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## General

### BROADENING OF THE WORK

THE recent general conference was reported to be the most spiritual meetings of the kind in the history of our work. We are nearing the end of the work, and this should be the record. Signs are developing in all the world showing us that the end is very near. While this was a spiritual meeting, there are some striking features of special interest to us out here. No conference has been held when broader plans were ever laid for the extension of the work in heathen lands, or when so many appointments were made to extend the work. This move has resulted in many changes of labourers and of calling new men to man the various fields. China, Africa, and India have new men chosen to take the oversight of the work; however, these men are not without long experience.

For many years Elder Shaw was superintendent of the work in India and Burma, and was blessed as he led out with his brethren in giving the message here. With his wife, he gave all his strength and long experience to the extension of the work, and they were loved by their co-workers and the believers in the message in India. We regret to see them go, and shall miss them; but we shall never forget them. While they take up work in America, we know their interests will still be ours and ours theirs. A tie has been formed that will not only bind them, but also the great army of stalwart American youth, to India. For this class, Brother Shaw's new duties call

him. We shall pray for them, and we feel certain these dear people will never forget the workers of the land where he so long and faithfully laboured.

Professor Salisbury has been chosen to take up the heavy work laid down by Elder Shaw. The workers of our union had the privilege of meeting him at our last conference. Professor Salisbury is a strong man, a man of large experience in mission fields. We as workers tried to co-operate with Elder Shaw, and to make his work as light as we could. We pledge this same support to Professor Salisbury as he comes among us. Professor and Mrs. Salisbury are giving up a most pleasant line of work to join us. We appreciate in part the cross. But they come to connect with a loyal company of labourers, and in behalf of all the workers and the members of the Advisory Board, I extend a most hearty welcome. We believe with the co-operation of the workers, this field will have many blessings for them.

We again pledge our support, and hope soon to greet them on the shores of India; and, a little way on, and with many of India's sons and daughters, to meet all the loved ones from the home land on the eternal shores of the heavenly Canaan.

G. W. PETTIT.

### FROM THE HOME LAND

*Dear Fellow-Workers in India:—*

THE conference is over, having closed several days ago. After the meeting, one week was spent in committee work. The conference, as a whole, was one of the best general meetings which I have ever attended.

There was a very large delegation from all parts of the world. I think the attendance must have been about three thousand. It was a great gathering, and I believe will mean much for the future progress of the message in all parts of the world. The spiritual interests were well looked after, and many who came discouraged went away with trust and confidence renewed in God and his message for to-day.

Each morning at six o'clock there were division meetings in several places. These were provided with competent leaders, and opportunity was given for a large amount of personal work. At the same hour a meeting was conducted for the benefit of the missionaries and the general conference committee and other leading workers. The object was to study mission problems. To me, it was one of the most interesting and helpful meetings of the conference, as it gave opportunity for exchange of ideas among mission workers from various parts of the world. And I think the result of our table talks will be shown in the efforts of our workers in the years to come.

I should have written to you several days ago concerning my plans while in this country, but have been wholly unsettled. In studying the needs of India, our brethren have been led to question the advisability of my returning, and have been in search of some one to take the work. This, of course, has been a trying experience to me. My feelings are in India. It seems like taking my right arm away, to be held from going back; yet I am forced to admit that, although I am keeping remarkably well, the growing work in the field, and the large amount of travelling, some of which would require me to be on the plains in the hot season, make it advisable for me to suggest to my brethren that some one else be found; and I am glad to say that

the board has requested Professor Salisbury to take the superintendency of the India Union Mission. He has had the matter under consideration for several days, and he and his wife have now decided to accept the call. I know you will all be rejoiced by this good news. They say that no man succeeds until he has found his successor. I told the brethren that I believed that Professor Salisbury, with his experience abroad, his knowledge of the field, his intimate association with our work in general, would fit in as no other man, for that important trust.

Yesterday I sent the cable to Mrs. Shaw asking her to sail for America. It was one of the hardest things I ever did. But we must be brave, and for the sake of India, and for the sake of the work, accept the counsel of our brethren, and do what seems to be wise. We shall locate at Washington. I am connecting with the Educational Department, and will do what little I can in this country in trying to fill Brother Salisbury's place and at the same time keeping before our people the needs of India and the mission fields of the Orient. I hope to visit all our leading schools the coming year, and while studying their educational problems with them, endeavour to encourage teachers and students to prepare themselves for the Master's work in the regions beyond.

