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Greeting

"GRACE be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

We give thanks unto God at this time for his providential hand which has been over us and again brought us to India. We had given up hope of returning to India at the present time, and were settling down into educational work at Takoma Park, Washington. It is hard for those who have laboured in India to content themselves at home, and when the Mission Board offered a re-appointment to work in this country, we took it as an opening of Providence, and quickly sold our furniture, packed our trunks, and set sail.

Misses Reid and Gibbs and Mrs. Shaw, myself, and the children left New York, August 24th on the *Adriatic*, the largest boat of the White Star Line, which has a capacity of 25,000 tons. We had an unusually smooth voyage to England, whence, after remaining six days, we took boat from Liverpool, finding passage on the *Circassia*, of the Anchor Line, which proved to be a very superior boat, giving good accommodations and excellent service. None of our party missed any meals during the twenty-five

days of the voyage, and we reached Bombay, October 1st, feeling grateful to God for his protecting care.

We are now getting settled at 19, Banks Road, and helping some in plans for the general meeting. This will be a very important occasion, and I believe it will sound another note of advance in the cause of truth in this field. I wish all our people could be in attendance. Elder Miller and those associated with him have prepared a very comprehensive program. Papers will be read showing the progress of our work in various parts of the field, also dealing with questions of leading importance. We expect the able services of Professor Prescott, who is being sent by the General Conference Committee to attend this meeting and visit our mission stations in India. Having been editor of the *Review* for several years, and having laboured in both England and America, and visited our work in various parts of the world, and being a member of the Mission Board, his help and counsel at this time will be especially helpful.

Still more, we have the assurance that God will be with us. He knows the whole Indian Mission field; he is acquainted with every mission; and he carries every believer upon his heart. To every gospel worker he has said, "Lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." With such a promise, we surely expect his presence with us as we meet to plan with him for the extension of his work.

J. L. SHAW.

“Suppose”

A SOLDIER was one day found by himself enjoying the flowers and pleasures of a beautiful park. He was arrested, court-martialed, and shot. “Just because he was found in this place harming no one?” you ask. Yes, he was positively injuring no one, but was putting in his time napping and enjoying things generally. But while he was thus busying himself pleasantly, his comrades were in action. “This was different,” you say, “he ought to have been in the rank with the rest.” And so he had. Suppose we look into another army a moment.

“Suppose some one were to offer me a thousand dollars for every soul that I might earnestly try to lead to Christ, would I endeavour to lead any more souls to him than I am endeavouring to now? Is it possible that I would attempt to do for money, even at the risk of blunders or ridicule, what I hesitate or shrink from doing now in obedience to God’s commands? Is my love for money stronger than my love for God or for souls? How feeble, then, my love of God! Perhaps this explains why I am not a soul-winner.”

“Suppose I were to be asked how many souls I had persistently tried to win to Christ during the last month, or even during the last year, what would my answer be? How many have I ever spoken to? How many have I on my prayer list now? If I am not interested enough in the salvation of others to even have a daily prayer list, is it any wonder that I am not a soul-winner.

“Suppose I were to see a blind man unknowingly approaching the brink of a high precipice, and that I were to sit by without concern or any effort to warn or save him from certain death, would I not be as guilty of his death in God’s sight as though I had murdered him outright? The death of a body which might have

been, but was not, prevented, is a terrible thing; but how about the preventable death of a human soul—perchance of souls—for which God may hold me responsible? If my murder of another’s body by neglect is an unspeakable crime, what shall be said of my murder by neglect of another’s soul?”

Those quoted suppositions are presented by one who knows not the importance of the warning message of Revelation 14. Now let us suppose a little farther:—

“Suppose the warning contained in the third angel’s message against the receiving of a certain wicked thing into the life and heart were known in your neighbourhood only by yourself, and that you did no more than you are doing now to warn these people of it, do you think you would be clear before God in the day of judgment?

“Suppose these neighbours and friends were to ask you when the day of salvation had passed: ‘If you knew these things were coming upon us, why did you not tell us?’ what answer could you give them?

“Suppose that every other member of the church to which you belong were doing no more than you are to warn the world of Jesus’ soon coming, when might we look for him to appear in the clouds of heaven?”

Suppose I fail to do for those about me that which the Lord designed I should do when he let the light of the third angel’s message shine upon my pathway by living and giving it to them, how am I to expect they are to know these things? and upon what can I base my hope for a heavenly reward?

Suppose no other believer in this solemn message were doing more than I am to send it to the ends of the earth in this generation, when might we expect the words of the prophet John to be accom-

plished when he wrote, "And I looked, and behold, a Lamb stood on Mount Zion, and with him an hundred, forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads?"

Suppose we all take these things home to ourselves and think and pray about them in earnest at least for one week in our private devotion, and listen to what the Spirit may say to us as to what we should do individually.

T. E. BOWEN.

Every Seventh-day Adventist a Missionary

WE are living in the closing days of the history of a lost world. Soon the long night, when no man can work, will settle down upon us. Opportunities are all about us for doing faithful and earnest work for God. The sin of neglect, the failure to warn and help those about us, possibly is one of the most serious charges the Spirit of the Lord has to bring against the people of God. The constant danger is that as just common Seventh-day Adventists, we shall say within our own hearts, "The ministers can preach, the canvassers can sell the books, the periodical workers distribute the journals; but as for *me*, what can *I do*? I should be glad to be a worker, but here I am tied up with my family, my farm, my business—surely I am excused from aggressive work for God." Such thoughts are not uncommon.

