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SPECIAL "ORIENTAL WATCHMAN."

We are getting out a special issue of the "Oriental Watchman" for October. The theme of this number will be Health and Temperance. We intend giving it as large a circulation as possible and in so doing want to enlist your help. The previous special number of the "Oriental Watchman" was so well received, and so many good words have been spoken of it, that it was decided to get out another special issue devoted entirely to health and temperance. Few subjects are of more general interest to Indian readers than that of health, and we expect, therefore, a very warm welcome for this number of the paper and a wide circulation. Some excellent articles will appear on the following subjects:—

Relation of Health to Christian Experience, Mind Cure, Vegetarianism, The Liquor Habit, How to Keep Well in the Tropics, The Tobacco Habit, Exercise, Temperance Reform in India, Opium and the Government. etc.

There are many people not interested in religious subjects that will be glad to read such a number, others who are prejudiced against our points of faith may have some of their bitterness removed. We should plan to give it a wide circulation, especially among missionaries, in various parts of India, Burmah and Ceylon. If different churches and companies or individuals would plan to send the October number of the "Oriental Watchman" to missionaries or others in some arranged locality, very much good might be done in winning friends and breaking down prejudice.

This number of the "Oriental Watchman" will have a coloured cover, some good illustrations and well packed with the gospel of health. A splendid issue

with which to canvass. You should send a copy to each one of your friends. Club rates will be given on another page. They will be as low as possible. Let each church and every member of the church take hold heartily and give the Health and Temperance number of the "Oriental Watchman" a wide and vigorous circulation.—J. L. SHAW.

WANTED ITS HANDS "FIXED."

The *Missionary Alliance* tells a story which very well illustrates the state of many Christian people. The story, with comments, is as follows:—

"I want yer to fix up dese han's. Dey jess doan keep no mo' k'rrrec' time fer mo' den six nunfs."

"Where is the clock?" answered the watchmaker.

"Out at de house on Injun Creek."

"But I must have the clock."

"Didn't I tell yer dar's nuffin de matter wid' de clock 'ception' de han's and I done brought 'em to you. You jess want de clock so you can tinker wid it and charge me a big price. Gimme back dem han's."

"And so saying, he went off to find some reasonable watchmaker.

"Foolish as he was, his action was very like that of those who try to regulate their conduct without being made right on the inside. They know no more of the need of a change in their spiritual condition than the poor negro did of the work of his clock. They are unwilling to give themselves over into the hands of the great Artificer, who will set their works right, so that they may keep time with the great clock of the universe, and no longer attempt to set themselves according to the incorrect time of the world. And their reason for not putting them

selves into the hands of the Lord is very similar to the reason the coloured man gave. They are afraid the price will be too great. They say, 'We only wish to avoid this or that bad habit.' But the great Clockmaker says, 'I cannot regulate the hands, unless I have the clock. I must have the clock.'—*Selected.*

HINDUSTANI WORKERS.

Brother S. Caleb writes from Khatauli: "By the Lord's blessing our work is going here well. From the 13th of August there was a Mela here for eight days. I attended the Mela and succeeded in selling 224 books.

I desire the prayers of the brethren that the Lord may help me in this great work. I can do nothing of myself, but with the Lord's help all things are possible."

Brother Chet Masih writes us that he is of good courage and is trying to give what he has learned to others. Sister Chet Masih and the older children also visit the women in their homes and sing and teach the gospel to those who are willing to listen. May the Lord bless their efforts.

Brother Maqbul Massey writes that he is working among the people of Serkot and surrounding villages, trying to uphold the truth there. He also has a number of interested ones who are daily studying the message with him.

There has recently been some opposition to our work here at Mussoorie. The enemy is making an attack upon the stronghold of present truth and is also trying to recapture those who have recently accepted the message. We believe, however, that our armour is strong enough to withstand the heaviest fire that may be sired at it. Our weakest point

at present is the lack of sufficient literature in the Hindustani language, so that we cannot press the battle to the gates as we would like.

A number of the workers at the Sanitarium, with the help of brother Mohan Sain are taking up the study of the Hindustani. If they persevere we trust they will demonstrate that the language can be learned even while doing other work. "Where there is the will there is the way." By spending one hour a day in regular study a person of ordinary ability should gain a fair knowledge of the language in a year or two. The hindrance comes in getting discouraged or losing love for the people. We should pray that our knowledge of the language and love for the people may increase in proportion. Of course we should not expect to find the people perfect. There are very few such people in the world. We should rejoice that we are in a country where there is need of all the light and good example we are able to give.

We are all well and of good courage.
—L. J. BURGESS.

OUR GREAT SUPPLY.

I SHALL not want—"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters."

