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THE COMING TEMPEST

THERE'S a hush before the tempest, but that hush is the hush of fear;

And the heart of the world is troubled, for the day of the Lord is near.

No pause or stay in the stream of time, but resistless its waters be,

As its waves flow on with a rhythm sublime to the sea of eternity.

The winds are held by the angels till the sealing work is done,

And "the Father's name in their foreheads" is received by each waiting one,

Till the truth has gone for a witness to the nations in the dark,

And the "seal of the living God" is preached, to warn of the papal mark.

O day of wrath and of mourning! O solemn day of the Lord!

When the vine of the earth will be gathered, and the vials of wrath be poured.

List to the pleadings of mercy while offers of pardon are given,

For the tares will go to the burning, while the wheat finds place in heaven.

—L. D. Santee.

A WORD FROM THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

It is impractical to attempt, as well as impossible to give, in a paper of the size and nature of EASTERN TIDINGS any adequate idea of the general conference, news from which did not arrive in time for the June issue. However, it may be noted that the consensus of opinion is that the conference was entirely worth the great expense necessary in bringing hundreds of people from all over the earth. It was noticeable that of the more than three hundred and fifty delegates, only a very few failed to be present at least a part of the time.

Among the many encouraging features of the meeting were the relating of strik-

ing evidences of Providential care for the work and workers in various places, and the evidence of remarkable growth to be seen on every hand. As a result of this growth of the work, and to better provide for meeting the needs of the present and future, the European and American divisions of the general conference were organized into separate conferences. This will tend to relieve the general conference of some of the detail of the work in these divisions, and thus allow it to spend its energies more and more upon the great mission fields. And to assist in financing this world-wide work, the Sabbath-school department has set out to raise a million dollars during the next four years. While, judging from the records of the recent past, it does not seem at all impossible that this may be done, the doing of it will serve the purpose of a rallying cry as well; for the more energy and means our people put into this message, the greater will be their faith and determination to push the battle to the gates.

One thing of particular interest to India is a substantial list of new workers recommended to this field, some of whom will no doubt soon arrive, to join in giving the message to the people of this land.

In all, the general conference has been an uplift to our people and workers, and should mark another new era in the progress of the work. This message is going forward, and will soon triumph over every obstacle thrown in its path; may we all be faithful and triumph with it.

"It is easier to be good than great—
one has less opposition."

Bengal Mission

W. R. FRENCH, - SUPERINTENDENT

A TRIAL, AND AFTERWARD

WHEN we accepted the truth and decided to serve our Master, it seemed for a time that our path was strewn with roses, and we were quite happy. And things continued about the same even after I started on tour, until just a little more than a fortnight ago, when misfortunes seemed to crowd in upon us. I felt a great reluctance to canvass any more; in fact, the work seemed distasteful to me, and nearly everything I did went wrong. If I picked up a cup or bottle, it was most sure to break; my luggage went astray; my bicycle appeared to have been lost in transit, after I had had two or three severe falls from it, one of which nearly broke my leg and another re-opened an old wound which practically started the trouble all over again. Then I was stopping in a waiting room with two other gentlemen, and thieves broke in and stole my bag of books and a coat. They came in at two different sides of the room, and left a gold watch valued at Rs. 400 belonging to one of the other occupants, and which was lying exposed, also other things which would have been of value to them; but took only my articles. The bag of books, I am thankful to say, was recovered in a dry water course a hundred yards off.

These are a few of my experiences; and, strange to say, at the same time my wife was undergoing trials in Calcutta. Our roses all seemed to have disappeared, leaving only the thorns. The enemy was doing all in his power to drive us out of the work, and, possibly, out of the truth. After a fortnight of this, and when I thought that all these difficulties were simply a warning for me to quit

the canvassing work, I determined to ask God to give me a sign, something by which to know whether or not it was his will that I should continue canvassing; and so I prayed earnestly. And, lo, the next morning in came my bicycle, also receipts, letters, etc., that I had been looking for, and books ordered which had gone astray, with my luggage. Things seemed to right themselves as if by magic; and I knew that God, whom I had distrusted and who has never been known to fail those in distress, had really answered my prayer in language I could not mistake. So, I continued canvassing, and am doing so to the present time. My health, too, had not been spared; and though not now so strong and robust as before, I feel almost well. My daily prayer is for more faith in the Word of God; and I trust that the brethren and sisters will also pray for me.

