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OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST

Where high the heavenly temple stands,
The house of God not made with hands,
A great High Priest our nature wears,
The Guardian of mankind appears.
He who for men their surety stood,
And poured on earth his precious blood,
Pursues in heaven his mighty plan,
The Saviour and the Friend of man.
In every pang that rends the heart,
The Man of Sorrows had a part ;
He sympathizes with our grief,
And to the sufferer sends relief.
With boldness, therefore, at the throne
Let us make all our sorrows known,
And ask the aid of heavenly power
To help us in the evil hour.

—*Michael Bruce.*

TO OUR WORKERS

We expect to hold our committee meeting in the near future, and as we shall plan for the winter's campaign, we would appreciate it very much if those who have any matters that they wish the committee to consider would write the undersigned, at Annfield House, Mussoorie. We have not decided as to the exact date of the meeting, as we are waiting for information from the Board as to the time of the arrival of Brother Campbell.

W. W. MILLER.

“To learn of Christ means to receive his grace, which is his character. But those who do not appreciate and utilize the precious opportunities and sacred influences granted them on earth, are not fitted to take part in the pure devotion of heaven. Their characters are not moulded according to the divine similitude.”

MUSSOORIE

As a result of the meetings held in the hall and Bible readings given outside, eight souls took their stand for the truth, were baptized, and united with the church recently. The Lord has blessed the work in this place, notwithstanding the strong opposition that we have had to meet. No sooner was it announced that we were going to hold meetings, than an opponent filled his pockets with tracts that had lately been written against us and went around on foot and horseback distributing them. He also visited some of the families that were interested in the truth, and tried to turn them against us. But all this was of no avail. The Lord was drawing these souls to himself, and no power could hinder.

Brother Burgess had been holding Bible readings daily with three native men, and as a result of his faithful teachings these three men accepted the truth and were baptized. Two of them have returned to their homes, where they expect to do what they can to hold up the truth.

Dr. Menkel and his staff are holding up the light among the patients at the Sanitarium. Miss Scholz, assisted by Brethren Lake and Gardner, are treating from thirty to sixty patients daily at the free dispensary, and are having splendid results. This line of work is doing much towards bringing us in favour with the people.

We are now giving special Bible readings at the meeting hall, on some of the most important points of our faith, for the purpose of more fully establishing the new converts in the truth. We believe

that the Lord has other precious souls in Mussoorie who will yet accept the truth: therefore, we go forward with faith and courage.

W. W. MILLER.

MUSSOORIE DISPENSARY

As reported last month, during the first eight days of June we treated 23 native men and women in the Mussoorie dispensary; but the work has increased very much since that time. The second week we had 62; the third, 115; and altogether during the month we treated 493 patients. Of these, 50 were women; 55, children; and 388, men. But still greater will be the next report, as during the first seven days of July we treated 305 patients. A woman only 14 years of age, who was carried on her husband's back, had been suffering from fever for over a year. After receiving treatment every day for about a week a remarkable change has taken place in her condition, and the fever has almost left her. Although the people bring large wine bottles along for medicine, we use very few drugs but give the hydrotherapy treatments instead.

Not long ago I was invited by a Mohamadan man to visit his wife. He was waiting for me in the bazar when I came from my work, and took me into a house with a very narrow entrance. In order to reach the room where his wife was I had to climb up a high, narrow ladder. I did not notice how steep the ladder was until I was ready to return, and for fear of falling had to go down backwards. When I got down this ladder four or five women gathered around me and offered me a chair to sit down and teach them. O, how I longed to be able to speak to them and tell them about Jesus.

Another man called me to see his sick wife. She was living in a bad place down stairs, where I found her lying in a dark

damp room, without any window and covered with dirty blankets. The poor woman not being accustomed to being visited by a white person, got very much frightened. While I examined her the husband was standing in the other room where he could watch me. He would not even allow me to take along Sister Burgess who could speak the language.

At the dispensary sometimes we have people standing up to the middle of the road waiting for an opportunity to get treated. Some are brought in dandies to us, others are carried on somebody's back; the blind as well as the deaf come for help. It reminds me of the time when Christ was ministering to the sick and needy on the earth, and I long to see the same power manifested that he manifested in his work. Why is it that we do not have this power? We have the promise that we shall do even greater things than he did. The disciples once asked Jesus, "Why could we not cast the devil out and he answered, Because of your unbelief, for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place, and it shall remove, and nothing shall be impossible unto you."

May this work glorify Christ and bring the rich, as well as the poor, to a knowledge of the great Physician. As the result of our dispensary work for the poor, one patient from among the better class of Hindus has been brought up from Dehra Dun to the Sanitarium.

L. M. SCHOLZ.

HINDUSTANI ITEMS

Last Sabbath was an occasion of especial blessing to us, as we had the pleasure of witnessing the baptism of three of our Hindustani students who have been studying the message here at Mussoorie. The names of the candidates are Patras Singh, Solomon Peter, and Mangal Singh. They

have covered all of the principal points of our faith and of the prophecies, and the Spirit of the Lord was present to teach them the truth and also witnessed to their acceptance at their baptism. Patras Singh and son have now returned home to give the precious light to others. We each have a duty toward these children in the faith, to remember them in our prayers that they may overcome and endure to the end, and have a place with us in the earth restored.

The Lord is especially blessing the native dispensary work here in Mussoorie. From fifty to seventy patients come daily. They take the fomentations and baths as though they enjoyed them, and the Lord blesses these simple remedies in such a way that remarkable cures are wrought.

