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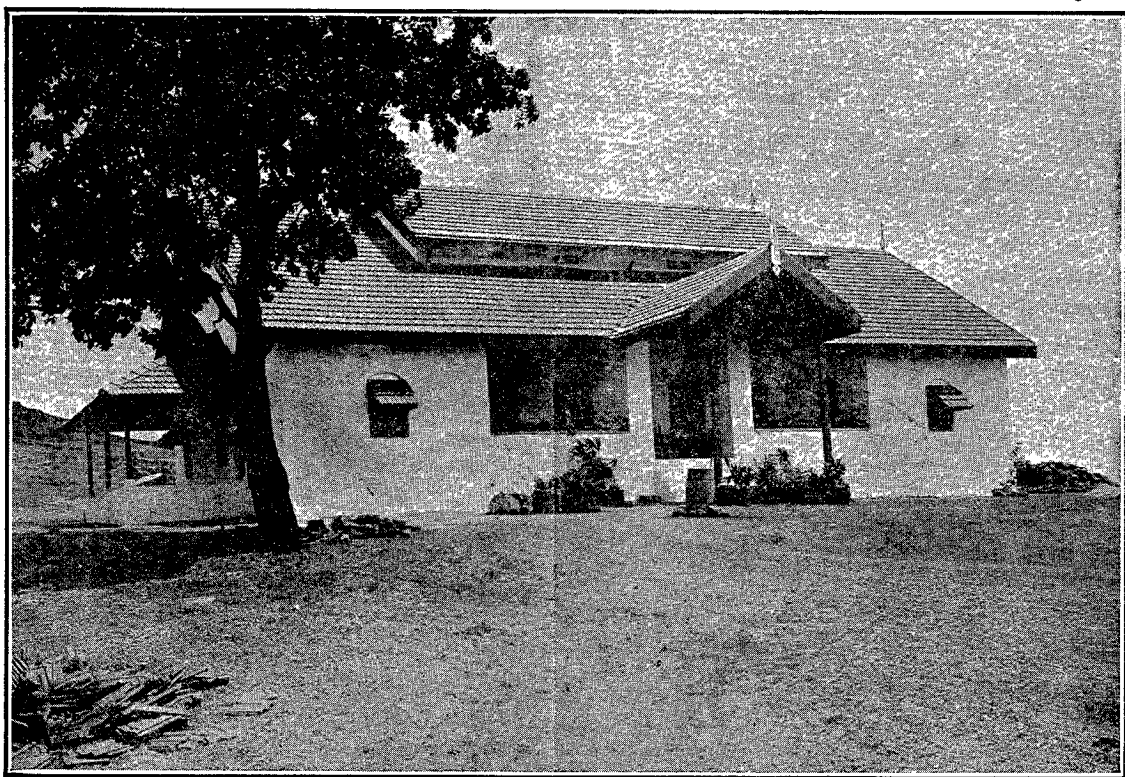
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Bombay Presidency Items

Pastor W. R. French and family left Bombay for Colombo, via Madras, on Wednesday, December 26th. The last evening was spent with the Bombay church in a good prayer meeting at the church

branches were given. The last Sunday evening Pastor French was with us he baptised one person at the hall. We shall miss these dear co-workers from our assembly. They have been in Bombay city



“SUNSET GHAT,” KALYAN

hall. Several members of the church were at the train to bid them God-speed as they left on furlough.

The week before, on Thursday evening, a reception was given by the church for them, at which time appropriate remem-

now for a little over three years and have made many friends for the truth. The Bombay church and the workers of the division join their friends in India in wishing them an enjoyable and profitable change in America, and a speedy return

to India. Our prayers will follow them.

Brother and Sister R. L. Kimble arrived in Bombay December 10th, and are getting a little acquainted while taking a month's rest prior to taking up their duties in medical lines in the city of Bombay. It is intended that they shall begin work in the homes and carry on in this way for a short time before opening treatment rooms here, as has been voted by the Union Committee. We welcome these workers to Bombay.

