is precious.

Since our return we have been gardening. I worked with the boys and we ploughed and raked and sowed. We put

in butter beans, lima beans, radishes, melons, cucumbers, peas, tomatoes, broad beans, sweet potatoes, sweet corn, maize, lettuce, and rhubarb. The boys enjoy my working with them and I get good from it physically; out door work is renovating. All the seed sown has come up, and we will enjoy our food better when produced with our own labour. There are so many lessons to learn gardening, one has to learn to gather up the fragments to nourish the soil. Now the boys are cutting wood and stacking for winter, and Mamma has an invitation to help stack and then we are planning to take small trips selling text cards. This is how we will spend the holidays. Dudley too is going to bake my bread from Sunday next. He does all our washing alone.

I am president of the Young People's Society. God has blessed my efforts among them. I have a daughter now so my family is growing. Dudley and Harold love their new sister. The young people are working for the Lord and are happy.

Kind Christian love to all and good wishes for the coming year.

Your Sister in Christ, — ELLEN MEYERS.

#### OBITUARY.

Mackie. Died at 51 park St., Calcutta, India, Dec. 20, 1907; of Tubercular Meningitis, Thekla Frances Maud Mackie, aged one year, four months, and 28 days, after an illness of about ten days.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Jer. 31: 15-17. No one but those who have passed through the same experience can realize the loss that has come to Bro. and Sr. Mackie, yet our sympathy, we hope, reaches far enough to be a source of great comfort to them both.

Some cannot realize why it is that God permits our little ones to be taken away, when they brought so much joy into the home. Some have prayed earnestly that their child might recover, and wonder why God does not answer their prayers. God knows what is best for the child; also for the parents, for he well knows the future of both. The path of a child is beset with snares by the enemy, and should some children be permitted to live they might bring more, yea much more, sorrow than when they died. Now God seeing the future therefore knows which way a child will go, and lays some away to save them from the evil to come. But by and by he will present them to the parents again should they live faithful until death, or until the life Giver comes. What a blessed thought and what a joy it will be for parents to rear their children in the earth made new, where there will be no more sickness, sorrow or death to mar our future happiness. Then how much better it is for us to say with Job, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord."—W. W. Miller.

#### THE NEED OF PRAYER.

"ENTER into thy closet," says the Saviour, "and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." And how wonderfully in the history of the Bible has this gracious promise been fulfilled! How multiplied the examples of those who prevailed in prayer when they were alone with God!

Abraham was alone when he pleaded with God for Sodom, and so far as he failed, it was "because he ceased to ask before God ceased to grant." Moses was alone when God communed with him

from the burning bush and appointed him the deliverer of Israel. Joshua was alone when the angel of the covenant came to him as an armed man; and Gideon and Jephthah were alone when commissioned to deliver Israel. When Elijah raised a child from the dead, and when afterwards Elisha did the same, each were alone pleading with God in prayer. Daniel was alone praying in his chamber, and alone when his soul went up in supplication from the den of lions, from which he was so divinely delivered. Cornelius was alone when the angel appeared to him, Peter alone on the house-top in prayer when divinely taught to make known the gospel to the Gentiles; one John alone in the wilderness, and another alone in Patmos, when God was specially near to them. And in every age it is found that when God's children are wrestling with him in the closet, they seem to draw nearest to him, and to receive the richest blessings from on high, both for themselves and others.

The closet may be the upper chamber, as with Elijah; or the open air, as with Jacob; or the house-top, as with Peter; or the lions' den, as with Daniel; but so it be a place where the soul goes out in earnest, and longing personal communion with God, there He will meet the suppliant and grant special blessing to the soul that thus waits on and pleads with Him.

"Then, my soul, in every strait  
To thy Father come and wait;  
He will answer every prayer,  
God is present everywhere!"

—American Messenger.

"Love is the great healer of all life's ills, the great strengthener and beautifier. If you would drink at the fountain of perpetual youth, fill your life with it."

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Miss Smith is back once more to her old work in the Medical at Karmatar. We are glad to welcome her.

Dr. Menkel recently made a visit of one day to Karmatar. Like nearly everyone who comes, he was favourably impressed with our winter air.

Let all our Campaign workers read the article on page 1 by Brother Enoch, entitled "The Importance of Seed Sowing." It has courage in it.

Before most of our readers get this paper Brother and Sister Miller will have entered their new field of labour at Lucknow. We wish them every success in the work there.

Brethren Shaw and Enoch, are now visiting South India in the interests of the work there. At last accounts they had started down into the far south to visit the company of Sabbath keepers in Tinnavilly.

Misses Burroway and King took their first experience in the Campaign at Madhupur. The station was small but they succeeded in taking a number of paid orders and sold one book. One encouraging feature of the experience was that they did better this year than last, though on account of the recent strike, conditions were not as favourable as they might have been. Let us all pray that

abundant success may attend all our Campaign workers.

Karmatar was pleased to have a short visit from Brother and Sister Burgess recently. While they were here the students of the Bengali language had their examination. The results will be seen by reading Sr Burgess's article in this paper.

A recent letter from Miss Knight tells us she is back in her old school in the South of the United States. She is well and enjoying the work, but she says she is looking forward to the time when she will be back to India.

Is it not strange that when religion touches some men's pockets it cools their ardour at once, and seals their lips? We often hear men talk of the "peace of God in the heart," and to the phrase we raise no objection; but it has often occurred to us that if the "peace of God" could only get in some people's pockets it would be a blessed thing.—*Sabbath Readings.*

### WORDS OF TRUTH.

It is during the hours of our severest trials that the joy of deliverance is sweetest.

It is not so much how fast we are moving as it is the direction in which we are going.

It is a man's attitude toward truth, rather than his intellectual capacity or ability, that makes him truly great.

The bacillus, or germ, of tuberculosis is a very tiny thing, yet by its tenacity of life and its persistent effort it causes the death of one seventh of the human race. Let us beware of little deeds and acts which by multiplying will cause the loss of our spiritual life.—*Selected.*