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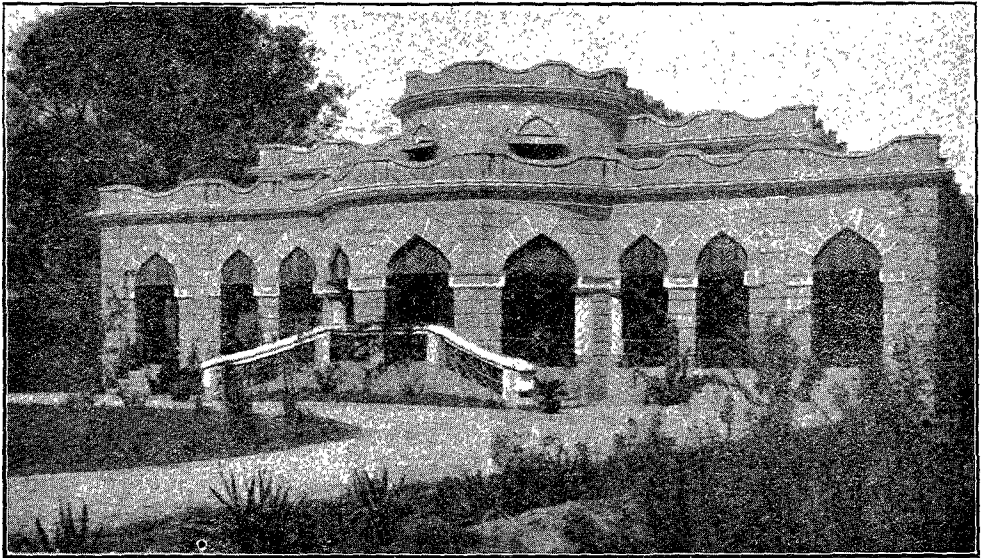
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North India

On account of taking my Hindi examination and other duties, I have not reported to the TIDINGS lately; but I have been interested in the good reports from the other parts of the field that have appeared from time to time. Since I last reported in these columns, I have visited all our stations in North India with the excep-

tion of their mountain home even though far away from civilization. Though the school has been cut down from eight grades to a six grade school, the attendance is fair, about thirty-five, and the interest is very good. The Sabbath school was having a good attendance, the best it has had for many months, and the boys seemed to



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tion of the Rai Bareli station, and am glad to report that all is going well in the different centres.

About the middle of September, Brethren Blue, Williams and I visited Garhwal where we found Brother and Sister Smith getting along well. They are getting onto the way of obtaining and storing supplies so they are not having so hard a time as last year; and they seemed quite comfortable in

be enjoying the study of the book of Acts as much as our Christian boys.

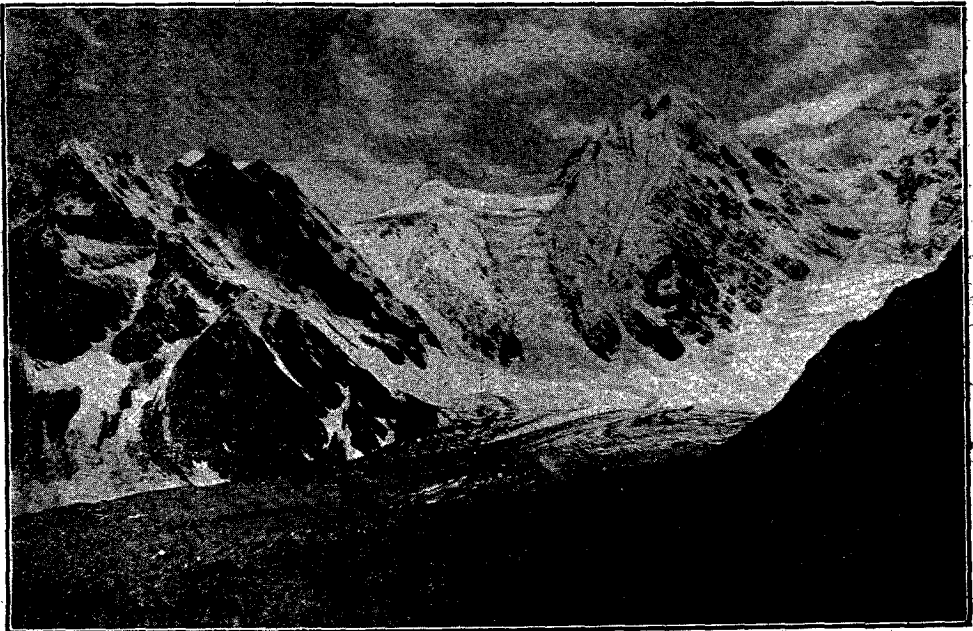
While we were in Garhwal the Deputy Commissioner and wife visited the Mission property and school. They expressed themselves as well pleased with the place and surroundings, spent about an hour visiting, and then returned to Dwarikhal. Brethren Williams, Blue, Smith and myself, with two of our Christian teachers,

