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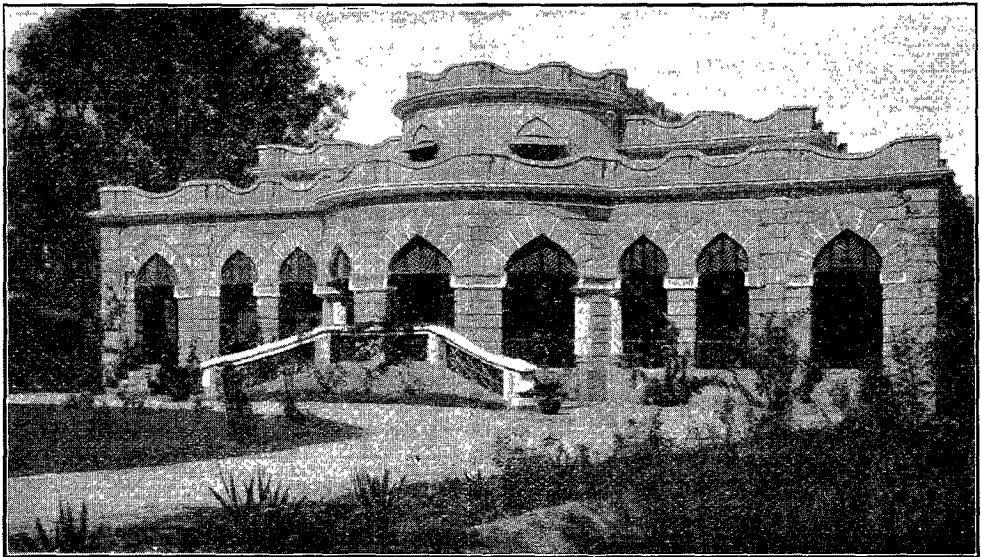
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Lucknow Headquarters

WE are glad to furnish the readers of EASTERN TIDINGS this month with a cut showing the property which has recently been bought at No. 11, Abbott Road, to be used for the offices of the India Union Mission, Tract Society, and the Watchman Press. The building stands on one acre of ground on one of the best streets in the city, and not far from the European shops. The present building is about 50 x 72 ft., and we are putting up an addition 41 x 75 ft., in which to accommodate the

Watchman Press. Our readers can hardly realize what an advantage it will be to have this place of our own. We have been doing our publishing work ever since it began in India in small, cramped quarters, unsuitable for the purpose. The small rooms with low ceilings, built only for the native people to live in, which we have been occupying has handicapped us in our work and been trying upon the workers.

We therefore feel very thankful to God that he has provided us with a substantial building with high ceilings to protect us against the intense heat of Lucknow, and also money to make a necessary addition. We render unto God our heartfelt thanks for what he has given, and we surely appreciate the liberality of our dear people in America who have been doing their part in raising the \$300,000.00 fund.



The money which is coming to India from this fund means more than our people at home can fully appreciate. It is giving permanency to our work, homes to our missionaries where they can live and labour for souls, and facilities with which to carry on schools, publish the message, and treat the sick. We are positive that God's hand has been in the raising of the \$300,000.00 fund. It has given hope and courage to our workers, and is providing them more suitable homes and better facilities with which to labour.

After the present addition is built there will be sufficient room to erect a church building later on if we desire, or if it is thought best a dwelling house can be erected. The location is about as favourable as could be desired, being only about 15 minutes' drive from the railway station and less than five minutes' to the European shops. It is a great source of relief to us to have the negotiations for this place completed, and we know that all our people in India will rejoice with us in the fact that we now have headquarters of our own at Lucknow.

J. L. S.

An Earnest Admonition to Missionaries

[A WRITER in the *Indian Witness* styling himself "Do Better," has sent some words to missionaries which they would do well to remember and profit by.—J. L. S.]

If there is one thing a missionary has to watch himself about in this land of sunshine and whitewash it is *Infirmities!* "Would the giftie God would gie us to see ourselves as ithers see us, it would from many a trouble free us and sair affliction"—for the one we live with. There are two classes of infirmities—those we can't help and those we can help. The first may be a weak body, a timid nature, a sensitiveness, bashfulness, timidity, acidity; the second sort, a

sharp tongue, a gossipy nature, an unforgiving spirit, a cruel self-will, a slanderous tongue, touchiness, bossiness, egotism, "believing all things," especially bad things about everybody, critical, and unkind.

Now missionaries come out here from various causes, and they and their God must settle that; but what sort of nature they bring with them to the work is what interests the fellow they have to work with! Is the new missionary sweet, gentle, helpful, spiritual, tractable, willing to learn? Or is the new missionary sour, know-it-all, obstructive, bossy, and open-eared for all bits of gossip floating about?