I am sure that I shall have your prayers and assistance. Nothing in this world can ever take from Mrs. Shaw and myself our interests in India and its great needs. We shall carry it upon our hearts. It is said that Livingstone buried his heart in Africa, although his body was taken to England. That is about the experience which we are called to pass through. But let me assure you that we shall do what we can to get help for the field.

I am pleased to say there is a fine company planning to go out to the field this fall. You probably have seen the names of some of them in the conference *Bulletin*. Several other couples will also be sent out this autumn. There was one note sounded at the conference perhaps more loudly than any other, and that was the need of a larger measure of the spirit of soul-winning, for those at home and those in the mission field. While India is the Gibraltar of heathenism, yet there are many souls seeking after the truth, and in all our efforts in that country, whether in the medical, school, or any other line, we shall succeed in proportion as we make soul-winning the predominating object of it all. In my search for workers for India, I have again and again laid before the brethren the importance of sending men who would develop into evangelists and win souls to the truth; and I think some excellent help will accompany Professor Salisbury.

For many reasons, I believe that the work in India has received a new impetus, and I look to see it go forward much stronger in the future than ever before. The many open doors, the great need, the willingness of our people to give of their means and their sons and daughters for advancing the Lord's work in India, are surely omens to us that now is the time of times—which is surely God's time—for the finishing of his work in that great empire.

Now, I want to keep in touch with the different workers. I shall be interested in hearing of your experiences. It will help me in my work, and you in yours. Missionary experiences are the ammunition on this side, and the growing interest of our people in foreign missions is remarkable. They seem to have a new interest.

Brother James has gone west to attend

camp-meetings in the Central Union. Afterward, he and Sister James will go out to California, where they will put the boys in school. Brother and Sister Burgess have gone to stop a few days with Brother Haskell's people, and they expect also to go to California, and remain for some time with Brother White. Sister Burroway has gone to Ontario, and Brother and Sister Beckner are stopping with his relatives, in South Lancaster, I think, and will go across the continent and find their way back to India around the world.

I met many people who inquired about the labourers in different parts of India. It is a great source of pleasure to me to have the opportunity to tell the friends of our missionaries in India of the work in that country, and of what each one is doing.

I will not write more to-day. May God abundantly bless you all, and give you new courage and faith for larger service in India than ever before.

J. L. SHAW.

*Dear Brethren and Sisters in India:—*

IT seems hardly possible that nearly three months have passed since we left India. We have been glad to hear from you through EASTERN TIDINGS, which is the only means we have now of keeping in touch with the work there.

The general conference is now in the past, and I can assure you that it was a great privilege to be there. One of the most interesting meetings each day was the round-table discussion by the foreign representatives who gathered in the morning to exchange ideas and views regarding many problems of missionary work. Many helpful and encouraging thoughts were developed from the experiences of various workers in heathen lands. A number of the sisters also took part in the meetings, and we were impressed

with the fact that the wives of missionaries in the foreign fields have a work to do of no less importance than that of their husbands. It was the unanimous opinion that the wives should in all cases learn the language, in order to be a help to the native women in their homes, who could not be reached by the gentleman worker. The sisters seemed to think that even in case they were not able to work in a public way or to go out on itinerating tours, they could find many opportunities to in a quiet way bring the light of truth to the women.

At the close of the conference we came to South Lancaster, where we are spending a few weeks with Brother and Sister Haskell. We are having our courage and zeal renewed by association with these pioneers in the cause. Although Elder Haskell has passed his eightieth birthday, yet the Lord is blessing him with strength and vigour; and his zeal for the spread of the message is as great as ever.

I am glad to tell you that my wife's health has improved since we left India, and we hope that by the time our year expires we may be ready to start back to India. We do not feel at home here, and shall be glad when the day comes to turn our faces again toward India to have a part in finishing the work there.

L. J. BURGESS.

NEVER mind where your work is. Never mind whether it is visible or not. Never mind whether your name is associated with it or not. You may never see the issue of your toils. You are working for eternity. If you can not see results here in the hot working days, the cool evening hours are drawing near when you may rest from your labours, and then they may follow you. So, do your duty, and trust God to give the seed you sow a body as it hath pleased him.—*Ian Maclaren.*

## South India Mission

C. E. WEAKS,

ACTING SUPT.

