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WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO WORKERS.

God has given me words to speak to His people in these last days. Time is short, and God has a special work for each to do. All are to employ their God-given talents as the Spirit of God shall direct.

The preaching of the word is one of the means by which God designs to bring light and evidence to the world; it must be done in such a way that those who listen will not be repulsed by any coarseness or lack of refinement in the messenger. A sweetness of disposition and humility of mind are to be revealed by those whom God employs to give a knowledge of Himself.

Divine power has given unto us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who has called us to glory and virtue. We all, with open face, beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, may be changed into the same image, from glory to glory even as by the Spirit of the Lord. This is a process of knowledge that will broaden the mind, impart spiritual excellence, and give the character the comeliness and perfection that was seen in the character of Christ. Those who faithfully study the words of Christ and His methods of labour, will learn to present the truth in a way that will yield definite and lasting results for good.

The parting words of the Saviour to His disciples should speak encouragement to every servant of God till the close of time. "The eleven disciples went away into Galilee into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw Him they worshipped Him; but some

doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

What greater assurance than this can we ask? We have the Lord's positive assurance that while we instruct others, He will be with us to be our Instructor. Those who work for God will meet with discouragement, but the promise is always theirs, "Lo, I am with you" always, even unto the end of the world."

God will give a most wonderful experience to those who will say, "I believe Thy promise; I will not fail nor become discouraged."

The Lord has a work for women as well as for men to do. They can accomplish a good work for God, if they will learn first in the school of Christ the precious, all-important lessons of meekness. They must not only bear the name of Christ, but possess His spirit. They must walk even as He walked, purifying their souls from everything that defiles. Then they will be able to benefit others by presenting the all-sufficiency of Jesus.

It is not only upon those who preach the word that God has placed the responsibility of seeking to save sinners. He has given this work to all. The words, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," are spoken to each one of Christ's followers. All who are ordained unto the life of

Christ are ordained to work for the salvation of their fellow-men. The same longing that He felt for the saving of the lost is to be manifest in them. Not all can fill the same place, but for all there is a place and work. All upon whom God's blessings have been bestowed are to respond by actual service; every gift is to be employed for the advancement of His kingdom. MRS. E. G. WHITE.

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TRANSLATIONS OF LETTERS FROM HINDUSTANI CORRESPONDENTS INTERESTED IN THE TRUTH.

"I have received your letter and paper and thank you with my whole heart for them. After reading the papers I gave them to others in the Seminary who understand English. All to whom I gave them asked me to let them read them whenever they came. There are many here who do not read English, and they are requesting me to ask you to send reading matter in Urdu, that they also may receive light.

"If you will let me know where you are during the hot season I will surely come and study with you during our vacation. I am praying daily that God will lead me in the way of truth."

"We are accepting the teaching you are giving us, and for a long time we have had an earnest desire to meet with you. As the Mussulman watches for the new moon at Ead in order that his fast may be broken, so we are watching for your coming that we may receive spiritual refreshing. I have written to all the brethren who are desirous of seeing you that the Sahib will surely come.

Please send me 100 Hindi Sahitān Sumachār, 100 Urdu, 50 New Testament Sabbath, and also some tracts for distri-

bution. I am not ashamed to tell the people about the Sabbath and the coming of Christ, and to sell the books also. We are holding services on the Sabbath."

"What God has taught from his word in regard to the truth I am teaching to others. Our presiding Elder who is very much opposed, has learned of this, and he will come in February to decide what to do about it. I have received two very severe letters. They want to know where I have learned this heretical teaching, and tell me I must walk according to the teachings of the church as heretofore. They have withdrawn my house rent, and say they will also withdraw my salary. Please pray for me that God will open the way before me and help me not to be dismayed."

"I am convinced that we are in the last days, and we ought to be every careful and walk according to the truth of the Bible.

"I thank God that he has shown me this light. When I learned that we were not obeying the law of God as he gave it, I felt much distressed, but I thank God that he sent Brother—here for our comfort. Through his teaching I and Brother—have received much help. We are studying with him day by day. Brother—has been transferred to another place, but the seed has been sown in his heart and will surely spring up. It is my prayer that God will accept me to spread this truth."

"Two weeks ago one of your books fell into my hands. I read it with intense interest, and have been much troubled in my mind. I have decided, to write you in reference to two things.

"I set-up to the present day I have used an unlimited quantity of tobacco, but from

today I give it up for the remainder of my life.

"2nd-I have shot and killed thousands of animals and have used meat daily as an article of diet, but from today I will never touch it. Christ has used you to give me deliverance from all this and I hope it may never have to be done again.