Amar Nath spent a couple of months with us in Bible study, and has now resumed his canvassing work.

On account of the continual rains, those who are selling books are not able to push the work in that line, but they are able to visit interested ones and spend some time in studying the Bible with them.

We have received word that the grant of land in Garhwal has been sanctioned by the government and that we may proceed with the work on the school.

L. J. BURGESS.

REPORT OF DISPENSARIES FOR JULY

Karmatar, number of patients,	264.
Mussoorie, " "	1,312.
Tinnevely, " "	1,419.

The dispensary work in Mussoorie is creating a very favourable impression among the educated Indians. Of the 1,311 cases treated, fully two-thirds received some form of rational treatments, as fomentations, steam baths, massage, etc. We are finding that this brings the best results. I hope that the number of dispensaries will soon be doubled.

One man expressed himself to me as

follows: "This demonstrates that you have a real love for our people when you are willing to help them like this."

H. C. MENKEL.

THE SANITARIUM

The Sanitarium enjoyed good patronage during July. Several missionaries were with us, and we are pleased to be able to assist these faithful workers. If we can keep other labourers in the field, we feel that we are contributing materially to the cause of missions.

Pray that God may raise up a large constituency among the native people. The workers are manifesting a good interest in spiritual matters.

H. C. MENKEL.

KARACHI

We are of good courage and holding the banner of truth up. Many are interested, some investigating, and others in the valley of decision. We have a meeting for prayer and Bible study on Sabbath morning, and I do some visiting among the people during the week.

Pray for us, that our lives may be such as become those who have been with Jesus and learned of him, and we not simply glorify him with our lips.

A. C. E. JOHNSTON.

Obituary

CAMPHOR.—Died, July 22, 1909, of pneumonia, Melvin S., infant son of Brother and Sister K. S. Camphor, aged 2 months and 5 days.

Melvin was the only child of Brother and Sister Camphor, who have been working in connection with the school at Dehra Dun. The writer was called to Dehra to arrange for the funeral and to speak words of comfort to the parents and friends. As this was the first funeral I have been called upon to conduct among our Hindustani people, it was an occasion of especial sorrow.

L. J. BURGESS.

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LUCKNOW, - AUGUST (15TH), 1909

Printed by W. E. Perrin, at the Watchman Press, 19 Banks Road, Lucknow.

—Brother and Sister James are taking a rest at Annfield.

—Mrs. Mackie came up from Calcutta with Elder Enoch and Mrs. Rouff, and visited in Lucknow over the Sabbath.

—Miss Belchambers has returned to Lucknow from Mussoorie. She feels much improved in health, and is assisting in the work at the office.

—Sister Grenville, who is spending the summer at Annfield, recently received the sad intelligence of the death of her father. We are sure she has the sympathy of all our workers.

—Since returning from Mussoorie, Brother Meyers has been visiting among the people and seeking to dispel some of the prejudice that exists. Later on public services will again be begun.

—A worker recently wrote in, expressing surprise at Sister Shaw's departure and wanting to know why she was returning to America, the moral to which is that all our workers and people should read EASTERN TIDINGS, and know what is transpiring. None can afford to lose out and get behind.

—Those who do not have access to the *Review* will be interested in learning that Elder M. N. Campbell, president of the Iowa conference, has been invited to take the superintendency of the work in India. Brother Campbell has accepted the invitation, and we understand it is hoped that he and a party of four workers can get started out in October.

—Sister Kurtz sends an order for tracts, and says: "No doubt you wonder what I do with so many English tracts. Well, the place at which I am staying is very near the road which leads from Naini Tal to Kathgodam, and many are passing continually. So after I have finished my school work in the morning, I take my Hindi book and some tracts and sit by the wayside to study and hand out literature. To-day I gave out 386 pages. I am keeping very well and enjoying the work."

—Elder Enoch returned from his trip to Burma the latter part of July, and reports a good interest in the school proposition at Meiktila. Sister Rouff came with him, and here at Lucknow they were joined by Sister Shaw, whom Sister Rouff is accompanying on her homeward journey. All will be glad that Sister Shaw does not have to go alone. They sailed from Bombay, Sabbath, July 31, and while during the monsoon season we can not trust that they had a smooth voyage the first few days, we do wish for them the minimum of discomfort on their long journey.

—Recent word concerning Brother Shaw seems rather more encouraging. It has been suggested that he connect with Brother Spicer in his work, who since he has been made editor of the *Review* has more than he can do alone. Some time since it was thought that Brother Shaw would be compelled to leave Washington, but this more recent word must indicate that he is improving, which will be sincerely hoped by all his friends here in India.

—Some time since it was announced that EASTERN TIDINGS would be printed the 15th of each month. But some are waiting until the last minute to send copy in, and we now have three articles which must wait until next month. Have your copy here at the office not later than the 12th of the month.

—Brother F. O. Raymond sailed from New York, July 23. Brother Raymond advanced his own transportation money in a time when the treasury was empty, and is hastening on to this field.

—Too late for publication last month we received the figures for the dispensary work at Karmatar. During June there were 291 patients, 30 visits made, and 159 treatments given.

—Elder Little found it necessary recently to visit Karmatar. While down from the hills, he spent Sabbath, July 31, with the brethren at Calcutta.

—Elder Miller and Dr. Menkel accompanied Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Perrin to Lucknow, July 27, and transacted business here for a day or two.

—While Elder Enoch was away on his trip to Burma, Miss Shryock visited with Sister Enoch at Poona.

—Sister Mookerjee has not been in the best of health recently, and has found it advisable to go to Darjeeling.