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EXTRACTS FROM OUR MAIL BAG

I AM very glad indeed to see the many omens of prosperity that seem to be attending the work in India. I believe you have a good company of workers for the evangelical work, and you will find that they will turn something up in the cities.

By the way, you will be interested in the work that the Sabbath-school Department has been trying to do for the cities of India. You are aware that we now have the plan on the last Sabbath in the quarter of donating to some specific purpose. The last quarter we had the cities of India, and it has been taken up very enthusiastically by the schools. The reports are just beginning to come in, and they are certainly of the most encouraging character. We have just received the reports from one conference; and while their average donations throughout the conference was \$75.00 a Sabbath, on that day the donation taken up for India was more than \$350.00. Other reports have come in from local schools, here and there throughout the United States, with greater increase than this. If this ratio should keep up, we shall receive between five and ten thousand dollars for the work in India on that particular Sabbath. The average

collection is something like twenty-five hundred dollars.

The Sabbath-school donations for last year increased more than twenty thousand dollars over that of the previous year.

I just returned from California some two weeks ago. This was the last of our institutes. The past year has been a very interesting one. Really, it has been the best year of my work,—that is, one of the most enjoyable, though one of the most strenuous. It has been a very hard strain to give studies to so many fellow-workers. I was with Elder Daniells in all the institutes. While each institute had special features of its own, yet in the main the same spirit of seeking God and putting away sin, and the seeking for a higher attainment in the work of the ministry, was seen.

We must have a stronger and more spiritual ministry. If the evangelical work is strong, the whole work is strong; if this branch is weak, the whole work is weak.

I am glad you are looking forward to an institute. You need it. I am sure there is nothing you need more. It is not more plans that are needed, but more power to do. We need the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven to carry on the work in heathen lands. I hope that Elder Daniells will be able to be with you at the time of your next meeting. There is nothing I would enjoy more than being with you, but I do not expect this will be possible at this time.

By the way, I saw Brother Miller at Pittsburg a few days ago. He is quite

well, and has his heart still in India.

G. B. THOMPSON.

FEELING confident that you will be pleased to hear about mother's health and labours, and about the merciful way in which the Lord is dealing with his work and workers here in California, I will endeavour to tell you some of our experiences.

Our ministerial institute, held from March 12 to 20, in Los Angeles, was an occasion of great blessing. As it has been fully reported in the *Review*, I will only add that it was a most precious and profitable meeting, the full value of which cannot be reported in any description that man can write.

The bi-ennial meeting of the Pacific Union Conference, which immediately followed, March 21 to 26, was largely attended, and did much good work. Broad foundation for our labours during the next two years were laid.

During the conference, Elder Irwin pleaded to be released from the heavy labours of the presidency, and Elder E. E. Andross was chosen to the office, and Elder Irwin was unanimously elected to the position of vice-president.

During the Los Angeles meetings, mother spoke to the people four times: Sabbath afternoon, March 16, to an audience of about 1,500 in a great auditorium; Monday and Thursday, to the ministers assembled for the institute; and the second Sabbath afternoon, March 23, to a full house at the Carr Street church.

On the second day of our meeting at Loma Linda, mother spoke to a large gathering of our people in the chapel, regarding the work before us at this place. Twice after this she spoke to a large congregation in the chapel on Sabbath, and just before she left Loma Linda the students and employees were

called together and she gave a clear and appropriate address, appealing to them for unselfishness, consecration, and unity.

Three of mother's secretaries are busily engaged searching through her writings to find all that she has written on the Old Testament history from the time of Solomon onward. These writings are being gathered together and grouped into chapters, with the hope that during the summer we may send to the publishers copy for a volume which will follow "Patriarchs and Prophets" and connect with "Desire of Ages."

I wish I had time to write to you more fully regarding the wonderful work that is being established at Loma Linda. It is truly a great enterprise for Seventh-day Adventists to establish a first-class medical college, and so difficult that many others and even some of our own people say it can not be done. They say, "Ye are not able to go up and possess this inheritance." But there are some who have diligently studied the world's needs of genuine medical missionaries, there are some who have studied what it means to our young people who desire to enter the medical profession, to have the privilege of attending a thorough-going medical college under the moral influence of consecrated Seventh-day Adventist teachers, there are some who have read and taken seriously what mother has written regarding our responsibilities and our duty in this matter—and these are working together most earnestly to carry the enterprise to success.