CHAS. A. DUFF.

North India Mission

S. A. WELLMAN, - ACTING SUPT.

IN THE ZENANAS

How good it is to be up on God's beautiful mountains, where, removed from the heat and dust of the plains, one can pause a while to mend one's armour, re-adjust it, and strengthen the weak parts by prayer; then once more, fully clad in the whole armour of God, go forth bravely to meet the enemy.

"Not by might, . . . but by my Spirit," and surely it takes the sword of the Spirit to penetrate the strongholds of Mohammedanism. Lucknow is recognized as one of these strongholds, and personal experience has taught me much along this line lately. I think that most of the readers of EASTERN TIDINGS are well acquainted with the story of Rashke Begam and Babeer Sahab, the two bright

Indian girls there who have learned to love the Saviour and pray to him, and have expressed a desire to be baptised. They are now removed from my sphere of influence, but, as I always love to think, not from the Holy Spirit's influence. Rashke Begam's people say she has been baptised already in her heart; and there is great indignation. They say that in every intention she is a Christian, and that is just the same as though she were one. Indignation and fear had spread, and were spreading, when I left Lucknow. One of my best mohallas was closed to my teaching, and another one was tottering in the balance. They say, "We are afraid of you, and don't want you to teach our daughters." I have written to those people from here, as I generally do, but have received no reply.

As I return to my work, the outlook is dark: but I am determined not to be discouraged; for to permit discouragement to come is but to put oneself wholly into the power of Satan. Mohammedans are difficult to reach; but there are some of God's remnant people among them, too, and they must be plucked as brands from the burning. If we but consecrate ourselves as we should, God can and will use us for this work. "Behold I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; is there anything too hard for me?" Jer. 32:27.

V. E. CHILTON.

SIMLA

THE work in this station, begun the first of May, continues with an excellent interest. Each week two public services are held in the Masonic Hall, with a good attendance and an increasing interest in the truths presented. Thus far, the signs, some of the prophecies, the punishment of the wicked, baptism, the Turkish question, the divinity of Christ, and kindred subjects have been presented. During the coming month, some of the

testing truths of God's Word will be set before the people.

Every evening, and often during the day, the workers are engaged in Bible studies in private homes; and almost invariably friends and neighbours are invited to these studies.

The local ministry is, as usual, fighting the message, following up the visits which are made and the Bible studies; but with a large part of those interested in the Word and its study, the effort is of little avail. Many have replied to the objection to attendance at our services that they hear more Bible there than they ever heard before and cannot deny themselves the privilege of the studies.

Both Mrs. Votaw and Mrs. Wellman spend a part of their time visiting among the people. Sister Votaw has had excellent success in getting *Oriental Watchman* and *Herald of Health* into the homes, having taken more than one hundred subscriptions to the two papers to date. Elder Votaw, in connection with his readings, has disposed of a number of copies of "Daniel and the Revelation," and plans to place at least twenty-five copies in the city during the season.

We all feel that the time was ripe for the work in Simla. A continuous effort should be made in this city for the next year or two, that a permanent church may be established at the capital of India. Its influence for good would be incalculable, and it would give a standing to our work in all the field. We believe that God is going before us and that souls will be saved for the kingdom during this the beginning of the work in Simla; but a continued effort in this place during the next two years would give a permanency and strength which would be felt throughout India.

Brethren and Sisters, pray for us, for the workers and for the enquirers who are coming up to the testing points of

the message soon. We have confidence, and trust in God for a rich harvest. Let us plead together for such an outpouring of the Spirit as will bring into the fold "such as should be saved."

S. A. WELLMAN.

NOTES

MISS KURTZ spent a month in Mussoorie, returning to Najibabad on the 9th inst.

MRS. O'CONNOR had her stay in Mussoorie lengthened for a fortnight owing to not having fully recovered from the illness which made a rest necessary in June.

OWING to cholera in one of the nearby villages, a teacher and several of the boys were unable to attend the school at Chelusain, Garhwal, during much of June.

THE well at the new station at Najibabad is nearing completion. The water is sweet and of good quality. The bungalow is under roof and is a credit to the work.

BROTHER AND SISTER A. KILLOWAY, who accepted the truth at Mussoorie some years ago, are now located at Bareilly, where Brother Killoway is teaching telegraphy. They report being of good courage.