### THE INSTITUTE

DAILY instruction was given in Bible Doctrines, Rise and Progress of the Message, Salesmanship, and the art of answering questions. Several of the native brethren also gave studies on various topics and bore responsibility in the preaching of the Word. The meeting was a spiritual feast. The Lord came very near, and a good work was accomplished. It did our hearts good to see the real hungering after the things of God on the part of the workers and the large church at this place. A good foundation has been laid, and now results are being seen in new workers coming to the place where they may become a mighty factor in the spreading of the message for to-day. Three precious souls were baptised at the close of the institute, one of whom was a brother who only a few months ago was taken from the dark pit of Hinduism. Several of his Hindu friends stood on the shore of the lake and saw the writer lead their former brother out into the watery grave to take this final step as a doorway out of darkness into the glorious light and privileges of the remnant church of God. The quarterly meeting held the same day will long be remembered, on account of the sweet presence of the One who gave us this memorial. We felt it a great privilege to unite with our dear native brethren in this occasion, which gives such joy to those whose hearts are open to the blessings of God. By the eye of faith we could see the day soon, when all over the great India Union large churches would also understand the joys this ordinance brings. May we all labour faithfully, that this may be our joy and reward.

New plans were laid by those who are leading out in the work of our literature, which we believe will make for the best interests of not only South India, but the whole field.

It was to all of us an occasion we shall long remember and look upon as a bright spot in our ministry. Let us pray that God may greatly bless our native colporteurs, teachers, medical workers, and ministers. They desired to reach across the sea to Ceylon to carry the message to the Tamil-speaking souls in that beautiful island, so two were chosen to make a start in this place where we have already some influential men who are trying to uphold the light of the message. May the Lord greatly bless our Tamil work.

G. W. PETTIT.

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## West India Mission

G. F. ENOCH, - SUPERINTENDENT

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### WEST INDIA

JUNE saw matters shaping up for the Bombay effort. The writer found a good house well situated in Bombay, which will accommodate comfortably three families and also give a nice room for conference office and vernacular depository, at what seems a very reasonable rental to those acquainted with Bombay prices. At the same time, the matter of a meeting hall in Lonavla very providentially solved itself. Mr. R. L. Ballard, whose wife is our Sabbath-school superintendent and the first S. D. Adventist in Lonavla, at some sacrifice has taken a nice bungalow, so that a good meeting room could be provided, also a spare room for the use of our labourers as they go to Lonavla to foster the work. Thus, the Lord has easily solved some questions that have been a source of much anxiety for many months. Truly, it pays to cast all our care on him, for he

careth for us. We feel very grateful to God for his blessing in these matters.

While it would, of course, be pleasant for the Lonavla company to have us with them, still the heart of each one is in the work; and we all carry such a burden of prayer for the coming Bombay effort that each one is willing for the sake of the cause to forbear in the absence of a worker. Our leaving has also been marked by one more family taking a renewed interest in the work. We hope to see some of the members of this family soon take their stand with us. Others, too, are deeply interested. The little company is standing nobly by the cause financially. Great interest was manifested in the 13th Sabbath offering. It is not all in yet, but we believe it will amount to more than Rs. 100.

The Bombay Sabbath-school is giving evidence that it will soon increase materially in numbers. We were glad to welcome Brother and Sister Loasby in June, and we believe they will prove a valuable addition to our force of workers. Until our fall council, they will labour in Bombay.

The Kalyan dispensary during June took in Rs. 210, which is the best month yet. The heavy rains will, however, cause a falling off, as people do not get out so well, and the good washing out the town gets is quite a factor in sanitation.

The believers on this side were all subscribers to the *General Conference Bulletin*, and have very much enjoyed reading the record of this splendid conference. The *Bulletin* has been a source of strength to all. May the blessings of the conference reach us in India, and result in an abundant harvest of souls.

G. F. ENOCH.

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MAN'S life is a progress, not a station.  
—Emerson.

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### A WORD FROM OUR NEW WORKERS

WE are glad to send a few words of greeting to our fellow-workers in India. Our impressions of this great field, of course, are immature; but we wish to say that we are struck by the tremendous problems which confront the missionary, both by reason of the enormous population of the country, and its diverse and deep-seated religions, each with its attendant difficulties; to say nothing of the many languages and tongues. Any discouragement, however, which might come to the heart of the worker, is banished by the assurance that "He will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness."