W. C. WHITE.

I AM always glad to hear from the workers in India and to learn concerning the progress of the work in that field. I read every number of your conference paper and of the *Oriental Watchman*, and try in this way to keep in close touch with the various phases of the

work. I shall be especially interested to hear of the results of the work by Brethren Pettit and Comer in the large cities.

Brother M. D. Wood and wife, who have already had many years' experience in India, and who recently accepted the truth, have been at the Seminary during the year. It is their desire to return to India next fall. I have been holding Bible studies with them for some time.

You have doubtless already seen in the *Review* the announcement concerning the change in my work. I shall, however, lose none of my interest in the work in the mission fields.

I hope the coming year will be a profitable one for the work in India, and shall be glad to hear from you.

W. W. PRESCOTT.

I AM passing on to you two actions which I think will be of especial interest. The first has reference to a young man who is deeply interested in the work for the East Indians. The committee has recommended this brother to the work in India, in the following action:—

Voted, that C. C. Belgrave, of Mt. Vernon College, be invited to make India his field of labour, after a short training at the Melrose Sanitarium.

Brother Belgrave understands the Hindustani language, so that we felt he might be able to work in some section where Hindustani is spoken. He expects to take a little training at Melrose and then go to India.

You will be especially interested, I am sure, in the other action, inviting Brother and Sister V. E. Peugh to take up the work in South India. Brother and Sister Peugh are excellent young people. They have just taken up the dispensary work here in Washington, which, according to reports, they are carrying forward in a very acceptable manner, and it will

be quite difficult to find some one to take their place.

Brother M. D. Wood, the returned India missionary, will connect with Elder Sorenson and others in a tent effort somewhere in the vicinity of Washington. His wife leaves shortly to see their children in Nebraska and also friends in Wisconsin. The committee permitted her to go up by Vermont on her way west, to visit a returned missionary with whom they were acquainted in India, who is interested in the truth, having been led along through correspondence and reading matter sent her by Sister Wood. She is a talented woman, and we felt that it might be a very profitable visit for Sister Wood to see her and have a few personal interviews and Bible studies with her, thus giving her the message, in the hope she might accept it a little later on, and prove of valuable assistance in the work.

You will be especially interested to know that Brother Daniells is planning on reaching India in time to attend your general meeting in November. He has been released from camp-meeting work this summer (although he has taken on several appointments himself since) to get things in shape along the lines of city work, preparatory to getting off at the close of the fall council for a long trip, probably coming back by way of Singapore, China, and the Philippines, in time for the next general conference. This is the plan now, and unless something unforeseen develops, you can count on Brother Daniells' being with you at your general meeting. T. E. BOWEN.

A few weeks ago we had our session of the European Committee in Skodsborg. Last year was the best year we ever had, bringing us a net gain of 3,000, raising our membership to nearly 25,000, and our tithe and offerings to 300,000.

We are glad that we can spring up the mission budget in our division now to 80,000 annually. This summer we shall organise two new German Unions.

Within a week I shall be on my trip to meet the Siberian Union Committee, and then visit Persia for the first time. I plan a four months' trip to East Africa, from October until February, immediately after the American fall meeting. It is always of great interest to me to follow closely the developments of each mission field in the world, and to watch its progress.

L. R. CONRAD.

SURPRISES never cease in this movement. Just as we had everything packed, and Mrs. Menkel was ready to ship our boxes for Bombay, plans were changed. Prof. Kern appealed to the general conference that I be allowed to remain here a year longer to assist in the Seminary, and they voted yesterday to grant the request. So I wired Mrs. Menkel to ship boxes to Takoma Park instead of Bombay.

We are disappointed at not being with you this fall, but I have faith that God is directing our steps and therefore there must be a purpose in the present change of plans; our desire will be to meet that purpose.

H. C. MENKEL.

WE haven't written many letters, having hoped to see all again and to talk instead of write.

Just what the future has in store for us, we cannot say, as our plans have all fallen through. God has led us thus far, however, and we can trust him to lead us in the future. There is a little poem which says "Disappointment—His Appointment." If this is true, then we should not murmur, but take what comes.

