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CO-WORKERS WITH CHRIST

As wise generalship is needed in the service of Christ as over the battalions of an army that protects the life and liberty of the people. It is not every one who can labour judiciously for the salvation of souls. There is much close thinking to be done. We must not enter into the Lord's work haphazard, and expect success. The Lord needs men of mind, men of thought. Jesus calls for co-workers, not blunderers. God wants right-thinking and intelligent men to do the great work necessary to the salvation of souls.

Mechanics, lawyers, merchants, men of all trades and professions, educate themselves that they may become masters of their business. Should the followers of Christ be less intelligent, and while professedly engaged in his service, be ignorant of the ways and means to be employed? The enterprise of gaining everlasting life is above every earthly consideration. In order to lead souls to Jesus there must be a knowledge of human nature and a study of the human mind. Much careful thought and fervent prayer are required to know how to approach men and women upon the great subject of truth.

Some rash, impulsive, yet honest souls, after a pointed discourse has been given, will accost those who are not with us in a very abrupt manner, and make the truth.

which we desire them to receive, repulsive to them. "The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." Business men and politicians study courtesy. It is their policy to make themselves as attractive as possible. They study to render their address and manners such that they may have the greatest influence over the minds of those about them. They use their knowledge and abilities as skillfully as possible in order to gain this object.

There is a vast amount of rubbish brought forward by professed believers in Christ, which blocks up the way to the cross. Notwithstanding all this, there are some who are so deeply convicted that they will come through every discouragement, and will surmount every obstacle in order to gain the truth. But had the believers in the truth purified their minds by obeying it, had they felt the importance of knowledge and of refinement of manners in Christ's work, where one soul has been saved there might have been twenty.

Again, after individuals have been converted to the truth, they need to be looked after. The zeal of many ministers seems to fail as soon as a measure of success attends their efforts. They do not realize that these newly converted ones need nursing—watchful attention, help, and encouragement. These should not be left alone, a prey to Satan's most powerful temptations; they need to be educated in regard to their duties, to be kindly dealt with, to be led along, and to be visited and prayed with. These souls need the meat apportioned to every man in due season.

No wonder that some become dis-

couraged, linger by the way, and are left for wolves to devour. Satan is upon the track of all. He sends his agents forth to gather back to his ranks the souls he has lost. There should be more fathers and mothers to take these babes in the truth to their hearts, and to encourage them and pray for them, that their faith be not confused.

Preaching is a small part of the work to be done for the salvation of souls. God's Spirit convicts sinners of the truth, and he places them in the arms of the church. The ministers may do their part, but they can never perform the work that the church should do. God requires his church to nurse those who are young in faith and experience, to go to them not for the purpose of gossiping with them, but to pray, to speak unto them words that are "like apples of gold in pictures of silver."

We all need to study character and manner that we may know how to deal judiciously with different minds, that we may use our best endeavours to help them to a correct understanding of the Word of God, and to a true Christian life. We should read the Bible with them, and draw their minds away from temporal things to their eternal interests. It is the duty of God's children to be missionaries for him, to become acquainted with those who need help. If one is staggering under temptation, his case should be taken up carefully and managed wisely, for his eternal interest is at stake, and the words and acts of those labouring for him may be a savour of life unto life, or of death unto death.

Sometimes a case presents itself that should be made a prayerful study. The person must be shown his true character, understand his own peculiarities of disposition and temperament, and see his infirmities. He should be judiciously handled. If he can be reached, if his heart can be touched by this wise and patient labour, he can be bound with strong cords to Christ and led to trust in God.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Field Reports

TRIP TO KARMATAR AND BURMA

About the middle of December, in company with Professor Thurber and family and Miss Secrist, I left Lucknow for Karmatar. While there we visited two native schools that have been started by Miss Burroway. These schools are in charge of two native teachers, and we were all surprised to see the advancement the native children were making in their lessons. Many of these children had not learned the alphabet before going to these schools, but during the six months they have been under instruction they have learned to spell and read and also to count up to one hundred.

These schools have each about thirty regular scholars in attendance. The parents of the children are highly pleased with the progress the children are making, and are entreating us to continue in one of the schools for three years at least. In the evening we went out with Miss Burroway to a village where she and Prova Mitter gave a stereoptican lecture. We were astonished at the way the people gave attention. Though the lecture was given in Bengali, yet we caught the spirit of the interest that was taken by the villagers. We were all made welcome and were invited to come again.

From Karmatar we went to Calcutta, where we were joined by Dr. Menkel, with his wife and little son Carl, also Elder Little. We took boat from there to Rangoon. At the jetty we were met by Brethren Cook and Beckner, Sister Cook, and Dr. Oberholtzer. We were taken to Brother Cook's, where we were entertained during our stay in Burma.

We had a ten days' conference in Rangoon, holding three meetings a day. One of these meetings was for the church,

one for our Burmese people, and one for the public in the evening. There was a good attendance at all these meetings, and a splendid interest. At the close of the meetings three Europeans and three Burmese were baptised. The work in Burma is onward and the workers are of good courage. Brother Cook, with the assistance of the church members, is doing a good work, and God is blessing them in their efforts. Dr. Oberholtzer now has a partner in the work. She has waited long and patiently. Miss Secrist will join her in the work in Moulmein, and at the same time study the language.

