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THE WORK IN LUCKNOW.

With my family I arrived in Lucknow Jan. 6th. The next day we succeeded in getting our household goods from the Station, so were not long in getting settled.

On the Sabbath we had Sabbath-school in the morning and a Bible lesson in the afternoon. The next week I began house to house work with the "Sings." I was well received every place I went. I found a man who had read "Here and Hereafter," "Daniel and the Revelation," and the "Oriental Watchman." He said the books were loaned to him by a Mr. Gomez. This gave me a desire to visit the man, and I did so the same day. He seemed pleased to meet me. Said he had heard Eld. Robinson preach in Calcutta, and became interested and bought a number of books. He continues to loan the books, and says he is in harmony with what the books teach. I hope to get better acquainted with this man and seek opportunity to study the truth with him.

The next week I visited 80 families with "Family Bible Teacher" and "Signs" leaflets. The people seemed very glad to get the readings, and none refused to take them. Catholics said they were not bigoted, therefore would examine the readings. The following week I entered the O. & R. Ry. quarters, and visited every family, 90 in all. Was opposed by only one man who said he did not believe the Bible, and that he knew more about the Bible than I did, and therefore could not be taught anything. I told him I did not doubt that he knew more of the Bible than I, but the difference between us was that I believed what I knew, and he did not. He finally invited me in, and in course of conversation he said he would like to be-

lieve but could not force himself. I told him that only the Holy Spirit could do the work. He answered that he hoped the time would come when he would have a change of heart. I did not forget my mission to his home, therefore I asked him if he would take one of the readings and allow me to bring another the following week. He consented, bade me good-bye with a hearty hand shake, and invited me to visit him again.

I have met so many that believe in the near coming of Christ. It is very seldom that I find a family away from home, therefore do not have to make back calls. I am now visiting 155 families each week, and hope to visit more when I obtain a wheel, which is a very essential thing in Lucknow, as the houses are so scattered.

A lawyer is very much interested in the readings, and has invited another man, a jeweller, to join the "Family Bible Teacher." He said if he was not at home I must be sure to leave the readings on his table. I am so glad to get into real missionary work again, and I am sure the Lord led me to this place. The weather has been cool and pleasant ever since we came here and we feel much better healthwise. The sun does not seem to have the same effect here as in Calcutta. Just how it will be in the hot season I am unable to say.

We are all of good courage, even the cook, who has become much interested in the truth. He is selling and giving away tracts in Hindi, Urdu, and Bengali. He claims to be keeping the Sabbath and is teaching it every opportunity he gets. We are living near the railway station and will be glad to have any of our people stop, and see us as they pass through Lucknow. If any will let us know what

time they are to arrive, I will be glad to meet them.

Yours in the work,

W. W. MILLER.

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OUR SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

In a recent letter from Sister Plummer, Secretary for our world's Sabbath-Schools, she makes the following comment on the third quarter's Indian Sabbath-School report:-

"I see you keep adding schools occasionally, and this report shows quite a jump in your membership, and a big jump in finances. The one disappointing thing about the whole report is that you have not used all of your donations for missions. This may sound like a queer thing to find fault with in a field like India, and I am almost ashamed to mention it, especially when the expense account is only \$ 3; but I was just thinking that if the Lord did not come for a couple of years yet, and the Sabbath-School work grew in that country like it has in this country, and the Sabbath-Schools learn to be as selfish as they are in this country, that by and by, having established a precedent away back in the year 1907 of taking some of the donations for expenses, that by the time to which I vaguely refer has come, all the donations would be used for expenses in India. You will say that I am a dreamer--perhaps I am. I expect nothing of the kind ever to take place. Of course, you know we are trying in this country to wipe out our expense account. We want to see the money that is given in the Sabbath-Schools on the Sabbath donated to missions, and we want the expenses provided for in some other way. We never have

asked our mission fields to do this, but they come more nearly doing it than we do here. India would have been ideal if they had done that, but it is such a trifling matter that I am ashamed to have taken this much time writing about it. I want to tell you how glad I am every time I hear any good thing from India."