The year 1917 has been a good year with our literature in the Marathi and Gujarati languages. The last quarter of the year our five regular colporteurs have sold 7,436 single copies of our magazines, taken several hundred subscriptions, sold 1,142 miscellaneous books, chiefly the Marathi and Gujarati "Coming King." The total value in sales for the quarter was Rupees 728-3-0. We are expecting soon from the press at Lucknow an edition of the Marathi and Gujarati books, "Enemies of Health," which are to sell for four Annas per copy. This addition to our stock literature, with other which we have planned, will give our men a good opportunity to scatter the Message all over our division like the leaves of autumn. May God bless

abundantly the workers and the Message-filled literature which has fallen into the hands of the people. One Brahman this week sends in a subscription for himself and three of his friends and says, "Send by V. P. P. a copy of every thing you publish in Marathi." Many good testimonials are coming in which give us courage in the conflict.

The medical work at Kalyan has been removed from the rented quarters in the city to the Mission property nearly two miles out from the station. Another building is being added that the patients now in tents may be more favourably cared for. This new building enterprise and the building up of the work in the new location will take most of the time of Pastor and Mrs. Wood for several weeks.

Miss Millie Ballard who has been assisting Sister Wood during the past two years has been suffering with enteric at the General Hospital, Bombay. We are glad to report that she seems out of special danger at this writing.

Also Brother Smith, known to several of our workers in India, has been in the same hospital with fever, but is now having a safe recovery. Let us pray for them, that they may both be speedily raised up to perfect health.

G. W. PERRY.

Sabbath-School Consecration Service

Sabbath, December 29th, was a beautiful day, and at the usual hour a company of about seventy joined heartily in the opening song of praise in the Calcutta Sabbath-school. As the day had been set apart for a day of consecration, we assembled with the full assurance that God's spirit would meet with us, and we were not disappointed.

After the lesson study the senior members reassembled, and a brief talk by the assistant superintendent on the importance of the Sabbath-school and the portentous

days in which we are living preceded an invitation to the members to express to one another the blessings and benefits they had individually received during the year from the Sabbath-school. I wish you could have had the privilege of listening to those earnest words of gratitude and thanksgiving as one after another the ringing testimonies were given, and the notes of praise and courage struck by grey headed members resounded along the line and were taken up by the lips of members just early in their teens.

Some told of how ridiculous it seemed when they were first invited to attend Sabbath-school, but now they would not miss it if they could possibly be present. Others told how their knowledge of the precious truths had been increased and strengthened through the weekly study of the lessons, and some young people told how the Sabbath-school had been a door into the church.

By a glance into the primary division, one could see by the bright expressions on the childrens' faces that Sister Mackie's enthusiastic efforts were not in vain. After about forty-five minutes were spent in this interesting and profitable manner, an invitation was extended to those who were determined to make the new year the best in the history of the Calcutta school and in the lives of every member to signify that

desire by rising to their feet. Not one remained seated. Therefore we confidently look for a year freighted with blessing in our school.

God's servant has said, "The Sabbath-school rightly conducted is one of God's greatest instrumentalities to bring souls to aknowledge of the truth." Again, "There is a most precious missionary field in the Sabbath-school, and if there are now omens of good they are only indications and beginnings of what may be done." Two of our members have taken the important step of baptism during the year, for which we are grateful, but we long to see our school fulfilling its God-given mission more fully and many led to the Master during 1918. To this end we earnestly solicit an interest in the devotions of God's people.

W. H. STEVENS.

Health Hints for Adventist Missionaries in India

Food

Because of the custom of using night-soil to fertilize the land, the eating of vegetables is safe only after cooking. Tomatoes can be eaten after being scalded and peeled. Lettuce, celery, etc, can be soaked thirty minutes in a 1 to 1000 solution of potassium permanganate before eating; yet the safer method is to forego the pleasure of eating salads. Fruits that grow and ripen close to the ground bear the same objection as vegetables but can be prepared in the same way. Handling with contaminated hands is another source of danger in the use of fresh fruit and vegetables. Bacteria are known to live in polluted soil for months, at the end of which time they are capable of setting up the disease in an individual. Over-ripe fruit should always be avoided.

