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East Bengal

About the middle of May my wife and I came to Gopalganj to make the necessary preparations for the Bible Class to be held with a few interested ones and new Sabbath-keepers. These men had been invited from different parts of East Bengal.

On account of sickness, and also on account of considerable rain, which made it impossible to walk for any distance across some sections of the country, though the land was not sufficiently inundated to allow of travelling by boat, a few of the men whom we expected, have been kept away from the class. There are twelve in attendance, and we believe the Lord is blessing our efforts as we endeavour to strengthen these brethren in the faith.

We are glad for another opportunity of spending a few weeks in Gopalganj for the sake of doing what we can to strengthen the work in

this locality, in addition to the work of the Bible Class.

When I was in Gopalganj in February last, several men—workers and members of the other Mission here—The Bengal Evangelistic Mission—expressed a desire to attend our Bible Class if it were held in Gopalganj. As I had studied with some of these about the truth on a number of occasions since

I first came to Gopalganj twelve years ago, I knew that some of them were convinced of the truth, so have remembered them in prayer, to the end that they might definitely decide to take their stand with us.

We realise that not only are we at work, but Satan is also working equally hard with the people in whom we are interested. However, we thank and praise God that two families have decided to step out in spite of opposition. These two families came to our services last Sabbath,



and the head of each family testified publicly that they had decided to unite with our Church. This was the first Sabbath they observed, and being fishermen, on Sunday they resumed their fishing work.

In order that one of the young men who is a member of the other Mission may have the benefit of our Bible Classes, and at the same time not interfere with his daily work, we have our first class in the morning from five-thirty to seven-thirty. He is already being persecuted on account of coming to the Adventist Bible Classes.

As for the workers referred to above, who expressed their desire to attend our class, other plans have been made by their Mission authorities to keep them away. The missionary-in-charge has brought one of their stronger men from another place to Gopalganj for the time being, and has placed him in the home where these two young men live. Not only have they done this, but they informed their workers and members when we came to Gopalganj last month, that there was no need for them to attend our Bible Classes, as they would also conduct a Bible Class. So the Bengal Evangelistic Mission is busy conducting a Bible Class, and I suppose as long as our class continues, their class will also continue.

We see evidences of the work of the enemy on every hand. One young Gopalganj man, who was at one time a worker in our Mission in Karmatar but is now at home without employment, has plenty of time to influence people against the Adventists. This man comes to visit me, attends some of the classes, takes down notes, and manifests a very friendly spirit while on the compound; but we realise that his friendly spirit toward us does not continue after he leaves. His influence is strongly felt by one man especially, who is deeply interested in the truth. However, we pray that God will in some way touch the heart of this young man who was once with us, as he comes in contact with us from time to time.

The work is the Lord's and He will protect the honest in heart and give them courage to obey His commandments, despite all efforts of the enemy to keep them from so doing. We hope to get three good canvassers at the close of the class, as three of the men are planning to enter that line of work.

Our courage in the Lord is good, and we rejoice in the privilege of having a part in the Master's service.

L. G. MOOKERJEE.

The Malayalam Field

We are conducting a series of lectures in each station for four days. We had good success in our last meeting. Many Hindus and other denomination members were attending. Now our truth is spread everywhere in this State. After they learn our teaching they request us to come every Sunday to preach the truth in their church. It is a good time for us, we believe many will follow the truth in the near future.

Our people are now very earnest in studying the Scripture. We are planning to hold a regular Bible Study for the people

who are requesting for baptism. Our weather is fine: we had good rain: every men are busy.

Our colporteurs canvassed throughout this country. Everywhere we can see our literature. Roman Catholic people now get our magazine. They learn now "Who Changed the Sabbath." But their priest strictly ordered not to buy any paper from us. A picture on the cover, "who changed the Sabbath," makes a good success among Catholic people.

Our enemy, Satan, now stands against

us. He is trying his best to drive us out. But we are trying to stick here.