A good start is a good thing in mission work, and woe be unto the missionary who hinders the new missionary in the start by—

Whispering some evil thing about a fellow-worker.

Shrugging the shoulders when a certain one is mentioned until a suspicion is aroused.

Giving some "valuable hints as to who-to-watch."

The Word says "woe be unto" the one by whom the offence cometh, and whoever poisons the mind of a new missionary against another missionary is causing some one to offend, and I believe the old Book is true and that it were better that that whisperer had fallen overboard enroute to India than that suspicion, distrust, and unfriendliness should be sown by them in some fresh young heart full of zeal for God! Grace can cover all of the infirmities under number one, and the missionary can get a strong body, overcome his timidity, and get thick skinned, and grow in favour with God and other missionaries.

The cause of the second sort is Sin! They proceed from an evil heart, and the first thing to do is to go to the Cross and get rid of them. The blood of Jesus will

wash them away, and nothing else! Nowhere in the world can a sharp tongue and a gossipy nature find so ready a sphere of action as in the mission circle!

Nowhere in the world is an unforgiving spirit so deadly, and a cruel self-will so cruel, to the meek little new missionary as out here!

Nowhere in the world can slander so kill and maim as out here, where we all live in the lime light! Nowhere in the world can unkindness be so unkind and touchiness be so on the lookout for fancied wrongs as here!

God give us more of his Grace! then we shall—Bear all things, speak no ill of our neighbour, be gentle, loving and kind. The spirit helpeth our infirmities *if we let him do it.*

One Copy of the Watchman

I AM send you a clipping telling of the canvassing experience of Miss Mamie Moore, rightly called the "Colporteur of Memphis." The heading "One copy of the *Watchman*" made me think of *The Oriental Watchman*, and I said to myself, "Why shouldn't our *Watchman* do the same." Since reading this I have determined to sell more single copies than ever before.

"I have been asked to tell some of the results of my work in Memphis. I have been working among the most wealthy classes, and it is wonderful how, in response to prayer, the Lord has opened the homes and the hearts of the people to me. As an encouragement to those who are selling the *Watchman*, I want to begin by telling you what one copy of the *Watchman* did. One copy of the *Watchman* opened the way for me to get the truth into a home which I could not otherwise have entered.

"A travelling man of Memphis, while in Arkansas, was persuaded by a lady customer of his to take a copy of the *Watchman*, and read it; she said that it told of the signs of the Lord's coming, and that many of these things were fulfilled. Out of curiosity, he took it, read it, and became interested. He wrote to the pub-

lishers, asking them to supply him with the first six numbers of the year, and tell him the subscription price. The publishers sent him the desired information, and then wrote to me to visit him and follow up the interest. I found him in his office, and easily sold him a copy of 'Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation,' half morocco, to be delivered next day.

"On calling at his home to deliver the book, as he had arranged to leave the money there, I found it to be a place where I had been before. His wife was very angry because her husband had bought the book. She said it was a foolish book, and should not have a place in her library with her standard books. I told her she would not call it a foolish book after reading it, and urged that she study it carefully, for there was a message in it for her. Before I left she became more friendly, and gave me the names of several of her friends who she thought would buy the book. This was all brought about by one copy of the *Watchman*."

W. CARRATT.

Canvassing Report

Canvassing Report for March

	Hours	Orders	Value
F. O. Raymond,	273	139	Rs. 443-15-0
P. C. Poley,	130	84	245-15-0
P. A. Rick,	197	197	445-15-0
Wm. Carratt,	193	178	847- 5-0
Totals	793	598	Rs. 1,983- 2-0

With the exception of Brother Poley's report, the above is really for the five weeks ending March 30.

Field Reports

Burma

THE Lord continues to richly bless the canvassing work here. Since my last report two months ago I have been working part of Lower Burma. My first visit was to Moulmein, where I met with excellent success. Seventh-day Adventists are well known in this town, and several of the people are very friendly toward

us. After working there two weeks I called at Thaton and Kyaikto, on my way back to Rangoon, where I also met with good success.

My second trip was towards Bassein, staying at the following towns for a few days, Therrawaddy, Letpadan, and Henzada, finishing my tour by spending nearly two weeks in Bassein. At each of these places I was able, by the grace of God, to leave several of our message-filled books in the homes of the people. Bassein was an excellent field. The A. B. Mission has several large schools there. I visited the school compounds where the teachers live and had the joy of selling "Heralds of the Morning" to or taking a subscription for the *Oriental Watchman* from every one I saw. The people, most of them Karens, were quite anxious to get such good books. I have promised to make that trip again, taking other message-filled books.

