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## THE TEMPERANCE SPECIAL IN BURMA.

When we learned of the plans which had been laid for issuing a special health number of the Watchman, we at once called the attention of the members of the Rangoon church to this issue as presenting a splendid opportunity for missionary work. As usual they responded heartily to the call. Different ones took from twenty to fifty copies and promised to sell these at two annas per copy and turn the entire proceeds into the church. The church placed an order for two hundred forty copies. Later Bro. Stevens of Meiktila, always anxious to do something for the advancement of the cause, offered to pay for Rs. 30 worth of the papers, if we would dispose of the papers, he being located in an out station where there are not more than twenty-five or thirty families of Europeans besides a detachment of a regiment.

When the papers all came, between six and seven hundred, they presented a formidable array. Just at the time of their arrival we were as busy as could be with our first conference but as soon as the meetings closed we gave attention to getting rid of them.

After the members had taken what they had ordered there still remained about four hundred. Bro. Cook and I began selling these. I can testify to a wonderful blessing received. It had been some time since I had been engaged in this kind of work: I confess that I had forgotten the blessing which it brings.

As Sisters Orr and Haegert are canvassing the city we did not go into the residence section at all but devoted all our time to the business portion of the

town. We visited the offices and shops and the wharves. We sold to all classes and creeds, to Mohammedans from upper India, to Mohammedans from the Madras presidency, to Parsees, to Jews, to all denominations of Christians, to Hindus, to Bhuddists, and to worshippers of *Joss*. We sold to teetotalers, to moderate drinkers and to some whose breath was heavy with liquor fumes. For the latter class we breathed a special prayer that the paper might turn them from the curse of strong drink.

One or two special experiences may be interesting. One day Bro. Cook was unable to go out and a young man, a member of the church, chanced—or was it chance?—to have a holiday that day. He had been desiring to go out with his papers—his heart was in it for he had ordered more papers than any other member—but he seemed unable to get started. He asked if he might come with me. I welcomed him. As we started out, I saw that he meant to sell that day for he had sold two before we met and he sold at once to a man in the tram with us. I said jokingly "Now I do not know much about this work and you must show me how to sell." He sold several more than I did. We stood on a street corner near the bazaar and sold fifty copies in about an hour and a quarter. He had the advantage of me in that he could tell almost without fail whether a man could read English or not. I saw as I had not seen before that a man who has been born in the country has an advantage over a foreign worker. I long to see some of our good talent developed.

Bro. Cook and I went to the Government Collegiate School. We had faith

that we might dispose of fifty copies. The Lord rebuked us for our lack of faith. We visited the principal and he not only gave us permission to appear before the classes and offer our papers but he went with us to the class room and introduced us and said that he had examined the papers and could recommend them. We sold our fifty in about twenty minutes. Then we came home and got another fifty, the last we had, and returned to dispose of them fully as quickly as we had disposed of the first ones. We had only appeared before three standards.

To say that we had peace of God in our hearts as we returned home only partially tells how we felt for we had joy as well as peace.

I feel that a good beginning has been made and that when the Watchman issues another special, we will be able to handle a larger number than this time.—H. H. VOTAW.

#### LUCKNOW.

It has been some time since I have written to Eastern Tidings, but most of the time I have been too busy to do much writing. I left Calcutta last August, pretty well used up by the season's work and the climate of Bengal. I spent eight weeks in Mussoorie, and did nothing but rest, and it was almost worse than hard labour. I was so run down and nervous that could not rest day or night the first month in Mussoorie, but the cool, invigorating climate soon brought about a change, and I gained rapidly in strength and weight, and spent the last three weeks at work in the Sanitarium.

It is really cheering to see the way the work in Mussoorie has been blessed. Our Sanitarium paid its way from the start, and finished a most successful season's work, with many friends.

The gospel work in its various lines

fought its way through battlements of error, and without boasting, we feel to say that the Truth of God came off victorious, and that the city was pretty well warned. If we work without criticism and controversy God will surely bless. Let all pray that God will bless our effort here in Lucknow this winter and that the Holy Spirit may have free access to our hearts. We have a nice hall well fitted up with good furniture and an organ, and excellent lights, and can seat about one hundred people with comfort, though more can be accommodated if necessary. Our first public meeting was held last Sabbath, Dec. 5, and meetings will be held three or four times each week through the cold season.

There is much bitter prejudice here against our work, and as this is our first public effort in Lucknow, we hope that our workers will unite in prayer for the success of the work, and that God will give us a good foundation here, and many souls for our hire.

Our treatment rooms are neatly fitted up, and we are now able to give hot and cold baths, steam and Hydro-electric baths, Galvanism, Massage, and our usual line of treatments. Our work is being pretty well advertised, so we are expecting good results. We have a beautiful large home for our Publishing work and general headquarters here at 19 Banks Road. Certainly the Lord directed in locating the work, and a more ideal spot could not have been found in Lucknow. We feel that our work is taking on a new phase, and that the Lord is now making the way more clear for the final triumph. We are looking forward to the coming Conference with joyful hearts, and feel that it is almost the beginning of the final song of triumph.