spent parts of two days in visiting the villages surrounding the station, and had some interesting meetings with the patrons of the school. We had some good meetings with them, and we all felt that the time was very profitably spent. Brother Williams had some good opportunities to use his medical skill in the treatment of the many complaints of the villagers, which they greatly appreciated. We thank the Lord that there are many encouraging features about the effort in Garhwal, and we believe that many of these simple mountain people will hear and accept the gospel when Brother and Sister Smith get to the place where they can better teach and preach in the tongue of the people. They are making good progress and will spend the winter in Najibabad studying for their second year's Hindi examination.

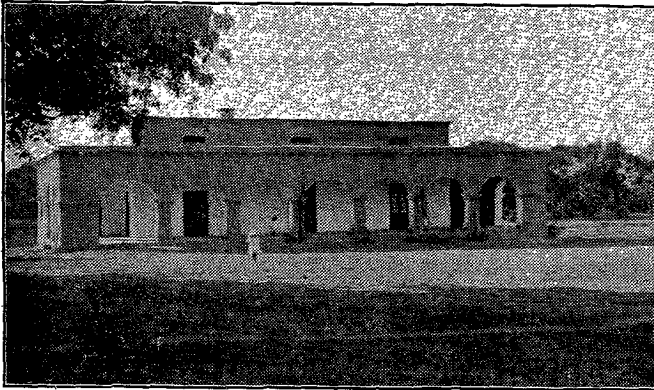
At Najibabad the work is going well. The buildings for the Boys' School have been finished since I last reported and all was ready for the school to have started the first of October; but Brother Morris was

taken very ill with enteric, which checked further progress. We are glad that Brother Morris is well again, and he and Sister Morris, with the children, are back on the station. We feel most grateful to the Lord for restoring Brother Morris to health. The Najibabad brethren are planning on a strong campaign in the many surrounding villages this cool season and we are hopeful that we will get many converts from their efforts.

Brother Fulton and I visited the Chuharkana station the last of October. We spent two days there and had some interesting meetings with all the Indian brethren as well as with our European labourers. Brother Fulton gave two helpful talks, one on the advancement of our work in other lands and one on methods of work. Brother Loasby translated the talks into the vernacular for the Hindustani brethren. Wednesday evening, Oct. 31st, just as the sun was setting, Brother Fulton baptised two of our Punjabi brethren in the large canal near the mission bungalow. These



A GLIMPSE OF THE HIMALAYAS



BUNGALOW, NAJIBABAD

are our first believers to be baptised in the Punjab. It did our hearts good to see these brethren take this important step and we are sure this is only a small beginning of the great work that the Lord will do for us in the Punjab if we continue to work, pray and trust Him. Our efforts in the Punjab, both medical and the evangelistic, are encouraging. The labourers are full of courage and the Lord is blessing them. The building work at Chichoki Mullian is progressing favourably and we hope to see Brother Loasby soon settled in his new station.

We welcome Brother Frank and Dr. Olive Smith to our staff in Chuharkana. They are now studying the Punjabi language which they will not find so difficult since they have had their first year Hindi. Dr. Mann now has the help for which we have called for some time for the hospital, and we are very glad the way has been opened for this call to be filled as it has, we know that Dr. Mann and Dr. Smith will be able to soon have a good enterprise going in the Punjab.

Our work at Hapur is going about the same as usual. We are at present, having considerable opposition from various sources, but our business is to preach the truth

which we know will triumph in the end. We have been successful in buying a nice piece of land, about five acres, for the Girls' School in Hapur. The situation is very good and as soon as the bricks are obtained we shall begin the building. The contractor is now at work on these.

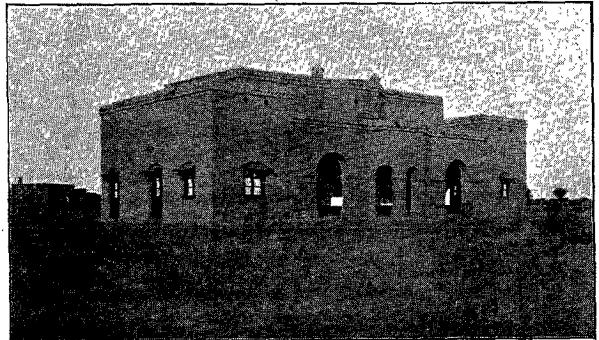
I have not visited Rai Bareli; but from letters from Brother Belgrave, I am glad to report they are well and the work is going.

