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### WORK WHERE YOU ARE

"Perhaps you cannot go away  
To some far distant clime,  
To preach the glorious truth of God,  
The message for this time;  
But then your own dear little home  
Can be your mission field.  
Just work for God where'er you are,  
Let love her sceptre wield."

### DISAPPOINTMENTS AND ENCOURAGEMENTS

I have just received word from the Mission Board that, owing to the difficulty of finding a man to take the place of Elder M. N. Campbell as president of the Iowa conference, his coming to India as first planned may be somewhat delayed. However, they hoped that at the meeting of the Board October 5 definite arrangements could be made for his release.

You, with myself, no doubt have been looking forward to Brother Campbell's coming to take charge of the work with much satisfaction; and we all had hoped that he would arrive not later than the first of December. But, notwithstanding this disappointment, we must go forward just the same, and hope for his arrival as soon as possible. I am sure we shall appreciate a man that the Iowa conference is so reluctant to release. We want men for India whom everybody else wants. Brother Evans' coming east will also be delayed, as Brother Knox can not leave his present work for some time.

Notwithstanding these disappointments, I have the pleasure of announcing that on the 13th of this month it was expected that

A. G. Kelsey and wife and G. G. Lowry and wife for India and R. R. Thurber and wife and Miss Estella Secrist for Burma, would sail from New York. Now let us thank God, and take courage; for ere this the second installment for India is on the way, Brother F. O. Raymond having constituted the first installment after general conference I shall be glad to keep the readers of EASTERN TIDINGS posted in regard to new recruits for India.

W. W. MILLER.

### A NEW HEALTH JOURNAL

Most of our people know that it was decided at the recent meeting of the committee to publish our own health journal from January, 1910. It will be known as the *Herald of Health*, and will need your subscription to help in getting ready for registry at the post office, which will materially lessen the expense of posting. The subscription rate will be Rs. 1-8 for single subscriptions.

We should secure two thousand subscriptions during the cool season, and this can be done if everyone will make special efforts to secure subscriptions from those in his station. Send in your name at once to Sister Quantock, that we may get a list ready for registration, and then work earnestly for the large list for the journal.

H. C. MENKEL.

### DISPENSARY REPORT

Mussoorie, number of treatments,	-	1,107
Karmatar, " " "	-	330

Again I request our medical workers to be faithful in reporting the first of each month. It is important to keep an accurate record of cases treated, that an itemized report of the different diseases treated during the month may be made. I hope that by another month we can have report blanks.

H. C. MENKEL.

## Field Reports

### A SCHOOL UNDER THE TREES

We were glad for the privilege of spending a short time during the early part of October with Sister Bertha Kurtz, in the village of Bhaluty, near Nani Tal, where she has been working for the last six months. This village is the home of Sister Rachel Samuel, who was baptized at the last conference, and who, with her mother, has been keeping the Sabbath for about a year. Sister Kurtz has made her home with these two Hindustani sisters, studying daily with them and seeking to build them up in the message, visiting the people in their homes in the surrounding villages, and also for several months conducting a daily Bible study on special points of truth with some in the neighborhood who were interested. In this way, by mingling daily with the people, Sister Kurtz has made very encouraging progress in the language.

For several months she, with the help of Sister Samuel, has been conducting a school for the village children. This also has been great help to Sister Kurtz in her language work, as well as a blessing to the children. They have had an enrollment of between thirty and forty, with a very good daily attendance. The pupils range in age from five to twenty-five years. During the rains, the school was crowded into a tiny verandah where there was scarcely room for the children to sit; but, notwithstanding these unfavourable conditions, the attendance was very encouraging. The school is now being held under the trees on the mountain side. While this is very pleasant at present during the fine weather, those in charge of the school are wondering what they will do when the cold weather begins. Application has been made for a piece of government land near-by, where it is

hoped a suitable building may be erected for the school.

During our visit to this school an effort was made to show the boys the evils of tobacco using, and we were much encouraged before leaving to see the majority of them sign a pledge of abstinence from tobacco in every form.

As we visited different ones in the neighbourhood, in company with Sister Kurtz, we were pleased to see what a favorable impression the school work has made in the community, and how many doors have been opened in this way where she is free to go and teach the people.

In addition to her school and visiting work, Sister Kurtz finds time to do quite a little medical work as well, and though her facilities for carrying on such work are most meager, yet with the blessing of the Lord upon the simple means used, many are being helped and hearts are being softened and prepared for receiving the truth.

GEORGIA A. BURGESS.

### A WEEK IN THE WILDS OF EAST BENGAL

On September 15, in company with Brother Poddar, I left Gopalganj a little after midday in our mission rowboat. We arrived at Jamila, invited the Sabbath-keepers there to come on to the next village the next morning, and arrived there ourselves in time to moor for the night. The brethren came as invited, and we held a meeting at the home of Brother Aditya Pholia. Besides Brother Rajchandra, a few other Christians were present. Brother Aditya's father, a member of another church, who previously would not sit at meat with our brethren, did so after the meeting. A Christian man of the Church of England called on us, and after inquiring as to our standing and method of labour, declared that he felt we had the truth and said he would further investigate. We visited Brother Rajchandra's home. All of his folks,

who are Baptists, received us. On our leaving, his father and one or two others suggested that we open a school in their village.

We reached Ashkor that evening and visited Brother Roy's people, who entertained Brother Poddar for the night. After supper, Brother Poddar had a long talk with Brother Roy's father-in-law, who for several years was a Baptist preacher and who up to this time had strongly opposed the truth. On this occasion, however, he quietly listened to Brother Poddar and appeared impressed.