THE Sabbath-schools at Simla and Mussoorie took up a special collection on the 13th Sabbath of last quarter. Mussoorie realized Rs. 73, and Simla Rs. 15. The attendance at Simla is only eight to date.

THE second number of the Hindi quarterly, *Kalyuge ke Chinh*, is off the press. It has a very neat appearance, and the subject matter is good. The Urdu paper is expected to be ready sometime before the end of the month.

ELDER WELLMAN made visits to the stations at Najibabad and Garhwal the latter part of June. He also made brief calls at Lucknow and Mussoorie, visiting while at the latter place the school at Annfield and the Treatment Rooms at Kirkville. There are at present thirty-three children in the school at Annfield, and they all look bright and happy and the picture of health. They are doing well in their studies, and a visit to the class rooms was intensely interesting. The school accommodations will be taxed to the utmost again this month, as five additional scholars are expected. The treatment rooms at Kirkville look fine with their additional room and new equipment. The patronage is growing, too, and the workers are of good courage.

South India Mission

C. E. WEAKS,

ACTING SUPT.

SOUTH INDIA

THERE is little time for reporting at present here, as we are now in the midst of our workers' institute which opened at Nazareth, Wednesday night, July 2nd. All the workers from the southern division of our field, preachers, teachers, colporteurs, and medical workers, are in attendance. Elder and Mrs. Pettit, from Bombay; Brother Peugh, from Trichinopoly; and the writer are the European workers present. Though the meeting has been in progress but a day and a half, we have already received many rich blessings; and I believe the few days spent here in prayer and study will mark great advancement to the cause of God in the Tamil field. The disciples of our Lord spent but a few days in that upper room following the ascension of their Master; but their attitude during that time prepared the way for Pentecost. We have certainly reached the time in our experience where we need Pentecostal power for the carrying of the message in India; and I trust that the time spent here will mark a long step in that direction to us as workers in South India. Though all our workers have "Come apart, . . . awhile," these days may be among the most profitable of the year for the advancement of God's work.

The work of our colporteurs has been richly blessed of God during the last year, and many thousands of our Tamil journals, tracts, and booklets have been circulated. It has now been just one year since our first institute in this field, and it is encouraging to note that not one of those who joined the work from the Tinnevely station has dropped out by the way, though two from Trichinopoly have left the work, one of them

leaving India for Singapore. We doubt if our brethren in America can present a better report.

The TIDINGS readers may be interested in our daily programme, so I give it:—

- 6:30- 7:30 Morning Bible Study.
- 10:30-11:30 General Instruction for Workers.
- 3:00- 4:00 Round Table Discussion.
- 7:30- 8:30 Sermon on points of the Message.

You can see that our time is quite fully occupied. Thus far, we have had two testimony meetings, and I wish all our people could be present to hear the words of cheer and encouragement spoken by those who have been out in the field. One of our colporteurs who has been working in the leading town of Tinnevely District has become so well known that he goes by the name of "The Present Truth Man," which is not a bad name to bear.

Our Nazareth church is taking a live interest in all the meetings, and many of the members attend. Two of our brethren who carry on business in Ceylon have delayed returning to the island on purpose to get the benefit of the meetings. One of them has recently made a donation of Rs. 100 to the work. At the evening preaching service our attendance thus far has been good.

The institute will close Sabbath, July 12th. The school will re-open on Monday, the 14th, so we shall remain here at the station a few days to see the work swing into the regular routine once more.

C. E. WEAKS.

"THERE is nothing else which will fix a floating life and prevent it from being tossed hither and thither like forming a habit of prompt decision."

"If to do were as easy as to know what were good to do, chapels had been churches and poor men's cottages princes' palaces."

West India Mission

G. F. ENOCH, - SUPERINTENDENT

NOTES

THE Bombay Sabbath-school, with an average attendance of eight, gave Rs. 51-9 last quarter, not counting the special collection of June 28. Brother Pettit says the interest in Bombay is growing and the outlook encouraging. Brethren Enoch and Loasby are looking after the work there during his absence.

AFTER three days with Brother and Sister Loasby, Elder and Mrs. Pettit left Bombay to visit our work in Southern India and assist in an institute for the colporteurs, teachers, and evangelists that had been arranged for by Brethren Weeks and Peugh to be held at Nazareth, beginning July 2.

AFTER some time spent in "house hunting," Elder Enoch has secured a pleasant place in Bombay, about two and one-half miles from Brother Pettit's. Brother Enoch will visit Lonavla quite often, to more fully develop the interests there, also look after the needs of the work in other parts of the West India field.