In making up the last quarter's report for the year, we find one Sabbath-School that has previously been giving all the donations to missions appropriating Rs. 32 for expenses. I am certain this is a mistake and am holding back the report till I can hear again from this School. Otherwise we have a very encouraging report from the different Sabbath-Schools. Calcutta has smaller membership than usual but the donation is more than that of the previous quarter. Our Calcutta Bengali Sabbath-School has also more than doubled its donations. We notice the liberal spirit of the Burmese brethren and sisters is in no way wavering.

When we see how the work is opening here in our own field surely we all want a part in giving the little that is given for the advancement of the work in such places as the word shall direct. We wish to thank our faithful secretaries for the prompt reports sent each quarter and as we begin a new year let us see if we can not reach the standard before us and see that every pice of the Sabbath-School donation goes to Mission fields. It is true we are a mission field but let us show our appreciation for what has been done for us by giving to the great cause of mission work.—MRS J. L. SHAW.

BLESSINS IN THE WORK.

You will be glad to hear that God is with me. Thank God for his presence in granting me so much blessing for the people of this great city. The people buy the

"Oriental Watchman" and the Hindi and Urdu books, many of which I brought with me from Patiala.

I will tell you some of the Lord's special grace. On last Sunday when I was singing the praise of the Lord I was called into the Methodist church to pray with them and preach about the second coming of Christ before the congregation. The whole congregation received me well and listened attentively, thank God. When I left the church Mrs. Padri—took me into her room and called two other Miss Sahibs, and they knelt down with me before God and prayed. Afterwards Mrs. ——— asked me to join their meeting held on Thursday, but I cannot get time.

I visited this week the Isai Basti (Christian village) where there are living about four hundred brothers of different missions. It was seven o'clock in the morning when I reached there and began to sing the praise of the Lord. A great multitude gathered around me, and some bought a few books. One of them invited me to go with him to see the Padri of the Church of England, so I went with him. When the Padri read the name of the Hindi book and learned that I belonged to the Seventh day Adventists, he said "Take away these books." I remained silent and gave him no answer. Then he began to ask me about myself, and I told how I had resigned my post when a Hindu, and united with the Church of England, and after continuing six years with them had resigned my position there and worked in connection with the R. P. mission; and then how I gave up my position there and accepted this message. He and the brother who took me heard willingly, giving much heed. Then I started to go, but he invited me to stop and eat with him so for his sake I remained there until two o'clock. He then took me with him and

showed me all the Basti and grave yard and then took me to his Divinity School. Then I asked him to excuse me. He invited me to preach in his church on Sunday. Let us thank God that those who hated us before, love us and willingly hear us.

The day before yesterday I took dinner at the brother's house who invited me on the first day, and remained with him the whole night. In the morning I met the Padri Sahib again, and he reminded me again to go and preach in his church on Sunday, so I will go. Remember me in your prayers.

Yesterday I went to Lal Kurti Bazaar. The people there heard well and bought books. At one shop some Mohammedan people called me back to hear the praise of the Lord, and asked me to see them again. I hope God will save many.—JOHN LAST.

NOTES FROM HINDUSTANI WORKERS.

Delhi.

I am very glad to let you know that my work among the Gentiles and the native Christians is going on well. Some of the native Christians have been reconciled to the present truth, and they call me every Sabbath to lead a meeting in their houses. They want to learn more about the present truth. May God bless them.

I am getting on well with my study. I am now quite ready to work from place to place as a traveling preacher, as I think this is the season for such work. I have sold three rupees worth of single copies of the Special number of the "Oriental Watchman" up to this date, and hope to sell more by the end of the month.

Kindly remember the work which is done in Delhi in your prayers.—LAL MOHAMMED.

Allahabad.

I came here to give the warning message. God brought me by his own

will. I have the books and the special number of the "Oriental Watchman" with me. I began work from yesterday. Thank God on the first day after preaching I sold three annas worth of the pamphlets.

