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### HOW THE WORD OF GOD CAME TO ME

I CAN not but express my untold joy and gratitude to God when I think how the truth got hold of me. Before I became a Sabbath-keeper, I was a member of the Church of England. At that time I had not close communion with God. But after my scholastic course, I was employed as a teacher in the S. D. A. mission school, Pragasapuram, and consequently I had a good chance to move with the teachers and workers here and talk with them on religious matters.

One day when I was teaching English text to the fifth standard boys, Bro. E. D. Thomas was conducting Bible class to the students of the Sixth Standard. He was writing some good points in English on the "Immortality of the Soul" upon the blackboard. After that period was over, I began to ask him some questions, which really much interested me like anything. From that day forward, we had continual Bible study, according to a regular daily programme.

As the Word of God broke my heart like a hammer, I was soon convinced of the truth. Coming to a definite conclusion, I made up my mind to obey the truth, and one Friday evening, just before sunset, I said, "Brother Thomas, I have decided to keep the Lord's Sabbath from this day forward."

When my parents knew that I had begun to keep the Sabbath, they began to treat me very badly, threatening me to quit the house. They even hired magicians to poison me; but their attempts had no effect on my mind. I said to my parents, "Greater is he that is for me than he that is in them." Thus, in spite of all their threatenings and persecutions, I kept quiet. The Word which made a thorough change in my life comforted me very much in my distresses, in addition to the comforts of Brother Thomas and other workers.

Now I am really rejoicing in the truth, and I fully hope in the Lord that he will give me sound health and strength to follow his footsteps and to work in his cause till he comes.

ARPUTHAM ASIWATHAM.

## Field Reports

### ASSAM

THIS report is written on board steamer while nearing Dibrugarh, at the head of navigation on the Brahmaputra. It is a rainy day, somewhat chilly—quite different from provinces south and west.

The country is almost wholly occupied by tea plantations; in fact, it is spoken of as the white man's country. It is a large field, as yet untouched by us as a people. Visiting some of the estates, I have been impressed that here is an important section of the European community who should without delay be given an opportunity to purchase our message-filled literature. Many will buy freely and become interested readers. The

planter, though somewhat isolated, living perhaps ten, twenty, even fifty miles or more from the railway, is an educated man abreast of the times, and in many cases a true-hearted Christian. Who will undertake the patient toil necessary to carry to him the third angel's message? I believe the Lord has a blessing for some one who will thoroughly canvass the planting districts of India, Burma, and Ceylon.

My cash sales for February were about Rs. 550. The Lord is still blessing, and I am thankful for the privilege of being a co-worker with him.

F. O. RAYMOND.

#### GARHWAL STATION

ON the 23rd of February, in company with Brother and Sister Belgrave, I left Najibabad for our mountain station. We arrived safely at Dogadda on the 24th, where we were detained until the next day by a rain storm. At about twelve o'clock, as the sky began to clear, we managed to load the pack ponies, and, saying "Salaam" to Padri Roberts, who had kindly given us shelter for the night, we began working our way up the mountain. Several showers overtook us, but we prayed to the Lord to hold back the storm, and soon the sun came out and continued to shine on our path the rest of the day.

We arrived at the mission station about dark, rather tired and hungry, but none the worse for our journey? We were greeted with the news that a tornado had passed through, the previous night, unroofing the boys' dormitories. But we were glad to find that the report had been somewhat exaggerated (according to the custom of the country), and only a part of the roof had left the building. This we found in a tangled heap in the jungle not far off. Two days of patient labour were required to bring the roof

back, piece by piece, and another to pound the kinks out of the tin. We would have had most of it back in place yesterday except for a heavy storm of rain, hail, and snow, which continued all day.

Some of our boys have returned, and the rest will doubtless appear as soon as the weather clears up. As few of them own a pair of shoes, we cannot expect to do much school work until the hail and snow disappear, and the weather warms up. This doesn't sound like an Indian report, where the scorching heat is the thing feared; but you will bear in mind that this station is well up in the Himalaya mountains, in plain sight of ranges which are covered with perpetual snow.

Brother and Sister Belgrave seem to like the place, notwithstanding the hard journey and cold reception; the people, however, have greeted us warmly, and seem glad that another season's work is about to open. As Brother Belgrave has some knowledge of the Hindi language, he will soon become acquainted and will be able to carry on the work in our absence.

I expect to remain here till school is well under way, and then return to Lucknow and prepare for the journey to America. We expect to sail from Boubay the 9th of April. I hope that a year at home will so restore my wife's health that we may be able to return to this needy field, and remain till the work is finished, and the Reaper comes to gather his sheaves into his garner.

