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WHOLLY DEPENDENT

Wholly dependent, O Lord, upon thee,
Drifting each moment on time's fleeting tide!
Earth is a restless, tempestuous sea,
Safety I find only close by thy side.
Hold me, O Lord—hold me fast, lest I fall,
Thou art so great, Lord, and I am so small.

Wholly dependent, O Lord, upon thee!
Life is a battle, the enemy strong.
Fettered by sin inherent in me,

Wandering often, and prone to go wrong,
Shelter from danger 'neath thy wing I seek,
Thou art so strong, Lord, and I am so weak.

Wholly dependent, O Lord, upon thee,
Born into bondage, a captive by birth.
Now by the blood of my Saviour made free,
Heir of bright mansions not builded of earth!
Love, O, how fathomless! How could it be
That thou wouldst die for a sinner like me!

Wholly dependent, where else could I go
But unto thee, with my burden of grief?
Who would lend ear to my sad tale of woe?
Who from my sorrow would give me relief?
Only thee, Saviour, so good and so wise!
My contrite heart, Lord, thou wilt not despise.

Wholly dependent Lord! Thou wilt not fail!
Thou wilt go with me, and hold my cold hand,
When in the shadow I reach the dark vale;
Mark my last resting-place in this dark land.
In life or death, Lord, I ever shall be
Wholly dependent, dear Lord, upon thee.

Mrs. Maggie A. Pulver.

HAVE LIGHT IN YOURSELVES

WE have most precious promises in the Word of God, which ought to give us courage and confidence. They should enable us to come out of uncertainty and darkness, to come where we may know that the Spirit beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. There is nothing wanting in the storehouse of our God.

Jesus has said: "Believe me that I am in the father, and the Father in me:

or else believe me for the very works' sake. Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." The disciples of Christ are to do greater works than Jesus himself has done. He says further: "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." Christ spoke these words for the comfort of all who should have faith in him, and it is our privilege to believe that God will do just as he has said he would. Mrs. E. G. WHITE.

THE AUTUMN COUNCIL

THE annual session of the Advisory Board closed November 3, after a meeting of ten days, three at Simla and seven at Lucknow.

Mrs. Salisbury and I reached Bombay by the mail boat, Friday, October 17, and were given a most hearty welcome at the dock by the workers there, Brother and Sister Pettit; Brother and Sister Wood, who came down from Kalyan; and Brother and Sister Loasby.

On Sabbath I had the privilege of holding the first service in the new hall which has been rented for the English effort. Our brethren and sisters from Lonavla, Kalyan, and Bombay were present. The hall has an excellent location, and has been very well furnished. When this report reaches our readers, the series of meetings will have begun. Let us all pray earnestly that the blessing of God may rest upon those who are conducting these important meetings.

Sunday we came to Kalyan. The dispensary work which is being carried on by Sister Wood and her helpers has created a most favourable impression on both Europeans and natives. The dispensary is self supporting, in spite of the fact that a large number of the inhabitants fled from Kalyan this summer because of the severity of the plague. We shall never do justice to our work and workers there until we have our own buildings for the dispensary and training school.

Another hearty welcome awaited us when we reached Lucknow, all the workers at head-quarters being at the station to meet us. After two busy days in council I left to meet the members of the Executive Board at Simla. Brother and Sister Votaw and Brother and Sister Wellman were there during the summer, and God greatly blessed their efforts. On Sabbath it was my privilege to organize a church. Two weeks before, Brother Votaw had baptized six. Others have taken their stand with us, and will join later. Because of the importance of Simla, the head-quarters of the government the greater part of the year, the committee felt that we should plan to continue the work this winter, and if possible arrange for Brother and Sister Votaw to return in March, to go on with the work so well begun. We also spent time in considering the advisability of making Simla the head-quarters of our medical missionary work, and Dr. Mann is there at the present looking for a suitable location.