On the 17th we reached Dhamsor shortly before the Sabbath began. That evening we visited the home of Brother Simon Haldar and gave some treatment to his mother, who was seriously ill. On the Sabbath we had an early morning meeting with the brethren, then attended a sick woman, and visited the home of Brother Rupendro Kumar Dwarri. In the afternoon we had a study along lines of present truth with three or four enquirers from other denominations. At the afternoon meeting, two of the enquirers were present. After the meeting we helped an afflicted woman. After the Sabbath was past we made arrangements for opening a school in the village with Brother Chandra Kumar Majhi as teacher.

On Monday we visited an interested family at Moolpan and another at Jera Kati. In the evening we arrived at Atta Bhaulia and visited a retired minister of an independent Bengali mission and his son who is a preacher in the same. We gave a short presentation of the truth before leaving.

The next morning we left there at day-break and arrived at Shuagram in the early afternoon. Brethren Gaen, Haldar, Gurudas, and Manob Sircar were awaiting us. We visited and had prayer with two interested families. Of one family, the father is a retired preacher, and the son also preached for some time, but is now

keeping the Sabbath. The father presented various arguments against the Sabbath and in favour of Sunday, but after being answered he held his peace. He declares he has quit his tobacco.

On the 21st we reached Budburrie, the home of Brother Garudas Sircar, and visited an interested family. The son has quit tobacco and is keeping the Sabbath. The father, who is about one hundred and twenty years old, on being questioned, said Sunday was the Sabbath; but he made no objection when told that Saturday is the Sabbath. His mind does not appear to be very retentive, and he appeared as though he would agree with his son's views. We also visited another home where several Christians and Hindus were assembled and talked along different lines of truth. One man, a leader among the Baptists of the village, said: "My son favours your views. Hitherto I have objected, but I shall no longer prevent him. You may take him this moment if you like."

At noon we arrived at Booroobarrie and visited a Christian and the families of Brethren Gaen, Haldar, Gurudas, and Manob Sircar. In the afternoon we arrived at Pakhor and visited an interested family, the father and son of whom are keeping the Sabbath, and then left for Gopalgunj and reached Chorekhuli at night and visited an interested pastor of the Church of England, who declares his intention of walking in the light. We found that a native missionary had been calling on the folks of Brethren Richards and Aditya and advising them not to sit at meat with them.

On the 22nd we arrived at Gopalganj a little after midday.

A. G. WATSON.

"The days of our probation are fast closing. The end is near. . . . Beware lest it find you unready. Take heed lest you be found at the King's feast without a wedding garment."

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

—Brother Mookerjee spent a few days at Darjeeling the last of September.

—We have learned that Brother Barlow and family will leave England this month for India. They will locate at Babunwhal.

—Brother and Sister Burgess have started on their trip among our Hindustani brethren, and now "dwell in tents" near Niani Tal.

—Miss Burroway returned to her work at Karmatar the last of September feeling much benefitted by a month's vacation at Annfield.

—Brother and Sister Grenville expect to finish their vacation at Annfield next week and return to the health food work at Calcutta.

—Brother Bbhoy Cooma Haldar, of Calcutta, has come to Lucknow to take up the Bengali composing, and we hope that from now on the Bengali work may go forward uninterruptedly.

—According to word recently received, Sister Shaw is ere this in America. At the time of writing, Bessie was much improved, and they were expecting to sail from England in a short time.

—As secretary and treasurer of the financial association, Elder Enoch was called to Mussoorie a few days since to assist in negotiations for the purchase of a property for sanitarium purposes.

—The following words written by one just returned from the general conference and appearing in a recent number of the *Union Conference Record*, impressed us very much: "After visiting many lands, we can candidly say, There is no place in which we feel quite so much at home as in Australia." This is the feeling that should inspire all our workers, wherever they be stationed: and we trust that the inspiration of those who find India their place of labour may be no exception. The work may be hard, trials may confront us, and some faint-hearted ones may give up and return whence they came; but surely those who will find results of their labours will be those who see in India the best place to be, a place right well worthy of the appellation "Home."

—We understand that arrangements have been made for Sister Brunson to spend the winter at Lucknow and assist in the work on the new health journal to be launched the first of the year. She will spend a short time at Mussoorie, helping with the copy for the first number, and then come on here a little later.

## HINDUSTANI ITEMS

We were glad to witness the baptism of Sister Minnie Singh on the 27th of September. A beautiful spot on the Annfield Estate was the scene of the administration of the ordinance, in a mountain stream, which had been dammed with stones and sand for the occasion. Sister Singh spent several months in study with Sister O'Connor, and since then has been in Mussoorie assisting Sister Scholz in the treatment work. Sister Singh has received a love for the message, and has a great desire to prepare to give it to the women of India. We pray that the Lord may bless her efforts.

Amar Nath sold something more than three hundred of Hindi and Urdu pamphlets during September. Brother Camphor reported nearly the same number. As the rains are now over and the Melas beginning, they will doubtless have larger sales.

Sister Lake has connected with Sister O'Connor in the work in Dehra Dun and expresses much pleasure in the experience she is having. To be sure, the school is small as yet, there being only eight enrolled, but the efforts of these two experienced teachers ought to insure the growth and success of this institution for the education of our Hindustani girls, and thus prove an answer to the prayers of many of our brethren and sisters in the home land whose hearts have often been stirred by appeals in behalf of the needy women and girls in India.

The writer and wife pitched their first camp at Jeolikote, near Naini Tal, where Sister Kurtz has been working during the summer. We find an interesting school here attended by a goodly number of boys and girls from surrounding villages. Sister Kurtz is enjoying the work and getting good practice in the use of the Urdu language. From here we expect to go to Garhwal to spend a week or two and then visit some of our Hindustani workers in the plains. We greatly desire the prayers of those interested in the success of this work.

L. J. BURGESS.