We expect our meeting in July. Then a good many will attend our meeting.

Some will be buried in the watery grave also.

Remember this field in your prayers.

E. D. JOSHUA.

A Visit to Simla

Having been called to Simla on some business, I left Garhwal, where we have been since the middle of May, on Sunday, and arrived here with Brother Williams Monday afternoon. As I return to Garhwal today, I am sending a few lines to the TIDINGS regarding the work here before I leave.

I have often wanted to see Simla and its work. This is the first opportunity I have had of visiting the place, and it has been a very pleasant and encouraging visit to me, especially when I see how the work is going.

Belvedere, the home of our workers, is a nice place. Surely the Lord has helped us in getting such a place, and also in keeping it thus far, when the Government is taking so many places. The lower floor contains well-equipped Treatment Rooms. On the same floor is the Meeting Hall. It is a credit to our Church here to have such a place in which to worship the Lord. Above the Treatment Rooms and the Meeting Hall are the living quarters of our workers, and also one or two rooms which are used for in-patients.

The Treatment Rooms are having a good patronage this season, there being from 15 to 20 patients daily. Mrs. Menkel is kept very busy with the Ladies' side of the Treatment Rooms, and Dr. Menkel is doing all the work on the Men's side, besides his out calls and the Evangelical work. The work is heavy for both of them, but they are doing their best and are much encouraged with the outlook for the season. It will be a good day for them when they get more help.

The Evangelical side of the work is of

course the most important, and the earnest company of believers is encouraging evidence that it is fruitful. There are 38 members of the Simla Church. The outside interest is good, there being from 15 to 20 visitors present at the meetings on Sabbath evenings. It was very encouraging to me yesterday at Prayer Meeting to see the interest our brethren and sisters here manifest in the Vernacular work of North India. I was glad for an opportunity of telling them something about what we are trying to do for the Indian people. The Church here is showing its interest in this work by their means and by their prayers. We who are engaged in the Vernacular work appreciate this very much. I feel sure the Lord is blessing our people here for their faithfulness in the matter of tithe paying as He has always blessed His people for their faithfulness along this line. It is encouraging to see a church true to the truth and earnest in their efforts to give it to others.

As I leave Simla today it is with a new interest in the work here. I have been more than ever impressed with the necessity of giving the Evangelical side of our work the chief place; and whatever we do should be for the one purpose of saving men.

Pray for the work in Simla.

M. M. MATTISON.

Don't water the seeds of sorrow. They thrive on your tears. Dry up, and they will. Root them out of the garden of memory and give Hope a chance to grow in their place.—*Kaufman*.

Notes From General Conference

The meetings of the General Conference and the North American Division Conference were held in the Exposition Auditorium in San Francisco, March 29 to April 14.

Nothing has been left undone to make this occasion one of the greatest profit to every believer. San Francisco is a very up-to-date city, and the auditorium where our meetings are to be held is, as one might say, built for the occasion. The hotel accommodations are excellent.

As time goes on, the importance and far-reaching influence of our publishing work becomes more and more apparent. Sabbath morning Elder Daniells made impressive reference to the important part our literature is exerting in giving this message to all the world. He made the remark that were he to call for an expression as to how many received their first knowledge of the truth through reading our message-filled literature, hundreds of hands would be raised. These words were barely uttered before there was a chorus of "Yes, Yes" from all parts of the vast audience.

Some of the brethren report that as a result of the sale of one copy of that little book, "The Christian Sabbath," a merchant in a certain town in New York State closes his store on Sabbath and is now keeping it. This has caused such an interest in the community that the Conference is having to send a minister down there, and the indications are that a church will be raised up at that place.

From another conference comes the report that from the sale of one copy of our larger books ten persons have accepted the truth. It is also being impressed upon us that the time has come when God is going to use the most humble instruments for the advancement of His work, the important

thing being a genuine love and consecration to this blessed truth.