Soon after our arrival in Bombay, we had the pleasure of meeting with our brethren and sisters at Lonavla and of taking part in the quarterly meeting. It was a source of encouragement to receive a very hearty welcome from both our fellow-workers and the brethren and sisters. We are becoming accustomed to the conditions here, which we find quite different from those obtaining in England or America. We hope to be blessed with health and strength, and be able to render faithful and efficient help to the corps of workers in India.

MR. AND MRS. F. H. LOASBY.

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## North India Mission

S. A. WELLMAN, - ACTING SUPT.

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### SIMLA

THERE has been reason for thankfulness to God in the favourable weather which we have enjoyed throughout the season in the Simla effort. Up to the present, only once or twice have the rains interfered with the attendance at the services. Each Sabbath and Sunday evening there have been good audiences, and, best of all, regular attendants.

However, this is but one reason for praise; for God has sent the message home to hearts, and light is breaking in, drawing men and women to the Saviour and helping them to realize the necessity for entire surrender to him.

Besides the subscriptions for our magazines and the sales of "Daniel and the Revelation" mentioned last month, a number of small books have been sold, while the "Family Bible Teacher" and many of our tracts have been circulated. That the seed-sowing has not been in vain is manifest; for, although the Sabbath and other testing points have not been presented, a number, through reading, have found the truth concerning these things, and have signified their intention to follow the Master in this, as in other of his commands.

Sabbath and Sunday, the 2nd and 3rd inst., "The Two Laws" was presented, and this week, August 9, 10, "The New Testament Sabbath" and "The Change of the Sabbath" will be the themes. These subjects, carefully, yet strongly, advertised, are bringing out large numbers of interested people; and many who have not already read themselves into a knowledge of the subject are being brought face to face with their duty to God in the keeping of the fourth commandment.

God's promise that his Word shall not return to him void is certainly being fulfilled here; and we can not but rejoice as day by day we see the evidence of his leading. These are the days of decision, days in which the convictions of a life time must give place to the commandments of God. The prayers of God's children can be a mighty factor in the final results. Shall we not have them in behalf of those now in the valley of decision.

S. A. WELLMAN.

## NOTES

MISS CHILTON resumed her zenana work in Lucknow the middle of July, after a two months' change in Garhwal.

THE training class for dispensary workers at Najibabad is making good progress under the supervision of Dr. Mann. The local workers are assisting in the class work.

MRS. BELGRAVE is spending a couple of months in Najibabad for a change. Brother Belgrave accompanied her down from Garhwal, returning July 30 to carry forward the work of the school.

THE attendance at Annfield now numbers forty-two, and a happier lot of boys and girls it would be hard to find. The work of the school is also excellent, all seemingly making good progress.

MISS RACHEL KINZER, adopted daughter of Brother and Sister Mattison, who came from America with Brother and Sister Nelson, accompanied Elders Pettit and Wellman to Mussoorie. It is needless to say that there was a happy home-coming, after more than a year of separation and three months of travel.

ELDERS PETTIT AND WELLMAN were at Mussoorie, August 1-3, on business, and were privileged to attend the young people's meeting at Annfield on Friday and Sabbath-school and the regular service at the church Sabbath evening. The young people's meeting was a very enjoyable occasion. Elder Pettit talked for a few minutes after the usual Bible study, and a social meeting followed, in which both teachers and pupil took part. He also spoke at the Sabbath service, with nearly all the church present. The subject of the discourse was "Peace," emphasis being laid on that peace of soul which God will freely bestow on those who surrender to him. The talk was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

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## The Canvassing Work

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### QUETTA AND BOMBAY

It is with much pleasure that we read the reports in the TIDINGS each month, and we feel that we should let others hear concerning our work. One point which we omitted from our last report is that we had the privilege of meeting the American consul at Karachi,

who very kindly ordered the *Watchman*.