I shall not want forgiveness—"He restoreth my soul."

I shall not want a guide—"He leadeth me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake."

I shall not want companionship—"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for Thou art with me."

I shall not want comfort—"Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me."

I shall not want food—"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies."

I shall not want joy—"Thou anointest my head with oil."

I shall not want anything—"My cup runneth over."

I shall not want anything in this life—"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life."

I shall not want anything in eternity—"And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."—*Selected.*

"HE SAVED MY SOUL."

A backwoods preacher, who knew little of books of theology, but who had what was a vast deal better,—a practical knowledge of salvation through Christ,—was before a conference committee for examination.

"Brother," said one of his examiners, "will you please name some of the evidences of the divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ?"

The brother's face wore an expression of puzzled bewilderment, and he was silent. The examiner repeated his question, "What makes you think Christ is divine?"

With his eyes full of tears, the humble preacher started to his feet, and stretching out his arms and hands, exclaimed:—

"How do I know he's divine? Why, bless you, he saved my soul, and I love him for it."—*Presbyterian Banner.*

TAKE PLEASURE IN YOUR WORK.

The man who really enjoys his work, who gets pleasure and happiness out of it, never needs to be engaged in mere play for the benefit of his health. He may be better for a change of work by way of diversion, but if his labour be useful labour, and not indulged in intemperately, the happiness of it will keep him in health.

A really bright young woman, and one who enjoys good health, recently

remarked, "I like to do whatever I have to do." And John B. Gough once said that of two always-happy men he had known, one was a paper-ruler, who said to him: "When I have a fine lot of paper to rule, and my machine works well, I am perfectly happy."

Speaking of the man who is happy at his work, the *Sunday School Times* says: "That man has got beyond his boyhood into his manhood. He does not need the useless, half-animal activities of the playground to make him healthy and his life enduring. He finds his satisfaction in useful work, which ministers to the needs of the world. And all wise men have learned to look to their work for their health and happiness, as boys look to their play."

The service of the Lord ought to be healthful. It is with astonishment that the Lord asks: "Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of My people recovered?" Jer. 8:22. To which it is pertinent to add this counsel of the inspired Word: "My son, attend to My words; incline thine ear unto My sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh." Prov. 4:20-22.—*Selected.*

WHERE HE IS NEEDED.

"Is your father at home?" I asked a small child on our village doctors' doorstep.

"No," he said, "he's away."

"Where do you think I could find him?"

"Well," he said, with a considering air, "you've got to look for some place where people are sick or hurt or some-

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We in the office have been so busy with the special Number of "Oriental Watchman" which is to be out soon that we have not taken time to write out to our workers for reports. The result is there are not many reports from the field this month.

We were sorry to hear that Bro James suffered quite a severe accident while in Bangalore, and has decided to stay there until the general meeting in December. We are glad to hear that he and Mrs. James are making good progress with the language.

Our medical work in Karmatar has been suffering somewhat since it was necessary for Sr. Burroway to go to Mussoorie. We are glad to hear that before long some one will be down from Mussoorie to take up this work again. We shall most heartily welcome, whoever comes.

The prayers of all our people throughout the field ought to attend the effort in Burma during the coming meeting in that field from October 9th to 19th. This is the first meeting of the kind our people have held in this field. It corresponds with the annual camp meetings at Home. We shall watch this experiment with interest.

We wish the best of success to Sanitarium workers who are taking hold of the Hindustani language. They will find the

principal secret of success lies in "keeping everlastingly at it." This means a great deal for those who are hard at work in some English line, and have everything to draw them from the language work. We hope they will be able to master what they have undertaken.

Our people in Rangoon have set a most excellent example to our churches all over this field. They have decided, we are told, that they will take 500 copies of the Special Health and Temperance number of the "Oriental Watchman." We do not see why there are not individuals who might take as many as that of this number. This number will interest all India. Let the orders flood us here at the office till we shall have to make a special order for paper to print a larger edition than we had planned. Why not?

Those who wish to handle the special number of the Oriental Watchman to sell or to distribute to friends will obtain it at the following rates: Single copies, As 2; two to ten copies, As 1-6; ten copies or more, As 1, each.

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thing like that. I don't know where he is, but he's helping somewhere."

And I turned away with this little sermon in my heart. If you want to find the Lord Jesus, you've got to set out on a path of helping somewhere, or lifting somebody's burden, and lo! straightway one like unto the Son of man will be found at your side.

We cannot always find Him whom our soul loveth in worship or in ordinances or in sacraments or in still meditation; we can never find him in selfish idleness or in self-indulgence, but, on the contrary, like the little one's father, he is sure to be found "helping somewhere."—*Selected.*

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