The members of the Advisory Board reached Lucknow in time to welcome the new missionaries who landed in Bombay, October 28. With them, returned Dr. and Mrs. Menkel and their son Carl. We are all thankful they are with us again, and feel assured that their return will be

a blessing to the field. Both South and West India are calling for Dr. Menkel to locate in their divisions, where a missionary doctor is so much needed. The doctor is taking time to find the most favourable location.

The Board, in taking up the work of the missionaries, located them as follows: Brother and Sister Morris, to work in North India, going to Najibabad; Brother and Sister Kellar, to East Bengal, and take up work in Gopalgunge; Brother and Sister Wyman, to Rangoon, to open treatment rooms; Miss Boose, to Bombay, as Bible worker, assisting in the meetings just opening there; Brother and Sister Brisbin, in Lucknow, Brother Brisbin to take up office work.

We thank the home board for sending us these new recruits, and their help comes at a needy time. May God greatly bless them in their new work.

We are glad to report plans for a new station. Brother and Sister Loasby, who came out from England, in July, are to go to the Punjab field, which we have not entered. We are also asking the Mission Board to send us a man and wife to go with them.

In the next number of the EASTERN TIDINGS will be given the other actions of the Advisory Board, which we are sure will be of great interest to our brethren and sisters.

The members of the Board are leaving for their fields. I have greatly enjoyed the meetings, which were marked from beginning to end by harmony and brotherly love. Many difficult questions had to be settled, but they were met with a spirit of confidence, and the Lord helped us in all our work. Let us keep India's needs before God; and may his divine wisdom be seen in every plan which we make to advance his cause.

H. B. SALISBURY.

THE DAY'S WORK

IF in America "The early bird catches the worm," just as surely in this country the early caller is most successful with the educated Indian, who after 11:00 A. M. is bathing, eating, praying, or sleeping, until 4:00 P. M.

The canvasser must therefore get to his work by eight o'clock, or even earlier, to accomplish anything with the Indian gentleman at his residence. He should call upon sub-judges, deputy magistrates, barristers, government pleaders, and other leading members of the bar. Such have been the best purchasers of our health literature, and are frequently glad to secure "Christ's Object Lessons," "Best Stories," "God's Two Books," or *Oriental Watchman*.

As these men go to their offices, I turn to the Europeans at their bungalows, where they may be found at breakfast until 1:30 P. M., when they retire until 4:00. I usually reserve the middle afternoon period for head clerks and other educated Indians at their offices, principals and head masters of schools, and some few Europeans who cannot be seen at their homes. After four o'clock nearly everyone is thinking of the club or sports, and little can be done except among those in subordinate positions.

This programme applies especially to the average district town (corresponding to the country seat) where the canvasser stops for one, two, or three days. On entering such a town, I enquire at once for the collector and his deputy magistrates, the district judge and his additional and sub-judges, the civil surgeon and the lady doctor, the superintendent of police and his deputy and reserve inspector. These, with the district engineer, and sometimes the settlement officer and the opium agent, include practically all the district officials of any importance.

I make it a point to call upon mission-

aries of other societies, and carefully enquire for any educated Indian Christians, many of whom subscribe for *Oriental Watchman*. European missionaries are pleased with "Object Lessons," our juvenile books and health literature.

In military cantonments I enquire at once for the regimental prayer room, and call upon the one in charge, and then upon any others he may suggest as likely to be interested in religious matters. On Sundays I confine my work as far as possible to non-Christians, railway and telegraph people, and others not likely to take offence, keeping ever in mind the golden rule.

My October tour of the southern districts, United Provinces, witnessed many tokens of God's care and blessing and revealed numerous foot-prints of former faithful workers with our message filled books and papers. Truly, it is a blessed privilege to search out and minister to those whose hearts have been prepared for advanced light and truth. My cash receipts were nearly Rs. 500.