God is working miracles today in the Philippine islands, for in no other way can we account for the rapid progress that has been made in that field during the past five years. Five years ago no publishing house, no colporteurs, and 125 members. Today, a publishing house with more than twenty employees; a company of nearly forty self-supporting colporteurs selling \$22,000 gold worth of literature in a single year; a church membership of 1200. You ask our leaders in the Philippines the secret of this growth and they will tell you that the literature has been one of the leading agencies that God has used in making these large results possible.

In the Larkin Street Hall, on the first floor of the Civic Auditorium, are located the Information Bureau, the headquarters of the Committee on Location, and the Post Office. Several most interesting and striking exhibits also occupy this room. On one side, near the rear, is a stack of thirty packing cases in pyramid shape, each one of which bears a neatly stenciled address of some port in a foreign country. A printed card accompanying this exhibit explains that:

"Since January 1, 1917, freight shipments amounting to 730 cases, containing more than 50,000 volumes and amounting to about six carloads, have gone to thirty foreign lands. Each of these boxes indicates a separate country to which such shipments have been consigned.

"Pacific Press Publishing Association,
Foreign Department."

Across the aisle from this exhibit is a large map of the world on which are shown by red lines diverging from Mountain View, California, the exact destination and the number of cases of books shipped to foreign ports during 1917. These lines extend

across the map to Lucknow on the east and to Java on the west.

In the centre of the room is a book exhibit occupying sixteen by thirty feet, with counters on the four sides. On these counters are displayed, in attractive style, samples of the various denominational publications. At one corner of the exhibit may be found the more than "57 varieties" of foreign publications—books, pamphlets, and tracts, issued by our publishing houses in various parts of the world.

In the centre of this exhibit are shown a large number of the original drawings from which the illustrations have been made for some of our most important books. These

beautiful works of art always attract the attention of delegates and visitors.

This display of publications is primarily intended for publicity purposes and to give opportunity for all who are interested to become familiar with the wonderful wealth of literature produced by our various houses. People are encouraged to look around and ask questions, and are not urged nor even requested to purchase.

Along the wall, in a prominent position, and mounted on wings or swinging display boards, is a sample of each publication, including periodicals now available in the various languages in which our publications are issued.

Efficiency

The call in the business world of today is for efficiency. There are training courses to promote efficiency. Experts are employed to study different concerns, in order to find out where they lack efficiency. Workers are expected to make every movement count, and to accomplish the greatest possible results with the least possible cost in time and money.

It is certainly no less essential that those who work for the Lord should strive for efficiency in service. Yet we find in most of our churches members who know no more about successful methods of soul-winning work than they did when they first joined the church. Our instructions are, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Tim. 2: 15.

What should we study, in order to attain to greater efficiency in the work of God? We may group the most important things under three headings—God's Word, ourselves, mankind.

No one will question the need for more careful, prayerful study of God's Word, yet

the need has not aroused us generally to give more earnest thought and time to this. Without it, full efficiency in service is impossible, therefore it is of first importance.

We need to study ourselves, to see if we are developing qualities that fit us to lead others to Christ. Are we becoming daily more patient, less easily irritated? Can we bear more kindly with the weaknesses and failings of others than we used to do? Do we approach people with more tact than we did? Are we more burdened for souls than we were, more willing to sacrifice for them? If we are growing in these things we are becoming better soul-winners.

We need to study mankind in order to know how to reach hearts with this last message. Ability to read men and women should be cultivated, that we may know how to approach them. We should know something of the circumstances of those we desire to help, in order to give them what they need.

All these things are essential to efficiency in God's service. With them we must have a deep conviction of the truth we teach. It must be a living principle in our own

hearts, or we can not give it to others. If we show by our lives that we do not believe the Lord is coming soon, our words will not convince men that He is.