But God can use you. It matters not what your situation is, you have a place to fill in the Master's work. Jesus says, "Ye are the light." "Ye are the salt." But light shines; salt saves. Light shines where it is dark. Where light shines, it is not dark. Be a light, then, to some dark soul-chamber. Angels will lead you to these hearts, if you ask God about them in earnest. —*Selected.*

Field Reports

Mussoorie

WE are glad to report that our efforts in Mussoorie this season have not been in vain. The Sanitarium has had a fair patronage all the time, both of inside and outside patients. Through the faithfulness of Dr. and Mrs. Menkel, these patients have had an opportunity to hear the truth. One lady who was a patient last year, and has been studying at the Sanitarium this year, fully accepted the truth, was baptized, and united with the Mussoorie church. Another patient who is deeply interested is already keeping the Sabbath, and we hope to see her identify herself with us before long.

A series of meetings were held in the hall at Mayfield House. Brother Meyers took the principal burden of the preaching and visiting. The attendance was good all the way through. Our Sabbath-school attendance was also good, numbering as high as forty-six one Sabbath.

At the close of the meetings a baptismal service was held in the little stream just below Annfield. We have never seen a more beautiful place for the purpose. Here six souls were buried with their Lord by baptism.

As I looked at the rocks which surrounded us, I thought how much better to be baptized among them in the mountains, and be ready to meet the Lord, than, at the last day, to call for the rocks and mountains to fall on us and hide us from him that sitteth upon the throne.

After the baptism we repaired to Annfield House, where we celebrated the ordinances. The Lord came very near, and we all felt glad to be there. To the Lord we give all the praise.

W. W. MILLER.

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—BROTHER COOK writes that he is getting along nicely and contemplates taking up some duties in connection with the Boulder Sanitarium.

—ALL should remember that the poojah holiday rates will be effective until November 23rd, and buy tickets accordingly. The date for buying continues until October 23, and thus just accommodates those coming to the meeting.

—WE are glad to note that Brother Wellman's sickness was of short duration. For a time it was feared that he would have typhoid fever, and Brother James came down from Mussoorie to assist in nursing him, but was able to return in a few days.

—ELDER SHAW and party lost no time in getting to Lucknow and settling down to life at home, with the result that in about sixty-six hours after landing at Bombay Brother and Sister Shaw were "keeping house." All are glad to see Brother Shaw looking quite well, and trust that he may continue to gain in strength as the months go by.

—THE announcement in the *Review* arriving last week of the sailing of Elder W. R. French and family on September 14th for India, came rather as a surprise. It was voted before Elder Shaw left to invite them to make India their field of labour; but it was not then expected that they would be able to come for some time. A cablegram announced that they were to arrive in Bombay the 14th, thus making the trip from New York in just a month.

—THIS is a day of surprises, and generally we should not allow ourselves to be seriously affected by disturbing elements. However, the news that Dr. Oberholtzer had decided to wait no longer for the Mission Board to furnish a comrade for her in her work in Burma, and would soon be married to Mr. Carl Tornblad, really did surprise everyone. They were married September 26th, and soon afterward came over to Darjeeling for a visit, but will arrive in Lucknow next week to greet the Doctor's friends and attend the general meeting.

—THOSE who will not be at the general meeting will be interested in knowing that nice new quarters have been secured for the headquarters of the Mission in Lal Bagh Road, just a short distance from 19, Banks Road, and at a most reasonable rental. Aside from the fact that office quarters away from living apartments are much to be preferred, the change will provide more room for accommodations here at the old bungalow.

—ATTENDANCE at the weekly services here in Lucknow has begun to increase with the coming of cooler weather and the return of different ones from the hills. Last Sabbath we were pleased to have Brother and Sister Shaw, also Misses Gibbs and Reid, with us.

—SORROW has overtaken our Hindustani brethren and sisters, they having recently lost two little children. A few weeks since Brother and Sister Camphor lost their little boy Vincent, while this week Brother and Sister Massey laid away their son Albert.

—WORD this week from Brother Mookerjee informs us of the very serious illness of Sister Mookerjee, who for some time has not been well.

REDEMPTION

"GOD so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son." He gave him not only to live among men, to bear their sins, and die their sacrifice; but he gave him to the fallen race. Christ was to identify himself with the interests and needs of humanity. He who is one with God has linked himself with the children of men by ties that are never to be broken. Jesus is "not ashamed to call them brethren"; our sacrifice, our advocate, our brother, bearing our human form before the Father's throne, and through eternal ages, one with the race he has redeemed—the Son of man. And all this was done that man might be uplifted from the ruin and degradation of sin, that he might reflect the love of God, and share the joy of holiness.—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

SABBATH SUNSET

NOVEMBER	5.	-	-	-	5:21;	5:32;	5:26.
"	12.	-	-	-	5:18;	5:31;	5:23.
"	19.	-	-	-	5:16;	5:30;	5:22.
"	26.	-	-	-	5:14;	5:30;	5:21.

Calcutta, Madras, and Bombay time, respectively.