Before this paper reaches its readers Bro. L. F. Hansen and family will be on

their way to America, if God is willing. They leave Bombay about the 15th of December. Bro. Hansen has had very poor health for several years, and he feels that he will never be able to regain it here. We are very sorry to see them go, but pray that God may restore him to health after he reaches a healthier climate, and that he may be a useful weapon in the hands of the Lord in fighting many more battles for His truth in these last days. Our warmest sympathies and heartiest wishes go with them wherever they may be.

Our two canvassers, Miss Johnson and Miss King, have finished Lucknow for the present, at least, and have gone to Cawnpore. They had some good experiences here, and some that were hard to take, but God lets us get both the good and bad together. Our circulars have been scattered over the town, and people know that we are here; and we must now be up and active while the iron is hot. All are well and of good courage.—H. J. JEWELL.

#### A LETTER FROM HOME.

We all enjoy receiving a letter from home, and especially if it is full of cheer and courage. The following taken from a letter recently received by Sr Burroway will, we believe, be encouraging to us all.

"I have been longing to do something for India, and felt a burden to raise a fund for the work there, so I prayed the Lord to work upon the hearts of His children to give to His needy cause. I never said a word or wrote a line to anyone, but in a very short time I got a letter with \$43.25 in it with a letter saying, 'Use this where you think the greatest need is.' So I laid this money away with the idea that it shall be for India. Then in about two or three weeks came another one with \$23.65 so I put this with the

other for the same purpose, but thought I would wait till I got a letter from you before sending it. While waiting there came another last Thursday with \$26.40, so I have \$93.35, with a nickle from our little girl that Grandpa gave her. She wants to help the poor people of India to know Jesus and how good He is. She loves to do missionary work, and when she gets pennies she always wants to give them to Jesus to help heathen to learn of Jesus.

"One of the above amounts was sent by a lady who writes me some very good letters. She loves the Lord and wants to keep the Sabbath and do God's will in every way, but she is so tied up just at present, but hopes to be free in a short time. Her husband is very interested and sits up till twelve or one o'clock to study the Bible. I wish you would write her a good encouraging letter. She has been a trapeze performer, but they are both tired of their life, and long to be and do right.

"In every letter she sends me she wants to know something about this truth."

This money was sent to apply to our vernacular literature fund, and we are convinced that as we enter these various languages with our literature we shall not want for funds with which to push it out among the people. Let us lay large plans for the future of our vernacular literature in India.

#### THAT HEALTH AND TEMPERANCE SPECIAL.

Did it do any good? Let those who ask this question read the following letter recently received:—

"The Editor Oriental Watchman,

Dear Sir,—

I am a subscriber to your paper, and really thank God I am. If any one had told me two months ago that reading a religious paper would some day turn

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me off drink, I should have laughed at him.

"When I received your October issue I was lounging in my cosy chair when the Postman handed it to me, and as I had nothing else near to read, I read it, and after doing so, I made a resolution that I would never drink again; and I am happy to say I have kept that resolution so far, and hope God will help me to keep it to the end.

"I may add, I used to drink on an average of a bottle of whiskey daily, and although I stopped so suddenly, I felt no effect of having done so, but today I am certainly a better man. My wife says I look better, and I am sure I feel better.

"When I see a man under the influence of drink I really pity him, and at the same time feel ashamed to think I was once like that.

"I am Yours Thankfully, etc."

We still have a few hundred copies of this number on hand, and believe they ought to be out doing a good work. Who will take hold and get these papers out in the hands of the people? Others may be saved from what this man has been delivered from.

We believe that all who have seen the special Revelation number of Oriental Watchman will agree with us that it is in many respects the best number we have ever put out. There will be an opportunity for our people to get this

number to use among friends and acquaintances, and we trust they will improve it, as there has never been a number of this paper with more present truth in it than this one contains. Rates are the same as for the Health and Temperance special.

Karmatar enjoyed a short but pleasant visit from Brother Shaw the 14th and 15th of this month. He was returning from a business trip to Calcutta, and went on to Lucknow to look after the interests of the coming meeting, so did not make us a long visit.

Brother Lal Gopal Mookerjee and Brother Watson have been making a trip through East Bengal selling our Bengali literature. This is the first attempt we have made to sell our literature among the Bengali people, and was attended with considerable success. They will have a good report for our Conference.

About Rs. 500 has been expended in getting the hall at Lucknow fitted up for our coming Conference and the meetings to be conducted for the benefit of the public. We are looking forward to the best meeting we have ever held in this field, and believe that in some respects this will mark a distinct advance in different lines of our work.

There are still about a thousand copies of the Health and Temperance special on hand, and those who read this number of the Eastern Tidings will see that a work can be accomplished with this number among all classes in India, who are able to read the English language. It will sell readily for two annas, and may accomplish a good work if it is put into the hands of the people.

The harvest is great; the labourers few.