We are not discouraged, and will labour along here on the farm until the way opens to enter into more active work in

the cause. Our hearts are in India, and though we may never return to take up labour there again, we shall work and pray for you here.

Please tell all who enquire that we should have returned had it been advisable.

R. R. COOK.

A NEW MISSIONARY

THE arrival of new missionaries generally excites interest and curiosity among old workers. Where are they from? Do we know them? Where will they locate? What work will they take up? Do you suppose they will stand the climate? Will they succeed in getting the language?—These, and scores of similar queries, go the rounds; but time alone must answer all of them.

We are soon to have re-enforcements in South India. The appointment was made some time ago, and we ourselves settled it. The board at home knew nothing about it; but they enjoy pleasant surprises, as well as do we. Our new missionary will arrive on the field and make his bow about the time this reaches you. We are intensely interested in this event, and our interest has stirred us into wonderful activity of late.

Our new missionary is local talent, from South India. That spalls progress and saves boat fare. He speaks the language perfectly, and is thoroughly acclimated. He is immune from plague, cholera, small pox, dysentery, and fever. He need take no special precautions with regard to the sun, is willing to travel third class or even cheaper, and in very cramped quarters at that. He will visit all the villages and cities in the Tamil country, or wherever Tamil people can be found.

Our new missionary will be a consecrated, persevering worker. He will be a full time worker. He will teach with

humility and simplicity, but, nevertheless, directly and with assurance. He will not quarrel or dissemble. If disagreed with, he will not argue. He will not exalt himself or criticise his fellow workers. He will be patient, kind, considerate of his hearers, and loyal to every principle of the truth.

But you must know the name of our new missionary. It is a Tamil name, and hard to pronounce. *Nigal Kala Sathiam*, which means "The Present Truth." This missionary is a Tamil quarterly journal, which we hope to have off the press by July 20.

We are now (July 4) busy with preparations to make this paper a real success. A colporteurs' institute will begin here in Trichinopoly July 9, and continue for three weeks. Eight or more men will take a training for the work, while a much larger number will be in attendance, and we hope that the Bible studies and drill given during the institute will be a great blessing in many ways. Pray that this new feature in our work may through God's blessing become a mighty power in the hands of these men for the preaching of the truth in South India.

J. S. JAMES,

G. G. LOWRY,

A. DEVASAHAYAM.

Field Reports

BENGAL

I HAVE just returned from a trip to East Bengal. Brother Rick, Otto, and I went a round on the boat from Calcutta to Gopalgunj, and we made a record trip. It took us only a little more than two days to make the trip from Calcutta to Khulna, and two hours less than three days to make the whole trip to Gopalgunj.

The medical work is all that we could wish for at Gopalgunj. Sister Watson has all she can do, and in spite of the fact that there are doctors and a government dispensary there, she has some of the best people in the place for patients.

We visited the workers in their homes, counselling with them in regard to their work and arranging for them to make systematic visits to the several bazaars in their immediate vicinity. I believe we will see the sales of our journal increase as a result of systematic work.

The work in Calcutta is the most encouraging now that it has been since I have been connected with it. Most all our members attend prayer meeting regularly, which is a very good index to go by. Their spiritual condition seems better than it has been for a long time. We had a Sabbath-school convention in which all took part with interest, and they are manifesting more interest in attending Sabbath-school now. The treatment rooms are having good patronage. Several doctors have made personal visits to the institution to see the manner of work we are doing. They seem to have been well pleased; for some of them have been sending patients. W. R. FRENCH.

THE PAGODA LAND

THAT the hand of the Almighty is in the circulation of our literature is evident day by day.

I visited the home of the minister in charge of a mission in Mandalay, who, after learning that I represented the S. D. A. Mission, told me he did not want to have anything to do with our literature. He said he had boys and girls under his charge whom he did not want to contaminate with our doctrines. I showed him the book "Heralds of the Morning," but failed to arouse his interest. I then asked him if he would buy a book for his school library, showing

him a copy of "Christ's Object Lessons." But he said he would not allow any of our books in his library unless he had read every word of them himself, and he had not time to do that on this occasion. Not meaning to give up the effort to place the truth within his reach, I suggested that he take the book and read it through, adding that if he did not like it to return the same to me. Just at this time one of his lady helpers came in, and he asked her if she had time to read the book through, telling her that it was a Seventh-day Adventist publication, and introducing me at the same time. The lady took the book, consenting to read it, and I took my leave. After a few days I called on this brother again, asking him how he liked the book. He surprised me very much by paying cash for two copies, saying he would place one copy in the boy's library and the other in the girls' library. The lady missionary had read the book and enjoyed it. The minister himself had read part of it, and now both the books are within reach of hundreds of boys and girls, also several teachers, who I hope will read and be brought into closer touch with the One whose object lessons they teach.

