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us a splendid offer of assistance. No sooner had I left than one of her European workers placed in her hands a little tract entitled "Seventh-day Adventists and the Atonement." In this tract it was said that we do not believe in the atonement, that we never say one word about Gethsemane, and Calvary, etc., etc. Ramabai wrote a very kind letter, asking an explanation. I immediately sent her "Desire of Ages," asking her to read the first chapter, also the ones entitled "Gethsemane," and "Calvary." Later I reviewed the tract in a kindly way, also giving her a summary of our fundamental doctrines, at the same time releasing her from her offer if she so chose.

At this writing we have not heard from her, but we have the assurance of having done our duty, and feel thankful for the privilege of witnessing for present truth. We would suggest that our various workers who are working in the vernaculars, bear this experience in mind, and produce something in each vernacular on the atonement that will answer this charge; as it will doubtless be made against us again, and we must be prepared to meet it.

I have also been invited to preach at the Y. M. C. A.

We have learned of interested ones among the English-speaking people near here, whom we expect to look up soon. Our courage is good.

GEO. F. ENOCH.

#### SOUTHERN INDIA.

Our work continues to progress in an encouraging manner in Tinnevely District; but we have not been without our daily share of trials and perplexities. The weather thus far has smiled upon us very graciously, for we have not yet begun to suffer from the heat. In the afternoon a cool breeze comes from the sea

some ten miles distant, and the nights are cool and refreshing.

Mrs. James and Miss Shryock find two hours of their time each morning busily occupied in looking after the dispensary work. Some very interesting cases have presented themselves of late, most of which have been materially helped by the attention given them. Several times we have been called to other villages to render assistance where native help had failed. If any of our workers desire namesakes, just drop me a card. Our local supply is about exhausted.

Our work on the bungalow proceeds after the fashion of the country. To me, it seems slow; but to those who are doing the work, it seems rather hasty. I have taken personal oversight of the work, as past experience has taught me that such a course is the only safe one. The foundation is now laid, and the bricklayers begin laying brick to-day. By the time this reaches you, all of the 50,000 brick will have been hauled, and the door and window frames completed. The work on the well has been slow, on account of the hard rock which required blasting. We have an abundant supply of fresh water for our own use and in irrigating a garden. Good water is very scarce in these parts when the rains fail, as they did this year. Only yesterday I saw a company of women with their water pots carry a supply of drinking water from this village to a place some three miles away where water had failed.

A temporary shelter has been erected for the carpenters and other workmen to work in. Last week I had fourteen carpenters busy with hammers and chisels, which presented a bee-hive appearance for a time. All the lime we use for mortar is burned on the grounds and measured before us. We get first quality by this plan, and have it whenever it is needed.

We are all of good courage and in good health. We thank God for his continual care over us and the evidences of his guiding hand as we press forward. Satan would like to defeat this work and is not failing to try to do so; but, "if God be for us, who can be against us?" Remember us at the throne of Grace.

J. S. JAMES.

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—Miss Louise Sholtz, a graduate nurse from America, arrived in India, Friday, April 2. She passed through Lucknow last week on her way to Mussoorie to connect with the Sanitarium.

—All of the pictures taken during the conference have been sold, and any wishing more of them should order at once of the International Tract Society, stating how many and of which kind.

—Sisters Orr and Haggert stopped in Lucknow a couple of days recently on their way to Calcutta, from where they expected to sail this week for America to spend some time resting after several years of earnest labor in this field.

—Brother Jewell went recently to Calcutta, expecting to return home to the States and rest up for a while. Brother Jewell has not been well for some time, and hopes by this means to get in better shape for effective labor in the cause of present truth.

—On accompanying Mrs. Quantock to the Station last Monday we were surprised to learn that Miss Fuller, who was quite sick, was on her way to Mussoorie. Miss Burroway, who accompanied her, stopped a few hours on Wednesday as she was returning to Karmatar. It seems that quite a number of our workers are being attacked by the enemy; but while he may hinder the workers, he can not hinder the work.

—Friends in Lucknow were shocked a short time since to learn that Sister O'Connor's little girl had been bitten by a mad dog. She was at once taken to Kasauli for treatment. Since then we have heard nothing; but we trust she is getting along nicely. Here at Lucknow we had a dog scare last week; but after trying for a day or two to scare him away without further trouble, a faithful Stevens did its work about midnight Thursday, thus sending him to his happy hunting grounds and relieving the tension on those who were particularly affected by his unwelcome presence.

—Our number here at Lucknow has again been thinned out. On April 1 Elders Miller and Little and families left, the former for Mussoorie, the latter for Darjeeling. Then Sister Kurtz left last week for the summer months, and last Sunday Brother Myers left to spend a little time at Mussoorie to assist in the work there and to recuperate his health, having been poorly for some time; while on Monday Sister Quantock found it necessary to give up her work entirely and leave for Mussoorie.

—The friends here at Lucknow had the privilege of entertaining Mr. and Mrs. John Fry, of the States, a few days during the latter part of March. Mr. and Mrs. Fry are Seventh-day Baptists, and were engaged in missionary effort in China for a number of years, but now reside in California, where Mr. Fry is engaged in university work, in the interests of which they were touring the East.

—Elder Shaw passed through Lucknow, Sunday, the 4th, on his way to Bombay, whence he sailed for America the 6th. He stood the long trip by rail quite well, although rather weak, and we trust that the ocean voyage may do him material good. He has promised to remember EASTERN TIDINGS while gone if possible, and we know all will be interested in whatever he may have to say.

—We have just learned that the result of the legal proceedings at Karmatar is three months in jail for one of the persons concerned. We wish no one any unpleasant experiences, but a few wholesome lessons may prove good to a large share of a community, and tend to lessen vexatious annoyances.

—Friends of the Watchman Press will be interested in knowing that this number of EASTERN TIDINGS is the first work turned out by our new engine. It has taken a long time to get everything ready, but we hope now to be able to do good work and much of it.

—"Write down the advice of him who loves you, though you like it not at present."

## MY REFUGE.

"In the secret of his presence.

How my soul delights to hide!

O how precious are the lessons

Which I learn at Jesus' side.

Earthly cares can never vex me,

Neither trials lay me low;

For when Satan comes to tempt me,

To the 'secret place' I go."