You know how weak and ignorant I am, but God is faithful. He is with me and I have no fear, for the Lord is my refuge. Kindly pray for me; I am so hungry for your prayers.—JOHN LAST.

Moradabad.

Through God's blessing the work is going on well here. There are many who are inquiring of me about this message. I hope and pray that those who are coming to me for light will not be disappointed.

The Hindi, Urdu, and Roman pamphlets are selling well here. Please continue praying for me and my work.—MAQBUL MASSEY.

AUDITING ACCOUNTS.

I spent nearly all of the month of January in Calcutta in checking over the books of the Indian Mission, Tract Society, Sanitarium and Health Food Company.

I was pleased to find that the books give evidence that the accounts have been faithfully kept and in a very commendable manner. We should feel grateful to those diligent toilers in the office. Their work is important and has much to do with the prosperity of the cause and in the great reckoning day they will be able to rejoice in seeing the fruit of their labour.

L. J. BURGESS.

OUR HINDI LITERATURE.

The first edition of the Hindi pamphlet (10,000) has been sold out during the past year and Brother Little is now printing a second edition of 20,000 which we hope will soon be ready.

This little booklet is the first we have had in the Hindi language and came out as the result of much prayer and labour, and although from a literary stand point it may not be perfect, yet we have been encouraged to know that it has been the means of bringing a ray of light to some among Hindus, Mohammedans, and Christians alike, as we judge from frequent letters we have received from various ones, and a desire is being awakened to investigate these present truths farther. A goodly number of these have been sold by Amar Nath, Brother Last, Maqbul Massey, Brother Hardy, Lall Mohammed, Brother Barlow and others.

I trust you will remember this work in your prayers that this second edition of this booklet may be greatly blessed.

GEORGIA A. BURGESS.

AN EXPERIENCE.

Dear Brethren,—

We have had a very pleasant journey so far from Calcutta by rail and from Tuticorin by steamer, and now we are near the Red Sea. The weather is very warm. We thank God for His love and kindness to us since leaving India. We have realized his guiding hand all the way.

I must tell you my last day's experience at Bobolmohol. I walked over from Simultala to Bobolmohol a few days before leaving for England because I had no pony and I came through a Hindoo village not far from Bobolmohol when I met a poor half-starved woman and child. The woman was suffering from want of food and had had no proper food for fifteen days; and her child was dying in her arms. The other older child was suffering from spleen etc. The poor woman pleaded for food and help. I asked her to send some one to our house for food

because she could not go on account of weakness and dropsy and a dying child in her arms. No one came, but next day she with her two children came along in the afternoon. We gave her some milk, fruit and rice, and they slept in the church house for the night. Next morning we gave them more food and some clothing and I told them that we were leaving for England, and that they could go home slowly because no one was remaining to take my place. She with her two little ones started for their so called home (only a hut made from a few branches and some straw to cover them). They only got as far as the Bobolmohol River when she lay down and died on the banks of the river. Her boy ran with his little dying brother to the village about two miles distant to tell the sad news of the poor famine stricken mother's death. I believe she was burnt that day, and her husband is away from home seeking work, I suppose.

Can no one hear the voice of God to come over and help these poor people around Simultala and Bobolmohol? Some medical missionaries who have a real love for the poor villagers. Surely the harvest is great but the labourers are few. I trust that some one will offer himself for this needy field. There are two Mission stations vacant waiting for workers who are filled with the love for these poor native people, who will live and work for their salvation and God will reward these workers.

We thank all the brethren and sisters in India, Burma and Ceylon who have been so kind and considerate with us during the past years of labour in India, and more so during the past year which has which has been the most trying to me of any time since I arrived in India over 18

years ago. It has been trying on account of my ill health.

May God's blessing rest upon you all.

Yours in His service,

W. A. Barlow.

MOULMEIN, BURMA.

It is now one year since I landed in Burma. The greater part of this time has been spent in Moulmein, the place where Judson established a mission in 1827 and spent many years of toil and hardships. I think there is one of his converts yet living. One died the last rainy season. She with a smile told me that Judson baptized her himself.

