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IF HE HAD FAILED

HAD Moses failed to go, and God
Granted his prayer, there would have been
For him no leadership to win ;
No pillared fire ; no magic rod ;
No wonders in the land of Zin ;
No smiting of the sea ; no tears
Ecstatic shed on Sinai's steep ;
No Nebo, with a God to keep
His burial ; only forty years
Of desert watching with his sheep.

—Selected.

ON VACATION IN MUSSOORIE

THE people of India are coming more and more to realize the value of these great Himalayan mountains, which throw themselves athwart the north end of the peninsula. Here the highest mountains in the world lift their proud heads covered with perpetual snow in ranges a thousand miles long. Along the first ridge of these mountains, at an elevation of between six and seven thousand feet, have sprung up the so-called Hill Stations of India, with their minimum of retired Europeans and Anglo-Indians, who reside here the year round, and their maximum of visitors who flee from the grilling plains from April to November.

We found a number of our own workers in this lovely station seeking rest and recuperation. Others have come up since our arrival, and the accommodations are crowded to the limit. We are sorry to report that Miss Shryock was taken seriously ill, and we almost despaired of her life. A prolapsed kidney so filled her system with poison that it seemed almost impossible to throw it off. It seemed too bad to be compelled to put her under the care of an outside physician and send her out to a nursing home.

But, with no physician of our own here, Kirkeville so crowded that one could not find a quiet place, and no nurse available, there was no alternative. At this writing, she is a little improved, but still not out of danger. Miss Shryock has proved to be a useful and capable worker, and has herself been untiring in caring for others in their hours of sickness ; so we know all will unite in prayer for her speedy recovery.

September 25 we had a very enjoyable function, when a houseful of the friends of Miss Wagner met at Kirkeville to give her a farewell and wish her "bon voyage," both on her journey across the seas to the homeland and on the other journey, across the longer sea of life, upon which she will embark, but not alone, immediately upon disembarking at San Francisco. Miss Wagner has done good and faithful work in India ; we are sorry to see her go and shall miss her. The ladies' side of the treatment rooms has prospered very well under her care.

We find the Treatment Rooms enjoying a most excellent patronage. Both sides have been full from morning till night. Under Brother Lake's excellent management, they have reached a high state of efficiency ; and we have been pleased beyond measure to see how they command the respect and patronage of both the physicians and laity of the station. A number of distinguished patrons have been drawn from other hill stations solely by our well-equipped Treatment Rooms, among whom are men high in the military service and the metropolitan of India. The Rooms have now become a

permanent fixture in Mussorie, and there is no doubt of their future success. Brother Lake's labours of love and sacrifice for the truth have been crowned with a measure of success that should give us courage as our work begins to grow among the English people of India. Brother Poley has very ably assisted Brother Lake in his work, and we were very much gratified to know that after so short a period of training he was able to carry patients through all the treatments to their satisfaction.

Annfield School is full to overflowing. The children are extremely hearty and well, and teachers and children are very busy in their work. Annfield School also has outlived its period of uncertainty and taken on permanent aspect. Nearly fifty bright-eyed boys and girls are in the school this year, and this number will soon be doubled. As we have moved among the residents of Mussoorie, it has been encouraging to see that both our Treatment Rooms and School have given us a better standing in the station, and are removing a lot of prejudice. The people are now accepting us as fixtures, and the splendid influence of these two institutions is giving quite a different idea of our work. On September 23, the children gave an excellent programme, many of the numbers of which were musical and well rendered. A goodly number of friends and patrons of the school formed a most appreciative audience. It is very evident that new buildings must be added to provide more room before another year.

The writer is reminded of the truth of the statement that a missionary has a vocation, but, as long as the world is full of perishing souls, no vacation. There were a number of duties that seemed necessary to be done by some one, and it has been a pleasure to do a little. The

Friday night talks at Annfield, the Sabbath sermons at the crowded hall, and the pastoral work, together with Bible readings among hungry souls, four of whom are being prepared for baptism, have kept us from rusting out. But the work has been a pleasure, and we are gratified to see the progress the cause is making in Mussoorie. Last Sabbath a tract and missionary society was organized, and we look for much good work from it in the future.

GEO. F. ENOCH.

VARIED EXPERIENCES

THE colporteur is continually reminded that he must ever be prepared to meet all manner of people, circumstances, and conditions. Often there are disappointments, but frequently pleasant surprises are met. I have found this true of the month just past.

The first week of September brought me near Calcutta, with its great bookshops and libraries so accessible. People had no use for the travelling agent, and sales were light. The second week I was to visit a fine community of Europeans and educated Indians, forty miles from the railway. Here, surely, a friendly reception must await me and a goodly number be found ready for the silent messengers of truth.

A night railway journey brought me to Hazaribagh, and the early morning was spent making arrangements for the forty-mile trip. I found that European officials go up by motor cycle or car, while others are transported by push push—a two-wheeled coach drawn by men—or camel cart, either of which was beyond my resources or else too slow. I therefore made friends with the station master, left a part of my luggage with him, and was fortunately able to arrange with a native agency to carry the remainder for a small sum. Then, securing to my

bicycle sufficient to meet the requirements of a day or two, I was off on a good road, and reached my destination, the altitude of which was nearly 1,500 feet higher than Hazaribagh, in the afternoon.