"I desire to come to you and learn more of this teaching. If you give me permission I will come and see you. May God bless and sustain you and give you more wisdom, that you may learn more and more of his will."

"Through Brother—I have heard much of this truth for the last days. I believe that the teaching in regard to the Sabbath is according to the word of God. I heard something of this teaching when I was in Mussoorie and compared it with the Bible and found it true.

"I went to Dehra Dun with the hope of seeing you, but regret to say I did not find you there. I have read "Abdi Khushkabri" very carefully and am anxious for more reading matter. I have been a preacher in the—Mission for many years, but this teaching seems very pleasing to me although I see that there are many against it. But God is surely making manifest his truth, and will continue to do so.

"I am very thankful for the light I have received through the instruction of Brother—We meet together every day for prayer and the study of God's word. At the present time my mind is very much troubled. Pray for me that God may sustain me."

"It is my desire and intention to walk in the light God shows me. I fully intend to spend some time in June in studying the word of God with you.

"Last night I had a dream in which the Lord, was saying to me, "Rise and go." Then I saw you sitting on your bed and you were praying with me.

"I have read the tract, 'Counting the Cost' and have thought much upon it. It came to me in this way that we are burying the Lord's money in the earth, we are not preaching his truth and are not regarding it from the heart ourselves.

"I have thought much in regard to the Sabbath, and I believe that Saturday is the Sabbath and that the Sunday Sabbath was made by man. My belief has become firm that all of your teaching is according to the Bible, and I am thankful that God has used you to bring this light to me."

"I received a book from Babu Amar Nath, and through reading it I am convinced in regard to the Sabbath. In God's word the apostles and prophets all teach the same. I know that there are seven days in the week and that the seventh day or Saturday is holy, and I want to be one with you in keeping it."

The above extracts are only a few of the many which we are constantly receiving from those who are seeking for truth. It is an evidence to us that the time has come for the message to be given to every tongue and people. We feel the need of more literature on points of Present Truth with which to supply those who are inquiring.

A second Hindi Pamphlet is now being printed. This is smaller than the first number and will sell for one pice which will cover the cost.

We hope soon to finish our work in Kar and return to the North West Provinces.

L. J. Burgess

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W. W. Miller has lost or loaned his volume 7 of the Testimonies. Anyone finding it will confer a great favour by forwarding same to him at Forrester Villa, Lucknow.

The treatment rooms in Calcutta are being abundantly blessed financially. During the month of February, a recent letter informs us they made a clear profit of Rs 1360. This shows that the Lord has a work in that line to be done in Calcutta. It also shows that the Lord's hand was in the recent moves that were made by the Board by which personal effort was made for the treatment rooms to bring them to the notice of the public. Some hard problems were before us at the first, but the Lord has worked it all out in answer to earnest prayer. To His name be the praise. We pass on a word of good cheer for the willing treatment room workers.

The following letter is a sample of several letters we have received lately, and speaks for itself. It seems to us that there are some of our workers who would be glad to contribute toward a fund to supply literature to such as these who are interested in the truth. Surely a better investment could not be made of Rs 2-8 than to send a year's subscription of the ORIENTAL WATCHMAN to some one who is interested in it. Could we not have a fund in our tract society to

be devoted to sending the O. W. to those who ask for it but are too poor to take it?

"Dear Sir, —

"Without having ordered the 'Oriental Watchman' I got the paper regularly during some months, and I had great interest in reading it. Therefore I feel sorry to receive it no more since the beginning of the year. If you would like to send the paper again I shall feel obliged, and pay in the future the post charges; more I cannot afford, being a lady missionary."

"Yours Faithfully?" etc.

A letter some time since from Brother Enoch to one of the workers told of some of the ways the Lord has been going before to open the way for the work in the Tinavilly district, S. India. We shall hope to have a report for the next month's EASTERN TIDINGS from Brother Enoch himself, telling us some of the good ways of the Lord's leading.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF CALCUTTA SABBATH-SCHOOL for year ending Dec. 31, 1907.

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Jan. 1st. 1907	Rs 21 13 10
Subscriptions & Contributions	933 4 7
Poor Fund	59 3 9
Total Receipts	Rs 1014 6 3

DISBURSEMENTS

Rent	Rs 600
Taxes	52 10
Electricity	54 14
Wiring of Hall	110
Repairs on fans	6 4
Sweeper	54
Sundries	40 4
Worthy Poor	60

Total	Rs 678
Cash on hand Jan. 1st. 1908	Rs 36-6 3
Total Receipts for the year amounted to	Rs 7002-5-6
Sabbath School Donations	234-7-4