My sales for the two months are as follows:—

Heralds of the Morning,	Rs. 200-0-0
Practical Guide to Health,	576-8-0
Annual Subs. <i>Oriental Watchman</i> ,	122-8-0
" " <i>Herald of Health</i> ,	136-8-0
Other books,	76-12-0

Amount of cash collected, Rs. 1327.

As I look back over the two month's work I thank God for the success given. I am looking forward to larger reports in the future. I am staying in Rangoon for a few days delivering books ordered last month and assisting in canvassing for the new Burmese paper. My next trip will be toward Prome. I desire an interest in your prayers. W. CARRATT.

Bangalore to Poona

THE evening of March 16, after a very pleasant and profitable month with Elder and Sister James in Bangalore, I commenced the six hundred mile trip to Poona, arriving there April 2. 1912.

On the way the Lord blessed in the sale of our literature at Hubli, Dharwar, and Belgaum. At the latter place I was especially pleased to leave "Great Controversy" with one of the finest Hindu gentleman it has been my privilege to meet. Another, a court pleader, purchased "Object Lessons," and just as I was leaving the place I found a soldier's home privately conducted on mission lines for the large number of soldiers stationed there.

The proprietor had before been a subscriber to *Oriental Watchman*, and was very eager to renew. He also purchased "Great Controversy" for the "Home." Thus our message-filled literature is being placed where with God's blessing it may exert a far-reaching influence.

Arriving at Poona, I most unexpectedly met Elder Enoch and Brother Kelsey. This, too, seemed quite Providential; for through their influence I was able to secure convenient accommodations at the Y. M. C. A.

Just now I am enjoying several day's rest with these dear brethren at their station, Lonavla, forty miles from Poona. I am very glad to become better acquainted with the encouraging beginning that has been made here on the west side, and I pray that God may abundantly bless the Lonavla tent effort just commencing.

My cash sales have been but Rs. 406- this month, about Rs. 175- of which is for our religious literature.

I rejoice in the good reports from Burma and other parts of our great territory, and am so thankful for a small part in God's work in this great and needy field. F. O. RAYMOND.

In the Field

SINCE returning from Burma it has been my privilege to spend considerable time in the interests of our literature

work, both in English and the vernacular. I found Brother Rick hard at work with the papers in the city of Calcutta. Although we have had many readers of our journals in that city in the past, yet the territory was never more fruitful than at present. It was thought a few years ago by some that *Oriental Watchman* had run its course in India, that its work was finished, and that we should let it die; but we have learned the lesson that agents for God's truth do not burn territory, but, rather, they water it. Our literature once read, creates a desire for more, and thus the field can be worked over again with increasing success. This has been the experience of workers in all parts of the world. I spent a few hours in the field with Brother Rick, and was pleased to meet a number who had taken *Oriental Watchman* in the past and who were glad to renew their subscriptions. Some expressed themselves thus: "It seems like meeting an old friend." Brother Rick has proven that our canvassers can make their work self-supporting and carry nothing but the papers.

In company with Elder French and Doctor Mann, I visited our work at Gopalgang, East Bengal. This was my first visit to that part of the field. Brother Watson and our Bengali brethren are endeavouring to give the Bengali paper a wide circulation in that section. Though quite a large amount of literature has been sold in that field, there is doubtless room to greatly extend the circulation of our vernacular paper. Instead of selling one or two thousand copies in that section, we should be scattering many thousand, and I believe that we shall ere long. The house boat which is being built will doubtless prove a great blessing to our workers in that field; as travelling must be done largely by water. I much enjoyed going with Brother Watson to the village hâts. These bazaars are held twice a week in the larger villages and afford an excellent opportunity for the sale of our literature. Brother Watson takes his position in a prominent place, holds up his paper and gives a short talk on the coming of the

Lord and other subjects, and then refers them to the paper. Many are glad to purchase. A regular journal coming out quarterly or monthly doubtless has many advantages over tracts and small booklets. It not only gives the worker a better opportunity for frequently working the territory, thus keeping him in more constant touch with the people, but a paper can contain many things of current interest which appeal to the readers. I trust the time is not far distant when we shall have at least a quarterly journal in each section of our field.