The first thing upon arriving was to organise a Sabbath school. This has grown until at present it has twenty-five members. At first the Sabbath-school was held at Sister Mah Thei Noo's house, but later removed to my place. Captain Cooper who has spent 38 years in the Indian Medical service with his family has accepted the truth, and they are a great help to me in many ways. Knowing the customs and habits of the people and being acquainted with the diseases of the tropics he is able to render help that that only those placed in similar circumstances can appreciate.

For the past two months there has been a gentleman here on a vacation who has been working in the Methodist Mission in Penang. At different times he met our workers of the Straits Settlements, and was interested. Upon arriving here, hearing I was here, he hunted me up at once, and has spent his vacation in studying the truth. He has expressed his determination to live out the truth. He was converted from Brahmanism while reading a copy of the Bible that a lady gave him when he graduated from the University of Calcutta. He saw the

beauty of the Christian religion and accepted it, and for ten years has been a teacher and preacher; but his own words are as follows: "I never knew how to study the Bible until I came across the S. D. As., and now I feel as if I had everything to learn." He intends going to America to take up the study of Medicine in the Geo. Washington University, then to return to work for his own people in Bengal.

Seeing the Testimonies in my library one day he wanted one to read I refused until the next day: then I gave him a study on the Spirit of Prophecy, and let him have Vol. 1. After reading it he said, "That is practical religion; I want to read all those books. It gives me so much instruction I never heard before." He asked for Vol. 2 to take with him until he arrives in Washington where he can get a set for himself. I never saw one so intent on reading the Testimonies. I feel that he will be a great help to the work, as he speaks so many languages.

Through him a policeman became interested and now is studying the truth deeply. This man met Bro. Barlow somewhere in India, while a soldier, and subscribed for "Watchman" when Sr. Jewett and Sr. King were in Mandalay. I believe ere long he will identify himself with us as a people. Yesterday there were two other teachers with us at our Sabbath meeting.

The medical work has been increasing steadily. January was a hard month's work. I went to see patients in the forenoon and held Bible studies in the afternoon. Never did I work harder or put in longer hours in the States. One thing makes the work hard here. This town has only two streets, but they are seven and a half miles long so it takes so much riding to go anywhere. When so much

work is on hands I must let my language study pass over; but as I have to make some of my visiting by myself and depend upon my own knowledge of the language, I am not wholly without practice.

To the Lord be all the praise for the degree of success in this place. I fully believe we are in the loud cry of the Third Angel's Message, and soon we will all be gathered home. Hasten on, O happy day.

Yours in the work.

OLLIE OBERHOLTZER.

How the Lord Brings Us to His Way. An Experience.

It is in my mind to let our workers know how the Lord brings sinners to His way. I know myself how the Lord brought me to His way. I hope my experience will be the means of helping others in finding the Lord's way.

When I was first in school I was a very good boy, though I was sometimes naughty, but by and by I became worse. One of my first temptations was to smoke, and it was not long till I had learned this bad habit. Then when we began to earn our own support, I became a worse smoker. One time when I took leave from work to go to Calcutta, I had an experience. It was my first trip to Calcutta, and on the way back I took the wrong train and was carried to Gya instead of Karmatar. I was afraid of getting into trouble, and on the way from Gya to Karmatar I told the Lord that if he would save me from getting into trouble that I would quit smoking. He brought me straight to Karmatar. I was thankful for this and gave up smoking as I had promised the Lord.

Dear reader, you know how Satan tempts us when we are trying to do what is right. I was tempted again and was

overcome. Then a verse came to my mind from the Bible: O wretched boy that I am! "for I know that in me (that is in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me." How could I overcome? "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin."

Dear workers, pray for me that I may overcome all these temptations and do the Lord's will. —RAMSHARAN DEE.

Campaign Notes.

Miss Kurtz and Miss Johnson have been having good success this month in the canvassing work. At one place several people came to them and wanted to subscribe for the paper having heard from others.