My sales for the month of June are not so good as heretofore. But I thank God for the success given, and look for better reports and experiences in the future. During the month I visited the following stations: Meiktila, M'ringyan, Kyaukse, Sagaing, and Mandalay. My sales amounted to Rs. 558-10, of which amount Rs. 514-7 was cash. This month I hope to go within twenty-five miles of the Chinese frontier. I wonder if the time is near when we shall be able to shake hands with our Chinese workers on the frontier.

Remember me at the throne of grace.

W. CARRATT.

CALCUTTA

SICKNESS and absence from our headquarters for a time have prevented me from reporting our work in Calcutta through EASTERN TIDINGS. I am sorry to report that during our trip to Mussoorie the workers slackened up in their work; but the tide has changed and we are making better progress again. At present, on account of the damp climate in Bengal, three of our workers are sick and have sickness in their families, which will hinder the work to a certain extent. But the Lord is specially blessing in our efforts. Encouraging words are received from different Hindus and Christians regarding our Bengali monthly, which is being spread broadcast, and is doing an excellent work. The paper is reaching a better class of people, and we are making arrangements to improve it in every way possible, realising that it is a mighty factor in reaching the unwarned millions of Bengal.

Since returning from the hills we are very busy. The Lord has given us plenty to do; and by his help, we are trying our best not to let slip the golden opportunities presented to us to hasten the message. Besides conducting the literature work, both in editing and supervising the canvassing work, conducting meetings, and holding Bible readings, I have had the pleasure of visiting a number of families during the month. Mrs. Mookerjee accompanies me to the homes, and by our united efforts, we are privileged to do more efficient work. Three Hindus are taking Bible readings; one desires baptism, but does not seem ready yet. The Bengali Y. M. C. A. secretary is very much interested and studies our books "Christ's Object Lessons" and "Steps to Christ" to prepare for his public lectures. Mrs. Mookerjee

helped his wife for three weeks during the month by giving her medical attention. We have been able to minister to the sick; this has appealed to some, and has drawn them closer to the truth. There are three educated families taking readings, and we are expecting fruit from this effort which will help to hasten the cause to its triumph. Appeals have come to us from two different persons, one a Hindu woman, the other a Hindu man, to give them shelter and help them a little now, as they are being persecuted on account of acknowledging Christ as their Saviour, and driven from their homes.

It is our aim to work while the day lasts, as the night cometh when no man can work. It is the goal of our ambition to stand by the cause till the last and be faithful, that we may meet our Saviour when he comes. We remember you all in our prayers, and know you remember us.

L. G. MOOKERJEE.

A TRIP TO GARHWAL

WHEN those two men came seven days' journey through the rugged Himalayas and extended to Brother Burgess an invitation to open up a mission school in Garhwal, they invited him to one of the grandest situations in all these lofty mountains. I have been in Darjeeling and viewed the snow-capped mountains of that region, which are certainly a wonder; yet in extent they are less, and in height but little, if any, higher than the vast gigantic range of mountains to be seen from the Garhwal school. As their snow-crested peaks glitter in the sunlight, reaching up into the very heavens, a view is presented which words are tame to express.

On an acre of level ground, which, by the way, is not easy to find in the mountains, buildings were started a little more than two years ago from funds raised by

Elder and Sister Haskell for Brother and Sister Burgess when they returned to India.

I was well pleased with all that I saw while there. The buildings, though not large, are neat and well arranged. The place has the air of order and system. There are about one hundred boys in the school. They bring their own food, and most of them live in dormitories which have been erected at the school. Some, however, have to live in near-by villages, as there is not sufficient room for all to stay at the school. The daily programme moves off smoothly, and the boys are so quiet that a person would hardly think there were one hundred attending the school. Each boy works two hours a day at industrial work, besides preparing his own food, getting his own wood and water, and looking after his personal needs.