Regarding our English churches: from the word received, we know the Lord has helped our believers wonderfully this year, for which we thank Him and take courage. Our hearts are filled with praise and courage for the way the Lord is leading His people in all India.

We ask the prayers of all our brethren and sisters that God may strengthen the cause and labourers in North India.

M. M. MATTISON.

What we do upon a great occasion will probably depend upon what we already are; what we are will be the result of previous years of self-discipline, under the grace of Christ or the absence of it.—H. P. Liddon.



THE NEW DISPENSARY, CHUHARKANA

Calcutta

Sabbath, November 3rd, was a special day in the Bengali field. As there is rejoicing in heaven over the sinner that repenteth, so there was rejoicing in our midst as eight souls entered the fold of Christ through the door of baptism. Two of this number were added to the English church and six to our Bengali church.

Some of the older students in our school have been looking forward for some time to the day when they might fully unite with the church. They have been faithfully studying the essentials of Christianity and have been striving to bring forth fruit meet for repentance. The spirit of the Lord has been working upon their hearts and we all felt clear that they were ready to receive the blessing which comes through baptism. The one aim of our school is to prepare the students for the kingdom and for service in the Lord's vineyard. We are glad to see evidence that our efforts are not

in vain. There are others among the students who are expecting to be baptised in the near future.

Karmatar

Another change has come in the management of the Karmatar station, as Brother and Sister Smith were called to the Punjab to assist to give the medical training school at Chubarkana the benefit of Dr. Smith's help. We were sorry to lose Sister Smith from the medical work in Karmatar, which was prospering under her efforts and increasing each month; but all things considered, it seemed that her services were more urgently required in the Punjab.

Brother and Sister Kellar have gone to Karmatar to take charge, and as they both have had a good experience in medical lines, we believe they will have no difficulty in keeping up the dispensary as well as the other interests there.

The Importance of Our Harvest Ingathering

Last year a sum, exceeding three thousand rupees, was raised in India by means of the Harvest Ingathering effort. What shall be our aim this year? Shall we do more? or less? The Mission Board is finding it difficult to meet all the demands of the mission fields. The financial help is needed more this year than it was even last year. We are hoping that the amount collected this year will be at least double that realised last year. This can easily be done if all will unite heartily in the effort.

This year, the money collected will be used for the extension of our medical work among the Indian people. We could scarcely have a better ground of appeal to either Europeans or Indians. There are many who would be very glad to help in

this noble work of ministering to the sick. Let the members of our churches and all isolated believers unite in the effort to bring this opportunity to the notice of those who can and will help.

The Ingathering paper, *The Watchman* is a beautiful production. Thousands of copies of this magazine are now available for those who will take up the work. We are also preparing an illustrated folder, showing some of our medical mission stations, and stating some interesting facts concerning their work; and the purpose for which the money collected is to be used. A supply of these folders may be had by applying to the church missionary secretaries or to the Tract Society at Lucknow.

The time to work has already arrived and soon it will be past for another year. Let us all do our best during the next few weeks

to make the 1917 Harvest Ingathering the best we have ever had in India.

W. W. FLETCHER,

Calcutta Bengali Y. P. M. V. S.

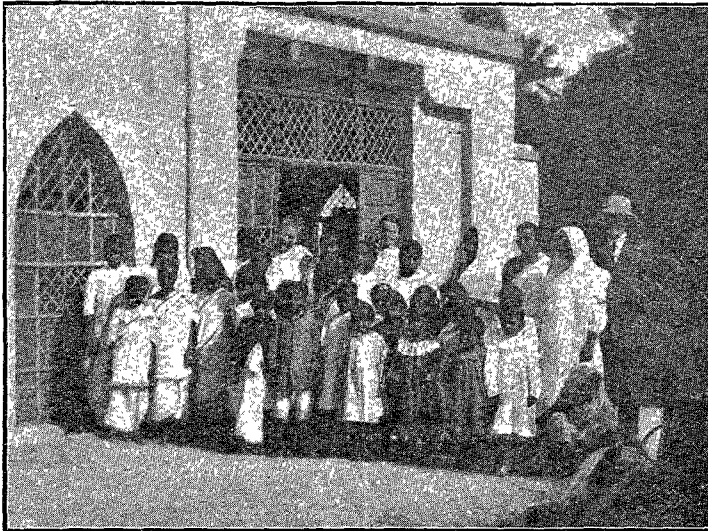
It was with some misgivings, because of scarcity of proper material in Bengali to conduct such meetings, that we organised our Bengal Y. P. M. V. S. six months ago.