Next morning I was out with my books and papers, but found the people exceedingly cautious and without the least inclination to purchase from a stranger. There was no lack of politeness; nearly all were eager to save my time as much as possible, some even insisting that I not trouble to open my bag. In numerous instances when it was opened in the presence of club men and found to contain religious matter, they drew back as from a poison case. Nevertheless, I kept cheery, made everyone a friendly call and was rewarded by finding perhaps half a dozen good souls out of sixty or more Europeans ready for *Oriental Watchman* or one of our good books. I also found a noble Indian Christian who purchased "Object Lessons."

After five days I had to face the problem of securing return passage for my luggage, but received the reply of "No certainty," at first. At last, however, agreement was obtained for its delivery at the railway station early next morning by camel cart. I was to go by cycle and stop over night at a dak bungalow on the way. All went well until next morning, when to my surprise and dismay I overtook the "camel cart" drawn by big white oxen and proceeding at a leisurely pace. But such is India. Time is no consideration. I must now either wait all day at the station or go on, do some work, and come back by night for the luggage. I chose the latter, and was well repaid.

The third week found me in a railway town, Gaya, where early in the year Brother Rick had been successful with *Oriental Watchman* and *Herald of*

Health. I found one fine Roman Catholic family much pleased with the *Watchman*, but nearly all had turned against it and banished it from the Institute table. I could do but little there.

Thence I came on to Bankipore, the capital-to-be of the new province of Bihar and Orissa. Here, despite counter attractions, the Poojah holidays, and two nights on the dak bungalow veranda, unable to obtain a room,—in spite of all, the Lord has been far better to me than all my fears, giving a successful week with our best literature, "Daniel and the Revelation," *Oriental Watchman*, etc.

Thus, far and near, the message is seeking out those who will respond to it, and indications increase that it will soon have finished its work in the earth. I am grateful for God's keeping power and the privilege of being, in a humble way, a co-worker with him. Cash sales for September amounted to Rs. 420/12, of which 42 per cent was for religious books and papers. I trust that October may be a much better month.

F. O. RAYMOND.

IN THE NIZAM'S TERRITORY

THE first thing we had to meet on entering the Nizam's possessions was the lack of third or intermediate compartments on the trains for Europeans. The ladies and gentlemen must travel in separate compartments. Upon entering Secunderabad City, we were not allowed to take our things from the station until we had passed the customs. The money here, which is quite different from British India coinage, is very perplexing. Hyderabad, the chief city, has a population of 297,800.

We are enjoying the work, and the Lord is blessing and giving success. Our prayer is that the honest-hearted may be gathered from this part of the earth, also.

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—We were glad to meet Bro. J. Janes, of Agra, while he was in Lucknow on business the last of September.

—IN some unaccountable way, Brother Rick's report last month was made to say that there were twenty-five colleges located at Poona. Instead, there are five. Brother Rick is at least one person who can not accuse us of cutting his reports down.

—BROTHER AND SISTER WEAKS arrived in Lucknow from South India Monday evening. Brother Weaks will assist in arranging for the entertainment of those attending the board meeting. With the new workers from home, quite a little company will be gathered here.

—IF any of the readers of EASTERN TIDINGS here in India are interested in the work of the Fireside Correspondence School and would like a copy of the current prospectus, we can supply a few from this office. This school seems to be meeting a real need, and is enjoying success.

—ELDER AND MRS. WELLMAN returned home to Lucknow the 8th instant from their season's work in connection with the effort at Simla. Elder and Mrs. Votaw are continuing the work until the time of the board meeting, which is to be held in Lucknow beginning October 24.

—A TELEGRAM received October 4 announced the arrival on September 27th, of a baby girl at the home of Brother and Sister Peugh, of South India. Later word from Brother Weaks was to the effect that both mother and child were doing well, and happier parents were never seen.

—MISS WAGNER stopped off a day in Lucknow last week on her way from Mussoorie to Calcutta, whence she sailed on Sunday for San Francisco. Her friends in Lucknow, as elsewhere, trust she will have a pleasant voyage home, and extend best wishes as she there unites with the one of her choice.

—At the Band of Hope Musical and Oratorical Contest in Mussoorie, October 13th, Anfield School carried off a number of prizes, including a medal and first prize in music and two first medals and a first and third prize in oratory.

—BRO. AND SISTER A. KILLOWAY, of Bareilly, met with us in Sabbath-school, September 27, being here for a few days in the interests of Brother Killoway's telegraph school.

NONE TOO EARLY TO BEGIN

AN article which appeared recently in the *Omaha World Herald* suggests to our minds again the importance of our brethren and sisters taking hold of the sale of our home workers' books at as early a date as possible. The article in question was headed, "Christmas is Coming, Dealers Buying Toys." "Sweltering with heat, they buy for the season of deep snow." Then follows the enumeration of the different kinds of new toys which will be on sale for the Christmas Holidays. One paragraph of the article says:—

"It is only sixteen weeks until Christmas, and merchants from towns out in the territory about Omaha are coming to the city to buy holiday toys. The sight of the sweltering dealer tediously choosing Christmas dolls and toys that will be popular when the snow is deep and the winds are cold, is a common sight about the wholesale toy houses."

When business men of the world are so forehanded and active in getting ready for their Christmas trade, should not Seventh-day Adventists be still more active in securing orders for the splendid books which we have, and which will be far better for the children than the "thousands upon thousands of toys" which this writer says will be on display for the "thousands and thousands of children."

So we earnestly invite you to take hold with us in a larger circulation of these small books. Your opportunities may be limited, your field may be small; but with God's help, by making the most of the opportunities that are within your reach, you can have some part in this work. Order your outfit from your Tract Society secretary.

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