On the return journey from Gopalgang I spent one day at Khulna, where Brother B. B. Sircar is working. Khulna is the terminus of one branch of the East Bengal State Railway. The river Navigation Company has several river steamers leaving this place daily, so a splendid opportunity is afforded Brother Sircar of meeting hundreds of passengers who pass this way constantly. He has been selling about 250 papers monthly, but has decided that he should increase the number to 500. Papers sold at this place are scattered to the most remote villages of East Bengal and Assam. Surely, this seed will bear much fruit.

Our Bengali colporteurs in Calcutta are meeting with encouraging success. During 1911 they sold only about Rs. 100 worth of literature in that great city. During February alone of this year their sales were Rs. 52-9-3. The March sales were Rs. 34-6. Brother Day has done especially well in securing yearly subscriptions.

Sabbath, March 30, I spent with Brother Poley at Lahore, where he is working with our English literature. I also visited Brother and Sister Killoway, who accepted the truth in Mussoorie two years ago. They are rejoicing in the message and desire to locate where they may have church privileges.

Returning from Lahore I spent a few days at Najibabad with our Hindustani colporteurs, and conducted an institute. I will write more concerning this later. The workers are now selling literature at a large Hindu mela at Harwar, and their efforts are being richly blessed.

May the Lord bless all our workers in this great field. C. E. WEAKS.

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EASTERN TIDINGS is published the 15th of each month, and all copy should be received not later than the 10th.

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—BROTHER WEAKS wishes us to announce that his address for the summer is Rispana Villa, Curzon Road, Dehra Dun

—ELDER AND MRS. SHAW and children have located this season at Kirkville. All mail should be addressed to Kirkville, Mussoorie.

—BROTHER THURBER and wife and Sisters Votaw and Gibbs are now spending some time at Thandaung, our hill station for Burma, recuperating their health.

—SABBATH-SCHOOL lesson pamphlets for next quarter are now in stock, and all Sabbath-schools and individuals wishing copies should order at once of the Tract Society.

—BROTHER AND SISTER MEAD are located for the present at Dehra Dun and are giving themselves to the Hindustani language. Their progress will be watched with much interest.

—ELDER WELLMAN has gone to Lonavla to assist Elder Enoch in a series of meetings in English at that place. Our brethren and sisters would do well to remember this effort before the Lord in prayer.

—ELDER JAMES AND WIFE and Elder Lowry and wife are now at Kodaikanal, a hill station in South India. Sister Lowry seems some brighter, yet is still quite weak. The tonic climate of the mountains may increase her strength. She has gained a few pounds in weight.

—ELDER VOTAW writes that the size of their meeting hall at Rangoon is to be doubled and electric fans are being installed. This will be a great improvement. Elder Comer, who is holding a special series of meetings in Rangoon, is having an excellent attendance. At one meeting seven expressed themselves ready to make a full surrender. The church members are assisting Brother Comer in distributing notices of the meetings, with very satisfactory results.

—THE manuscript for the Bible reading book is well in hand. The large majority of the readings have been finished and approved. In the course of the next month we look to see the whole number in readiness for the translators. There will be in all nearly seventy readings dealing with all phases of the message and prepared especially for use in India.

—ROOMS have been rented at Rockwood for workers going up to Mussoorie for a change. The location is central, and the surroundings sanitary. Those intending to go to Mussoorie during the season should write at once, so that if possible rooms may be available when desired. All should take their own bedding and go prepared to board themselves.

—THE first number of our Burma quarterly is just off the press. Three students from the Meiktila School are to assist Brethren Beckner and Baasch in selling the paper. We rejoice with our workers in Burma in this their first periodical, and we feel certain that it will meet with a ready sale.

—BROTHER WEAKS has been holding an institute with the Hindustani canvassers at Najibabad. The Hindustani brethren think they can raise their sales to an average of six annas a day. If so, the sales of our Hindustani literature will be very largely increased.

—THE new meeting hall at Mussoorie presents an attractive appearance and is a great improvement over the hall previously used. Elder G. W. Pettit preached the first sermon April 6th. He is now busy getting everything in readiness for the season's effort.

—THE canvassers in East Bengal largely increased their sales of literature last month. Brother Watson reports 77 yearly subscriptions taken in four days. One day he registered 29 orders. In two hours Brother Sircar sold 34 papers.

—BROTHER BARLOW is making an earnest call for a Santhali girl's school at Babulmohal. Such a school has been desired quite a while, and he now thinks the opportune time has come to make a beginning.

—BROTHER WILLIAM LAKE and wife are the proud parents of a baby boy; Brother Lake has arrived at Mussoorie, and now has the Bath and Treatment Rooms in readiness for the coming season's work.

—DURING Brother Wellman's stay at Lonavla Sister Wellman is enjoying the bracing climate at Mussoorie.