Aside from the Bible we have had very little to draw from. We observe the Morning Watch, responding first to the roll call with a text of Scripture. A short Bible study is usually given. We always have one of our members give in brief the life of one of the patriarchs. This, interspersed with a poem and special singing, makes a

profitable and enjoyable evening. We never lack for help as our young people thoroughly enjoy taking some part.

We are sending our Bengali *Sions of the Times* to relatives and friends of the young people. Some missionary letters are being written, while the young men usually visit and teach in the villages just out of Entally, Sabbath afternoon.

Thus we are making a beginning which we hope will grow untill all our young people become active missionaries to help finish the work. DELLA BURROWAY.



GIRLS' SCHOOL, CALCUTTA

"I will place no value on anything I have or possess, except in relation to the kingdom of Christ. If anything will advance the interests of that kingdom, it shall be given away or kept, only as by

the giving or keeping of it I shall most promote the glory of him to whom I owe all my hopes in time and eternity. May grace be given me to adhere to this."—
From Livingston's Journal, May 22, 1853

Literature Work in South India

The literature work in our division has been progressing nicely during the past few months. At the Coimbatore meeting in June it was decided by the committee that we would not pay any more *batta* (allowance) to any of our colporteurs and place the work on a self-supporting basis as far as the colporteurs were concerned. Instead of the *batta* we offered to give the men 100 per cent on the paper sales. While this may not look much like self-support, yet it is a step in that direction. According to the present arrangement it costs us the full value of the paper to get it before the people, whereas according to the old plan we sometimes had to pay more than that.

When we first suggested the new plan, nearly all our men went home and said that they would not work. Some, however, felt that the new plan would work and stuck to it. I am glad to say that those

who have worked faithfully have gotten on well, and the sales throughout the field have been about as large as they were under the old plan. As the workers get more experience, and more confidence in their own ability to sell literature, we plan to lower the *per cent* that we give them, and thus take another step toward the goal of self-support. The vernacular subscription books, we feel, will be a great help along this line; and hope that it will not be long until we have them in hand.

The following figures show what the sales have been from the first of the year up to the present time.

First quarter of 1917,	Rs. 250-13-8.
Second quarter	167- 5-0.
Third quarter	198- 5-4.
1st. month in fourth quarter	170-12-6.

Total 787- 4-6.

G. G. LOWRY.

A Parable

And it came to pass that upon a certain Sabbath Day, while the people were gathered together in the synagogue, the secretary arose and spake, saying, "The Sabbath school lesson quarterlies have come, and those who wish one may have it by paying three pence."

Then those who were gathered together in the synagogue began to say, "It is not lawful to bring merchandise into the Lord's house and to speak of three pence on the Lord's day. But sit down quickly, and write in the book the names of those who desire these quarterlies." Then going out from thence they straightway forgot their debts.

When three whole months were fulfilled, and the debt remained unpaid, the secretary betook herself to the dwellings of the people who owed the pence. Some gladly gave, some had removed to another country; and

others spake, saying, "It is a light thing; why troublest thou us."

And the secretary began to say within herself, "Verily the labour of a Sabbath school secretary is a weariness to the flesh and unprofitable withal. I will return to my place and seek other employment, for why waste I my time for naught."

A Sabbath School Secretary.

"Go ye into all the world," we say to our missionaries. "Stay right here in my pocketbook," we say to our rupees. We take an interest in missions, but we keep our money on interest! "Thy kingdom come," we pray. Ah! we must send our money to fetch it. The Lord will judge us, not by our prayer-books, but by our account books."—*Amos R. Wells.*

The Sabbath School Goal for 1917

Not long ago some one asked to be reminded of the Sabbath school goal for this year, and asked how nearly we are approaching it. Thinking that perhaps others may have the same question in mind, a statement may be of interest. The goal for this year, set at the Calcutta Conference, is Rs. 7,500. For the first three quarters, the Union Conference treasurer has received Rs. 5,815, leaving a balance of Rs. 1,685 to be received in the present quarter. With the same spirit of giving continued that has been manifested in the past, there is every reason to believe that our goal will be more than reached.

The goal will not be reached by the gifts of one Sabbath school alone, but by the gifts of all combined. The gifts of our

larger European Sabbath schools—Simla, Calcutta, Rangoon, Bombay, and Mussoorie—the gifts of the vernacular schools, the gifts of the smaller schools, and the family schools, all help to make the total. Donations have been received, too, from workers and believers in Cawnpur, Lonavla, and other places.