ON June 23, Elder and Mrs. Wood, Miss Reid, and Miss Moss, from Kalyan, ran down to Bombay with a supply of flowers, mangoes, etc., to give Brother and Sister Loasby a material welcome to India. After some time spent on the sea, with the usual fare, these fruits and flowers looked good indeed to Brother and Sister Loasby.

BROTHER AND SISTER FRANK LOASBY arrived at Bombay June 22, after a most pleasant trip *via* the continent. They were met out in the harbour by Elder and Mrs. Pettit and Brother and Sister Rick, and given a welcome to "India's coral strands." Later, when safely through the customs, with hand luggage and trunks, they were taken to Brother Pettit's, where Elder and Mrs. Enoch were waiting to greet them. The rain poured down most all day, but Brother and Sister Loasby were happy to be in India, and after dinner were ready for a ride through the city. All are glad to welcome these new labourers and to wish them a happy future as they join the force of workers engaged in winning India's sons and daughters to the truth.

IDEAS must work through the brains and the arms of good and brave men or they are no better than dreams.—Emerson.

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—THE sickle rusts in the hand that waits for the harvest.—*Persian Proverb.*

—ELDER AND MRS. FRENCH returned home to Calcutta recently, feeling much benefitted by their stay in the hills.

—WORD from Brother Burgess informs us that Sister Burgess is better so far as the difficulty which compelled her return home is concerned, but that it now develops that she has a fibroid tumour. At the time of writing they were enjoying a visit with Elder and Mrs. Haskell, at South Lancaster, Massachusetts, but expected to soon see what could be done for Sister Burgess. All will hope that she may be restored to complete health without delay, and enabled to return to her work.

—BROTHER RAYMOND sends in a note from the Bengal coal fields. He says: 'Here is an intelligent, plain, hard-working European community of mine and railway operatives numbering a thousand. Many have purchased our choice literature from faithful canvassers of former years, and at the present time the field is a fruitful one for 'Daniel and the Revelation' and other large books. The people are pleased to meet the colporteur, and appreciate his hooks and papers far more than do those in the cities. Brother Duff is with me, and we are endeavouring to do thorough work. My own experiences the last month have been closely bound up with those of Brother Duff, whom the Lord has been blessing in spite of all Satan could do to drive him from the field. He has just completed a record week, with cash receipts of Rs. 188. In one day he took in Rs. 62-4 in cash. Prospects are good, and we are of excellent courage.'

THE "ORIENTAL WATCHMAN"

The *Oriental Watchman*, still has a mission in India; and the coming years will see many who not only have first seen the truth in its pages, but who by its articles have been convinced of the full message for these days.

Month by month, the *Watchman* goes into Christian homes with its message. Hundreds read it, have read it, and are reading it to their souls' welfare and upbuilding. Again and again, there comes to us in return some echo from the touch of truth in its pages upon the heart-strings of honest souls. One such instance has recently come. A worker writes:—

"I came across an interesting case a few days ago in Calcutta that I thought I would pass on to you. . . . Some time ago, I do not know how long, a lady took the *Watchman*. She saw the Sabbath truth and accepted it, but did not know that there were others in that city who believed as she did. She died holding on to this truth, but never came in touch with others of like faith. During the recent effort there, some of our workers came across this old lady's daughter, who told them of the experience of her mother. They began studies with the daughter, and she stepped out, and was one of the company baptized as the first fruit of the effort in Calcutta at this time." *

This is but one case of many. Our labourers are constantly coming into touch in our city work with those who have read of these truths in *O. W.* and become interested. The moment the message is brought to their city by the living preacher, they are the ones who are anxious to hear more, to have Bible studies, and to step out in the full message.

Would it not be a source of rejoicing to see the circulation of the *Watchman* doubled by next general meeting? Nor would the happiness all come to us as workers. With the grace of God given in the presentation of the message, the greatest joy would be found among those who peruse its pages. Shall we not as workers pray, and, while we pray, work, for just such results as this. We may not know now, perhaps not until the glad re-union, what has been accomplished; but these experiences which come to us from time to time are a foretaste of what God will do through our missionary paper.

Above all, remember the editors as they prepare the message, and the canvassers as they carry it to the people, that the Word of God may be blessed and multiply to the salvation of many in India before the harvest time.

S. A. WELLMAN.