Professor Thurber and wife and Brother Beckner, will move to Meiktila, where they will settle down to language study. David Hpo Hla will act as their language teacher. Maung Maung will work in Rangoon and in the villages of Burma. We all feel that Burma is a most promising field; therefore we should give it our hearty support in whatever way possible. Let our prayers ascend to God in behalf of Burma.

W. W. MILLER.

BACK IN INDIA

We are glad to report our arrival in India after nearly two year's absence, and that we feel much better for the change to England and North Wales. Our acquaintance with the workers in the British Union Conference has done us much good and given us an insight into the work in that Conference. We enjoyed the work there very much.

On our arrival at Karmatar we were pleased to find some of the Santali workers standing firm in the truth and doing all they can to give the third angel's message to their fellow-men. Matla and Biju are conducting village school work near our Karmatar mission station, Jogan

and John are preaching and circulating literature on present truth in Hindi and Santali, and hope to leave shortly with Sister Burroway and other workers for a month's tour in the villages, preaching and singing the gospel message, giving lantern lectures on the Life of Christ and other Bible subjects, also circulating literature.

I am sending a box of tracts and hymn books down to Sister Burroway for her school and itineracy work, and shall be pleased to send another as soon as required. We need to use plenty of literature, both selling and distributing it freely. May God's Holy Spirit rest and abide upon the writers, printers, and canvassers of these precious pages of truth.

We have been cheered since our return from England by the help of Brother and Sister Leach in the medical work among the suffering ones in this district. May God's richest blessing rest upon their labours of love, and may he enable them to get a good hold of the language. I am sure they will be able to speak and sing the gospel message and deal with their medical cases without the aid of an interpreter before the close of 1910. They are studying from early morning, and not only studying from a book with a teacher but also using all the words they learn in conversation with people. To me it seems that this is the only successful way to learn the language. I hope all our brethren and sisters are making good progress in the language study. The people are waiting for this message: let us hasten to give it to them in their own tongue.

May God help and bless all in this needy field who are doing their best for the salvation of souls.

W. A. BARLOW.

"Have you learned to love your Saviour? Is he the joy and delight of your life?"

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

—Sister Kurtz, who is located near Naini Tal has been spending a few days in Lucknow.

—On returning from Burma, Elders Miller and Little came on up to Lucknow and with Brother Burgess audited the labourer's reports, also considered other matters pertaining to the work. From here they go to South India to counsel with Elder James regarding the work in the far South.

—At the request of Elder Enoch, who feels that his time from now on will be quite fully taken up with his field work, Elder Wellman has been asked to act as editor of the *Oriental Watchman*, and will take charge of the paper beginning with the March number. Elder Enoch will contribute as time permits.

—This issue of EASTERN TIDINGS has been delayed somewhat, and since the item concerning our new press was written it has arrived and is now in service and this paper will be the first work done on it. All who see it pronounce it a beauty, and as we write this note we have no fears that the TIDINGS will not testify to the possibility of its turning off good work.

—Brother James Pemberton, who has been stopping in Lucknow since coming down from Mussoorie, died Monday, the 10th, and was laid to rest in the Civil Cemetery. Different ones visited him during his sickness and found him of good courage in the message and confident that its triumph is near at hand. Elder Miller arrived home from Burma just in time to conduct a short service at the grave, in which he was assisted by Elder Wellman.

—We here at the Watchman Press are encouraged to know that our large job press is soon to arrive, having been cleared and started on from Calcutta, and to learn that a large Washington hand press is on the way from America to be used as a proof press and for such other work as becomes necessary. Some type has recently been purchased, and other needed material will be added as it seems best to prepare for more and better work.

—Brother Barlow reports 106 medical cases treated from December 20th to January 6th, and adds that if any wish to assist in the medical work in East Bengal they can do so by sending parcels of clothing and old linen.

HINDUSTANI ITEMS

Brother Camphor has recently come to Lucknow to connect with the press work.

Any one having clothes or shoes to dispose of might send the same to 19 Banks Road. We can make good use of them.

During December Amar Nath sold about a thousand copies of vernacular pamphlets. We are happy to see the literature containing the message being placed in the hands of the people.

The exposition of the book of Daniel in Urdu has been given to the press, and we are now receiving the proof. We hope to have the book out soon, as it will greatly assist in giving the message.

Sister Minnie Singh has been doing Zenana work in Dehra Dun for the past two months, and reports a good interest. She has openings in families as follows: 4 Bengali, 4 Mohamman, 5 Hindu, 4 Christian, and 1 Dhobie.

We expect to re-open the Hindustani Girl's School in Dehra Dun on March 1st, with an increased attendance. The expense of supporting a girl in the school amounts to three rupees a month for board. Anyone wishing to undertake the support of a girl for the coming year, please communicate with the secretary of the Indian Mission, 19 Banks Road, Lucknow.

L. J. BURGESS.

PERILOUS TIMES

We have now reached a period that prophets have described as "troubled times," a short space before entering upon the final time of trouble. These are the beginnings of sorrows: "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord, for he is a refuge and hope in this time. His never-failing arm will be the strength of their life. It truly is "high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we [first] believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand." This is a time when we need faith and courage in God.—*Selected.*