Now, after a most pleasant and profitable interview with the brethren and sisters, and new workers gathered at the Lucknow autumn council, I turn with good courage in the Lord to the drought-stricken Central Provinces, hoping to bring the pure water of life to not a few thirsty souls. I feel that the present cool season means much to all departments of our work. May we all be faithful in our lot and place, humble though it be, that God may use each one to the fullest extent. F. O. RAYMOND.

THE important thing in life is to have a great aim and to possess the aptitude and perseverance to attain it.—*Goethe*.

"THE power to acquire is worth more than the thing gained."

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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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—DR. AND MRS. MENKEL go to Bombay next week, whence they will begin looking for a location for opening up medical work.

—ELDER WELLMAN is spending a short time in the Punjab, visiting the believers at Simla and investigating a call from a place beyond Lahore.

—THE season at Mussoorie having closed, Brother Lake is at Cawnpore for a time, supervising the installing of a private treatment room in the home of a wealthy Indian gentleman.

—ELDER PETTIT writes encouragingly of the opening of the English effort at Bombay. The first meeting was held Sunday, the 9th instant, with a good attendance and interest. Let all remember the work there, that lasting results may be seen.

—SEVERAL of the new party of missionaries suffered an attack of ptomaine poisoning while crossing the Atlantic, from the effects of which Miss Boose has not yet entirely recovered. We understand that Miss Reid is giving her treatments, and trust she may soon regain her usual health and strength.

—BROTHER PEUGH writes: "Since I came to Madura, the Lord has shown me that a European can sell vernacular literature, if he works. Friday I took thirteen subscriptions and sold five single copies [of the Tamil paper]. Sunday I took sixteen subscriptions and sold thirteen single copies. To-day I have taken twenty-eight subscriptions and sold three single copies,—twenty-one subscriptions this forenoon in three and one-half hours. Total hours worked, 20; total value, Rs. 19-9."

—A FOUR-PAGE leaflet, "Perilous Times," has been published by the International Tract Society for general distribution. This is a reprint of an article recently appearing in the *Signs of the Times*, and will be especially helpful to us in our work, in that it is the product of a prominent English clergyman and shows pointedly that we are living in the last days, just before the coming of the Lord. The price is twelve annas a hundred, with postage extra. Send in your order.

—THE workers in India will be glad to know that the canvassing force has been strengthened by the arrival of Bro. G. S. Townsend, of England, who landed at Colombo, November 1. Brother Townsend is now at Trichinopoly spending some time in the work with Brother Nelson. Later, he will probably enter Ceylon to work for "Heralds of the Morning." May the Lord abundantly bless Brother Townsend in his labour in this great field.

—HAVING been advised by her physician to enter a hospital, Miss Shryock passed through Lucknow on her way to Calcutta, the morning of the 6th instant. All trust that her stay in Calcutta will prove of much benefit to her. Miss Jones, who had been assisting in the Mussoorie Treatment Rooms, accompanied her.

—A NOTE from Brother Hamilton mentions the baptism of four candidates on October 18. Two more are keeping the Sabbath and will be baptised later. Brother and Sister Hamilton are very much interested in the work in Rangoon, but will soon take up their appointed work among the Karens.

—IMMEDIATELY after the committee meeting, Professor Salisbury spent a few days in Bengal, counselling over the work in that field. Next week, he and Brother Weeks expect to visit Mussoorie in the interests of the school and treatment room work.

ENGLISH CANVASSING WORK FOR OCTOBER

Name	Hours	Orders	Value	Cash Received.
W. Carratt	95	129	Rs. 732-3	Rs. 510-
F. O. Raymond	242	110	" 493-5	" 471-5
P. A. Rick	132	100	" 244-	" 217-
W. H. Nelson	183	76	" 172-8	" 145-12
C. A. Duff	87	50	" 125-4	" 110-4
Mrs. P. A. Rick	21	22	" 58-12	" 56-4
Totals,	760	487	Rs. 1,826-3	Rs. 1,510-9