The boys so far have been engaged mostly in putting up the buildings; but the work is getting far enough long so that they now expect to start a carpenter's shop and train the boys in that line of work. It may be that they will try making furniture with the idea of disposing of it at Landsdown, which is about fifteen miles away.

The boys are all heathen, but they are daily receiving instruction from the Scriptures, and good seed is being sown. I believe it is God's will that we should hold before him in continuous intercession the souls of these heathen Hindu boys, to the end that they may become converted to Christianity and some of the brightest of them become teachers of the gospel among their own people.

We stopped one day at Najibabad, and found Sister Shryock very busy in the dispensary. As many as forty, and even fifty, persons are treated in a day, and the work is so arranged that each is taught something of the gospel. We shall rejoice with the workers at Najibabad when a mission house is built out of and away from the congested part of the city, where conditions are more sanitary.

J. L. SHAW.

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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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—ELDER AND MRS. WELLMAN returned to Lucknow last week, after a holiday spent in Mussoorie.

—BROTHER AND SISTER LEACH stopped off in Lucknow this morning for a couple of days' visit before proceeding to Karmatar after their vacation spent in the hills.

—WE are glad to learn that Sister Mead is recovering from her illness, and is able to be up and about again. She was confined to her bed for some time with fever.

—MISS SHRYOCK has been in Lucknow the last ten days caring for Irma Perrin, who has been having a run of typhoid fever, which, while not severe, has kept her in need of careful nursing.

—OUR workers will all be disappointed that Dr. Menkel and Brother Cook are not returning to the field. We know, however, that their hearts are with us, and that they will not forget India and her needs.

—FROM Burma comes the word that the interest in Rangoon is still continuing. Elder Comer has been quite ill with Dengue fever. He is better now, and welcomes the assistance of Elder Votaw back in Rangoon.

—Bro. E. D. THOMAS, our Tamil evangelist at Nazareth, and Miss Sellamal Monikam, teacher in the mission school at the same place, were married June 11, Elder Lowry performing the ceremony. May this union of life's interests result in added efficiency in their labours for the giving of the gospel.

—THE property at 75, Park Street, Calcutta, has been re-leased for a period of three years. The place is being thoroughly repaired. Brother Reagan writes they are having more patients than usual this time of year. Sister Reagan has been visiting some of the physicians in the city, some of whom are sending patients,

—AFTER a number of years spent in office work, Sister Quancock has just learned how she would be affected by a visit from a thief. Last Friday morning, about 3:00 o'clock, she was awakened and found a man standing by her bed. Driving him away and getting up, attended by two servants she made a tour of inspection, and found all drawers, both in office desks and her own bureaus, etc., had been ransacked apparently in an effort to locate the key to the safe. At day light it was learned that the press office had been entered and all drawers searched, and the cash box opened and about Rs. 3-11 extracted, also a few stamps. Efforts were also made to enter another room, where the editorial library is kept, various tools, etc., but for some reason failed. The police were notified at once; the usual results may be expected, especially in view of the fact that nothing possible of identification was taken. We all shall feel better when we get into our new quarters.

—THE Mussoorie Treatment Rooms are treating from ten to fourteen patients a day. Both Brother Lake and Sister Wagner have all that they can do. More than one thousand rupees worth of work was done last month, and the prospects are that more will be done this month. At the present time the daily average is Rs. 60. Among the patients are H. E. The Maharajah of Nepal, Ex-Prime Minister; a civil surgeon and wife; a magistrate; and other influential people. Our work has been visited by several of the leading physicians of the place, one of whom has sent more than a dozen patients as a result.

—THE Sabbath-school donations at Mussoorie have averaged eight annas an individual, making a total of Rs. 205 for the quarter. On the Sabbath set aside for Africa more than Rs. 50 was given. This makes the largest Sabbath-school donation given by any of our churches in the Indian Union Mission Field.

—BROTHER RAYMOND has been having unusual success in canvassing in Mussoorie. Last week his cash sales amounted to Rs. 107. He has been able to get our books and papers into the homes of some of the leading people.

—WE learn indirectly that Elder and Mrs. Comer have a Fourth of July son, which we believe has been named Paul Heber.

—ELDER LOWRY is assisting in the co-porteur's institute at Trichinopoly. He reports Sister Lowry as steadily gaining.