The Thirteenth Sabbath offering for this last quarter is to be given for the advancement of the "Publishing Work in the Asiatic Division." Surely, the printed page is one of the best means of carrying the gospel to the millions of people living in this Division. In view of the great need, let us endeavour to make this offering the best of the year.

MRS. I. F. BLUE.

Our English Papers

Seeing there will be no colporteurs to canvass for subscriptions to our papers during 1918, it has been decided by the Union Mission executive committee to make a change in *The Signs of the Times* so as to make it possible for our churches to circulate that paper in much larger numbers than can be expected with the price of the paper as it is at present.

Beginning with the January number, the *Signs* will consist of sixteen pages, and will be supplied to our churches at the rate of seven and a half annas a dozen, post paid. The retail price for each copy will be one anna. The annual subscription will be one rupee to the public, and ten annas to our church members.

The editor of *Signs* is planning for a most interesting series of papers for the coming year, and we expect that the circulation of the magazine in its new form will be at least four or five times greater than at present. Orders for 250 papers monthly were received from two of our

brethren during the meeting when it was learned of the proposed change.

It is not considered that the *Herald of Health* should be published in the smaller form, so it has been decided that this magazine be discontinued at the close of the year.

We hope that all our people will unite to circulate the *Signs* as it starts upon a new era of its existence. Further particulars concerning the programme for 1918 will be published later. W. W. FLETCHER.

It is a grand thing to find joy in one's work. If you have found that, you have found the heart of life. Glad service is better than great service, unless that be glad, too.—*James Buckham*.

Die when I may, I want it said of me by those who know me best, that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower where I thought a flower would grow.—*Abraham Lincoln*.

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Actions of the I. U. Committee

At Meeting held in Lucknow, November 9-18, 1917.

Dates of Local Meetings for Coming Year

Voted, That the date of the local meetings for the coming year be arranged as follows:

North India,	April 11-16,	1918
South India,	Telegu field,	July 5-8
	Tamil	" " 11-16
	Malayalam	" " 19-22
Bombay Presidency,	July 25-30	
Bengal,	August 8-14	
Burma,	August 22-27	

Date of Next Biennial Meeting

Voted, That the next Biennial Meeting be held September 18-28 1919 at a location to be decided later.

Minor Actions Taken

That I. F. Blue be appointed third member of the literature committee.

That G. G. Lowry be appointed a member of the I. T. Society Board to fill the vacancy caused by the transfer of J. S. James.

That H. C. Menkel be appointed a member of the India Financial Association to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. S. James.

That Miss C. Manson be invited to labour in Hapur the present cool season.

That H. G. Woodward be invited to take up permanent work in the Malayalam country of South India.

That Mrs. A. O'Connor be invited to come to Lucknow to labour during the winter months.

That V. E. Peugh and wife be invited to come to Lucknow for the winter to labour in the interests of the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

Goal for S. S. Offerings

Voted, That the goal for Saboath school offerings for the year 1918 be fixed at Rs. 9,000.

Week of Prayer

Voted, That the next Week of Prayer be held February 27th to March 2nd, 1918; and that the last Sabbath of the week be set apart as a special day of fasting and prayer in the India Union Mission.

For Sale

Our Bengali Girls' school has a large number of hemstitched handkerchiefs for sale. The work is much better than that sold at the Conference last year.

Ladies' handkerchiefs Rs. 1-8-0 a dozen delivered.

Gentlemen's handkerchiefs made as ordered, Rs. 3-8-0 a dozen delivered.

We shall be glad to receive your order.

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Calcutta.

DELLA BURBOWAY.

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Prayer

We pray Thee, O Lord, for the graces of a pure and holy life, that we may no longer add to the dark weight of the world's sin that is laid upon Thee, but may share with Thee in Thy redemptive work. As we have thirsted with evil passions to the destruction of men, do Thou fill us now with hunger and thirst for justice that we may bear glad tidings to the poor and set at liberty all who are in the prison-house of want and sin. Lay thy spirit upon us and inspire us with a passion of Christ-like love, that we may join our lives to the weak and oppressed and may strengthen their cause by bearing their sorrows. And if the evil that is threatened turns to smite us and if we must learn the dark malignity of sinful power, comfort us by the thought that thus we are bearing in our body the marks of Jesus, and that only those who share in His free sacrifice shall feel the plenitude of Thy life. Help us in patience to carry forward the eternal cross of Thy Christ, counting it joy if we, too, are sown as grains of wheat in the furrows of the world, for only by the agony of the righteous comes redemption.—*Walter Rauschenbusch.*