Letters from Miss Burroway and Miss King tell us that they are of good courage in the Campaign work. They are now in Bombay, having left the vicinity of Lucknow and Cawnpore for Sisters Kurtz and Johnson. Though Sister King has had a low run of fever much of the time she has done faithful work, and has had fair success. Our faithful workers out in the Campaign need the prayers of all our people that they may be kept in health, and that success may attend their efforts. It is encouraging to know that these workers are meeting with favour on the Bombay side and have been having better success there than before they went over there.

From Burma a recent letter from Brother Cook says: "We have mailed copies

of the Special "Watchman" to all the missionaries in Burma.

"We established a weekly prayer meeting in the church two weeks ago, the first since the church was organised, and at this meeting we addressed and wrapped the papers. All seemed to enjoy it and I believe they received a blessing by so doing. They also took hold of the work of distributing them among their neighbours and friends, and already results are seen. Sunday night at the close of the meeting a name was handed in of a young man who had read the paper and was so much interested that he sent for me to come and see him. I called and left some more reading for him. He has promised to attend our meetings. I believe the Special number will be the means of doing much good and will bring to many a knowledge of the truth. The work is onward in Burma. Brother and Sister Votaw are kept busy answering calls in different places. They report a good interest in upper Burma. We are all well and of good courage."

A recent letter from Brother Miller says: "I visited fifty-three families today in the railway quarters, and had a splendid experience. The people were very kind indeed. I am up to date visiting 118 families with the 'Family Bible Teacher' and 'Signs' leaflets. The Methodist Pastor, Stanley Jones is asking them who I am, but they did not know my name. But now they know, for they asked me. No one yet knows who I am, but I suppose it will not be long until they do. I have to walk to the different families, and it is very dusty, but soon I hope to have a wheel, and then I can do more visiting. I feel that I will get a foothold in Lucknow before very long: I shall make a strong effort at least."

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Among the many evidences of the progress of the work which should encourage us all none is greater than the blessing which has attended the Treatment Rooms in Calcutta. During the month of January the net gain after all expenses were paid amounted to Rs. 951. This is the best record ever made by the Treatment Rooms.

We are sure all our workers will be glad to join us in congratulating our Calcutta Bengali Sabbath-school on its donations for the past quarter. This school gave nearly Rs. 20 in donations during the three months which closed 1907. This is as well as some of our more favoured schools are doing. Let the good work go on.

In a recent letter Brother Enoch says: "We have been studying the Tamil one week. Have gotten out of the chart class into the Primer. I believe we will be able to get the language all right through God's grace." We can say for the encouragement of our language students that the great secret of success is a large stock of stick-to-it-ive-ness. God will help every one who is determined to succeed.

Elder Owen, Brother Watson and Sister Jewett have been having some good experiences in Calcutta giving Bible readings. One brother has taken his stand for the truth and seems to be holding firm to all that has been presented

to him. At the present time there is quite an interest in Calcutta with different ones on points of faith. It is evident that there are yet souls to be sought out in this great city.

Dr. Menkel has spent some time this month at the press getting out literature for the new Sanitarium and advertisements for the Calcutta treatment rooms. At present he and Elder Shaw are in Mussoorie looking up a site for a Sanitarium. They expressed the wish that like the Mountain Mission the Sanitarium in Mussoorie might stand as a monument of answered prayers. Let us remember these brethren at the throne of grace that they may be directed to the place that the Lord has for our sanitarium and that means may be forthcoming for this work. There are indications that the Lord is already working for us.

Most our workers have received an account of the visit of Brethren Shaw, Enoch and James to the Tinavilly Sabbath-keepers last month. Those who have not, will be interested to know that they received a royal welcome from this hospitable people. They found two large churches and a well organized company of people, with their own schools for their children. Though very tenacious as regards what they believe to be the truth, as their steadfastness in the face of many years of persecution witnesses, yet they declare that they are willing to accept anything that can be proved to them from the Bible. Let us pray that as the work is opened up among them their hearts will be opened to receive the truth.

Better ever remain standing than "sit in the seat of the scorner."

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