On the way from Karachi to Quetta, we stopped to work at two places on the Sind desert. The heat there was intense, the highest in India. But God has promised, "The sun shall not smite thee" (Ps. 121:5), and we were protected. Upon reaching Quetta, we found the climate very pleasant. The city is five hundred miles north of Karachi, at an elevation of five thousand feet. It is only a few miles from the border of Afghanistan, where the gospel is very much opposed. The people there received us very kindly, and many subscribed to the *Watchman*. Even the ministers were friendly, one pastor extending an invitation to speak in his church. The Lord helped in presenting the message of our Saviour's soon coming. Later, we were invited to his home. Another minister is faithfully telling his people of the literal, soon coming of Christ.

We finished our work there in one month, after which we started for Bombay. Knowing that we were to pass through Karachi on our way, some interested ones requested a study on "Turkey in Prophecy," which we held the evening of our arrival. The next morning we took steamer for Bombay. The voyage was rough; but again we experienced the watchcare of the Almighty. The chief engineer, who had met some of our people in Burma, was very friendly, and before we left the boat, we sold him a copy of "Daniel and the Revelation."

We were glad to meet the workers at Bombay. Elder Enoch helped us get located, and the good Lord led us to a very satisfactory place to stay. We are getting well along with our work here, and trust the results will be souls saved. God has wonderfully kept us. Our courage is good, and we love the work.

PETER A. RICK,  
RUTH W. RICK.

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—MISS GIBBS is spending a vacation with Elder and Mrs. Votaw at Simla.

—MISS BELCHAMBERS returned to her work at the office on the 1st inst., after a month's visit at Calcutta.

—FINDING it necessary to see personally to business matters at home, Mrs. Rouff sailed from Rangoon, July 25, for America.

—MRS. QUANTOCK went to Mussoorie last week. All mail should be addressed her there, at Regent House, until further notice.

—ON July 6, four candidates were baptised in the Royal Lakes, and on the following Sabbath united with the Rangoon church. It is expected that several more will soon be ready for baptism.

—ELDER FRENCH came up from Calcutta to attend the board meeting held the latter part of July. He seems to be feeling quite strong again, and reports the work in Bengal as very encouraging, especially the English work in Calcutta.

—WE learn indirectly that Elder and Mrs. Enoch are rejoicing over the arrival of a new missionary on the West Side, on the 5th inst., one who, if he follows in the wake of his illustrious father, will become a preacher as well as missionary.

—ELDER WELLMAN came down to Lucknow July 25, to see to matters pertaining to the Urdu quarterly, and while here remained for the council. He reports a good outlook at Simla. The work there should be remembered in prayer; the testing truths are now being presented.

—BRO. W. R. NELSON and wife, from Southern California, arrived in Bombay, July 25, after a very pleasant voyage, which is rather unusual during the monsoons. They were met by Elders Enoch and Pettit, and Brethren Weaks, Loasby, and Scanlon, and taken to Brother Pettit's, where Sister Pettit had dinner in readiness, which they seemed to enjoy after their long sea voyage. The TIDINGS family joins in wishing these young people a full measure of the joy to be found in working for the unwarned millions of India. They are taking up the literature work, and accompanied Brother Weaks on his return to South India where they expect to spend several months. Let us remember them in prayer, that God may water the seed sown.

—ELDER AND MRS. PETTIT, after a month's stay in South India and Ceylon, arrived in Bombay, July 23. They report having enjoyed the work, even though it was much warmer there than in Bombay. Although four Americans were together on July 4th, they almost forgot the day, in view of the work at the station which afforded much pleasure. Brother Weaks came with them from South India, and evening after the Sabbath, July 26, he and Brother Pettit left Bombay for Lucknow, to attend a minority board meeting which was held to consider general interests of the work and to pass on the budget for 1914.

## FIRESIDE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

TWENTY-FOUR courses are prepared, in which three hundred and ten pupils took part last year. Courses in Public Speaking, Latin, and Hebrew will be added in September. The "Mothers' Normal Department," long contemplated, will then begin its work under the direction of Mrs. C. C. Lewis. Two courses will be offered at first, —one for young mothers, covering the care and training of the child until five years of age; the other giving specific directions to mothers for conducting kindergarten and first grade work during the fifth, sixth, and seventh years. If other grades are now needed, write us about it. The new descriptive catalogue giving full information about courses, method, terms, etc., will be ready in July. All who are interested should write for a copy at once, addressing, *The Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.*

C. C. LEWIS, *Principal.*

"It is better to begin a good work in the evening than not at all."