L. J. BURGESS.

#### WEST INDIA

WE are glad to report progress in West India. Elder and Mrs. Wood succeeded in finding a good location in Kalyan, and have taken hold of the work with a thoroughness and earnestness that speaks well for the future. They found a small school there and a little force of native

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## THE ANNFIELD SCHOOL

ALL will be pleased to know that the outlook for Annfield School the coming year is very encouraging. It now looks as though the attendance will be larger than last year. A building on the adjoining estate has been rented, which serves as a very commodious home for the boys and furnishes airy class rooms for the school work. Sister Bruce is being ably assisted by Brother and Sister Mattison and Sister Wilson. We are thankful for the acceptable teaching force which the school has. The present year of Annfield School should easily be the best and most successful.

J. L. SHAW.

## A FINAL WORD

DURING my absence, Eld. G. W. Pettit will act as superintendent of the India Union Mission field, in addition to continuing the city work in Bombay. His address is Batliboi Building, Cirrus Avenue, Jacob's Circle, Bombay. Matters in local fields which have heretofore been referred to me will be given attention by the superintendents of the different divisions. If questions arise affecting the work outside of the local divisions, the same can be forwarded to Brother Pettit. Financial matters as usual will be referred to Mrs. M. M. Quantock. In the absence of Eld. J. S. James, Bro. C. E. Weaks is chairman of the South India local committee, and Eld. S. A. Wellman will act as chairman of the North India committee in my absence. Brethren Perrin and Pettit will edit the EASTERN TIDINGS. An

action was taken at the recent committee meeting in Lucknow, appointing local field superintendents as contributors to EASTERN TIDINGS, to furnish items of progress from their different fields. The plan in view is similar to that followed by union conference papers in America giving different divisions of the field a place especially for the use of each section. We believe if such a plan is enthusiastically followed out, it will make EASTERN TIDINGS a far more representative and helpful medium of communication than it has ever been before.

This is my last opportunity of speaking through EASTERN TIDINGS before sailing. I believe that plans for the work during the coming season have been very carefully arranged by the committee, and that with the blessing of the Lord the work in different parts of the field will move forward in an encouraging and satisfactory manner. It now looks as though the number of converts to the truth in India this year will be more than in any previous year. In January several were baptized in Rangoon and eighteen at Nazareth, South India. People are accepting the truth in Lonavla and Bombay. The encouraging word is just to hand that twenty-two have begun the observance of the Sabbath in Calcutta as the result of the efforts of Elder Comer and his associates. We say to our fellow workers, Go forward in the work with faith in God. There is a harvest of souls in waiting. Leave no stone unturned in winning souls to the truth. Think not of the difficulties to be surmounted, but of the worth of human souls and the soon coming of our blessed Master. We ask your prayers in behalf of those who return to America to attend the General Conference, to the end that our going may serve some end in the Master's service. Farewell.

J. L. SHAW.

workers; but as the station was only opened in July, and we were called to North India immediately afterward, the work had not been properly organized, or the workers, who were for the most part new, properly trained. The situation had caused me great anxiety, and it is very fortunate that we could have such experienced help to set things in order, and get matters in running shape.

The school, now well organized, is composed of children of the higher castes, who are being taught the Scriptures daily, also gospel songs, and how to pray, as well as the three R's. We have just separated the boys from the girls, and have secured more efficient teachers for both schools, teachers whom Brother and Sister Wood have trained up and who had great difficulty in getting away from their post in another mission.

Sister Wood has her dispensary open and in good running order. Her first mission work was very practical, though arduous, that of cleaning up the inside and the outside of a house in a heathen village. The Lord has given her the hearts of the people already. Before matters were in shape to attend to anyone, the people began to come for treatment. Last month 570 cases were treated at the dispensary, and there were nine outside calls. Already the dispensary has taken in about Rs. 25 in fees and donations. Sister Kelsey has been giving efficient help, and has had the privilege of being initiated into the manner of operating dispensaries in India by an old hand, which will be of much help in opening up the work at Panvel.

On account of the better facilities for language study at Kalyan, and for the purpose of giving them the advantage of seeing the native work carried on by those who have had years of experience, it was thought best to locate Brother and Sister Kelsey in Kalyan for a time. We hope

that by the next cool season they can pass on to their new station, Panvel.

Miss Reid has had the privilege of joining for a few months the union language school of missionaries in Poona, and is making good progress. In the meantime she has continued with her Bible readers in Lonavla, and the Lord has blessed richly. She has the privilege of seeing at least one substantial sister fully established in the truth.