An excess of food should be guarded against especially in the tropics. The inactivity of the vital processes does not call

for as large an amount of food as in cold countries. Smaller amounts of fats and carbohydrates can be taken to advantage. These burn up in the system with liberation of heat. Therefore, heavy meals are best taken at 7.00 A. M. and 5.00 P. M. with a light lunch at 12.00. This allows sleep and rest on a comparatively empty stomach which is also an advantage in the excessively hot part of the day. All water and milk should be boiled before using. The water-borne diseases are typhoid, cholera, dysentery, and worms. Milk spreads tuberculosis, the water-borne diseases by being mixed with water, and the washing of the utensils with polluted water, smallpox, diptheria and the other acute exanthema from the milker.

Clothing

The wearing apparel should be white, light-weight, and loose. Shoes and stockings should also be white in the warm part

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of the year. White not only serves as the best protection from the heat rays, but is not especially pleasing to the favourite haunts of the mosquito as he prefers dark things to light. A light weight topee, giving ample shade to the neck, ears and eyes, should be worn from seven or eight in the morning until four or five in the afternoon, depending upon the season of the year. The head-band of the topee should be set out from the body of the topee by half an inch. The topee should have ample ventilation at the sides and in the top. The red cloth theory and its relation to the tropics has exploded.

Here and There

Born to Pastor and Mrs. G. G. Lowry, a son, January 4, 1918.

Pastor J. E. and Sister Fulton sailed from Rangoon for Singapore the last Wednesday of December.

We are glad to learn that Brother Carrott has passed his second year in Burmese.

We have received but very little matter for the next Harvest Ingathering number. We trust none have forgotten.

We recently received word that Pastor Mattison had successfully passed his first year Hindi.

We have heard that Brother and Sister Peden of America have just landed in India. They will be located in South India. We wish them every blessing in their new labours.

We again have to record the departure of more missionaries from our already thin ranks. Pastor J. M. Comer and family are expecting to sail from Calcutta

on the 17th of this month, and Brother F. O. Raymond is also expecting to leave soon. Our readers know the good work which has been done by these brethren and nothing we can say will adequately describe it. We trust they may have a safe voyage, a pleasant furlough, and a speedy return to India.

Lucknow Sabbath-school surprised itself by collecting more than Rs. 65 for the Blinded Soldiers and Sailors' Childrens Fund. We hope that other schools did as well or better.

Our Methodist brethren are having good success in introducing the tithing system among their people. They are now wondering why they did not start before. Another movement for the offering of jewelry for missionary purposes has been inaugurated by B'shop Warne.

Some of our enemies in North India are circulating a pamphlet in Urdu entitled "The Bible and Sabbatarians." The writer—who did not dare to sign his name—says among other things that Adventists say they know the exact day of the Lord's return, that they have set the date for it many times and have been disappointed, that they deny the Trinity, and that they have another Bible. He also writes that they teach that people know nothing after death! One thing was notable for its absence, however, and that was *proof*, either for the falsehoods or for the position to the contrary—that the dead DO know anything.

One of the most specious and deceptive presentations of the "immortality of the soul" we have ever seen—at least for Indian readers—has just been published under the name of "Saved to Serve." In this are given the teachings of the "saint" whom Swami Sunder Singh met in a cave among the Himalayas. In the so-called messages are mingled spirit life after death and communication by them with the living, purgatorial cleansing, a millenium of peace and righteousness on this earth after Christ's coming, and many other deceptions of the present. The soon coming of Christ, the ministry of guardian angels, the joys of the new earth and other Bible doctrines are mixed with these deceptions to give it an appearance of truth. We have no criticism to offer of Mr. Alfred Zahir who has translated the messages of Swami Singh who brought them, we only trust they may see where they are deceived. But, by comparison with the Bible we can say without any hesitation that the so called messages of this "saint" are nothing but the deceptions of Satan. The book cannot be too strongly condemned. We trust all our readers who find it being circulated in their neighbourhoods will not lose any time to circulate some of our good tracts which contain plenty of Bible evidence to counteract such pernicious teachings.