Elder and Mrs. Pettit have found a comfortable location in Bombay, and are doing the skirmishing preliminary to laying siege to that great city. They are finding entrance into a number of homes, have organized a little Sabbath-school, and are getting acquainted with the people and the city. After the rains we hope to make a strong public effort. We ask for special prayers for success at this time.

The third of February witnessed a very pretty wedding at the home of Brother and Sister Pettit. We were glad to welcome Miss Ruth Workes on January 31. It took a bit of hustling to get Elder Pettit appointed marriage officer, with permission to perform the ceremony in a private home; but for a wonder "red tape" did not delay matters, and the ceremony came off at the time appointed. All our workers in West India, together with a few of the new believers, were present to wish the couple God-speed. Plenty of flowers, a song, the usual word of counsel, and congratulations were followed by refreshments, and all voted that the pleasant little function was a good augury for the future of the happy couple. Sister Rick has taken hold of the work in Bombay with courage, and is having remarkable success in soliciting orders for our good magazines. We feel very grateful that Brother and Sister Rick are able to continue the good work begun by Brother and Sister Mat-

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—WE understand that the interest in the meetings at Calcutta continues good.

—BROTHER MEAD reports work on the mission bungalow at Najibabad as progressing nicely.

—THE new Year Book is now in stock. Price, postpaid, Rs. 1-9. Order at once of International Tract Society.

—ELDER ENOCH was in Lucknow the 5th and 6th inst., having accompanied Pearlle thus far on her way to Annfield School.

—LATEST reports from Brother Comer are to the effect that his little girl, Mildred, is improving after a four month's siege of fever.

—ELDER PETTIT spent several days the last of February here in Lucknow, attending minority meetings of the board and Tract Society.

—BROTHER LAKE reports prospects for the work at the Mussoorie Treatment Rooms as very good. Treatments were to begin this week.

—BROTHER AND SISTER WEAKS are located in Lucknow for the present, and Brother Weaks is spending some time directing in the sale of the Hindi and Urdu quarterlies.

—BROTHER AND SISTER MOOKERJEE are now located at Karimatar, taking charge of the mission there in the absence of Sister Burroway during her furlough home.

—FRIENDS of *Herald of Health* will be interested in the wholesome advertising which is being added to its columns. This will serve to add to its standing and value, as well as afford some income.

—ELDER WELLMAN spent a few days of this week at Mussoorie and Najibabad, accompanying Thelma to school and arranging for final reading of copy for the forth-coming issue of the Urdu quarterly.

—ALL are glad to know that Sister Kurtz is improving nicely after her operation undergone just at the close of the general meeting. We understand that her improvement is considered really remarkable.

—ELDER JAMES asks us to mention that those writing personally to him may address him until further notice in care of the General Conference, Takoma Park Sta., Washington, D. C. He adds that they have been very busy of late getting ready for the trip home, and will be glad for the rest during the voyage. We understand that they and Sister Burroway will sail from Colombo on the 16th.

—SISTER BURGESS came down from Najibabad about a fortnight since, and expects to remain in Lucknow until time for them to sail for home. All our workers trust that the change may prove beneficial to her, and that a stay there will bring a return of health.

—ELDER AND MRS. SHAW left Lucknow, Wednesday, the 5th inst., for Mussoorie, to make final preparation for the trip to general conference. Sister Shaw wrote just recently that they were enjoying a real change of weather, with snow on one or two occasions.

—SISTER BRUCE went through Lucknow on the 3rd inst. with a goodly number of children on the way to Annfield School. Brother and Sister Mattison preceded them a few days, and made necessary arrangements for the opening of school.

—ELDER FRENCH has returned home from the hospital, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis. For some time Brother French has not been at all well, and we trust that his operation may prove of benefit to him.

## WEST INDIA

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tison. We have set our stakes for at least one thousand readers of our magazines in Bombay, as preparatory work for our public effort.

A young man who has recently accepted the truth in Lonavla begins this month to canvass Bombay for "Heralds of the Morning." We ask the prayers of the believers in India for his success. He hopes to go to Watford College next fall, and prepare for the ministry.

The Lonavla effort is continuing with good interest and most bitter opposition by the ministers. They are scraping the world for literature against us, and particularly Australia; but the Lord is giving us victory. Souls are seriously studying, and we are having proof of the value of our good books and papers, which have been faithfully scattered in the past. God bless the canvassers. The Sabbath-school work is growing. The donations are more than Rs. 100 each quarter.

Geo. F. ENOCH.