We must develop a faith that never despairs and an infinite patience. We may work long and earnestly, without seeing results, but we must not become discouraged. We must press on with unwavering faith and leave the results with the Lord. At the same time we need to study how we may help people to make decisions for the right. Some souls are lost because of failure to help them to take a definite stand at a critical time.

With these things goes the watching for and making of opportunities. Otherwise we may pass them by unheeded. They are not usually prominent enough to be seen unless they are watched for.

These things that are needed can be stated in few words, but it will take much time and thought to acquire them. This should not discourage us, for the higher the ideal, the more the incentive to reach it. Let us, then, strive continually to develop efficiency in our work and not be content to remain where we are in knowledge of methods of soul-winning work.

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

IN this world a man is likely to get what he gives. Men's hearts are like a whispering gallery to you. If you speak softly a gentle whisper comes back; if you scold you get scolded. With the measure you mete it is measured to you again.

Cawnpore

A very promising little Sabbath-school has been in operation at Cawnpore. For some months past Brother and Sister Lake have been giving Bible-readings to a number of interested friends, and this regular weekly meeting is an outcome of their efforts. About fourteen were present a few Sabbaths ago and the subject of the sanctuary and its services was studied with great interest. At the close of the Sabbath school we celebrated the ordinances, a total of nine taking part in the service, including Sister Ball who was baptized at Karmatar a number of years ago.

We understand that a still larger number of friends are attending a series of Bible studies which are being given regularly on Sunday evenings; and a keen interest is being manifested in the various points of present truth. We are glad for this voice of witness in Cawnpore, and trust that the efforts being made will be richly blessed.

Two questions come to our mind in this connection. How many of us have similar opportunities of doing a good work among our friends and neighbours? How many of us are taking advantage of these opportunities?

A. H. WILLIAMS.

Sabbath-School Report

FOR FIRST QUARTER, 1918.

	No. Schools	Membership	Average Attendance	Home Dept.	Regular Offerings	13th Sabbath Offerings	Total
Bengal Mission							
Calcutta (English)		57	46	6	187 8 6	66 2 6	253 11 0
Calcutta (Bengali)		74	65	21	51 11 6	5 0 0	56 11 6
East Bengal		71	60		7 12 3		7 12 3
Karmatar		60	50		13 8 9	1 0 3	14 9 0
TOTAL	4	262	221	27	260 9 0	72 2 9	332 11 9
Bombay Mission							
Bombay		26	18		190 0 0	91 8 0	281 8 0
Kalyan		44	33		27 9 9	4 3 4	31 13 1
Lonavla		11	9		10 12 6		10 12 6
Manmad		6	6		14 8 9	4 3 0	18 11 9
TOTAL	4	87	66		242 15 0	99 14 4	342 13 4
Burma Mission							
Kamamaung		4	4		13 9 9	1 4 0	14 13 9
Mandalay		5	5				
Maymyo		4	3				
Meiktila		47	43	1	72 0 0	10 0 0	82 0 0
Myawauing		8	8		23 11 9	6 13 9	30 9 6
Rangoon (English)		50	41		108 5 6	25 0 0	133 5 6
Rangoon (Burmese)		15	14		15 5 9	5 12 0	21 1 9
TOTAL	7	133	118	1	233 0 9	48 13 9	281 14 6
North India Mission							
Agra		10	10		19 0 0	1 8 0	20 8 0
Chuharkana		19	16		34 15 5	3 0 0	37 15 5
Garhwal		35	30		11 0 0	2 0 0	13 0 0
Hapur		10	7		10 0 0	2 4 6	12 4 6
Lucknow		40	31		79 11 6	9 6 9	89 2 3
Mussooree		48	45		68 6 0	51 4 3	119 10 3
Najibabad		42	37		17 11 6	1 13 6	19 9 0
Rae Bareli Out School		4	4		3 0 0	2 4 0	5 4 0
Simla		24	16		193 4 0	36 6 0	229 10 0
TOTAL	9	232	196		437 0 5	109 15 0	546 15 5
South India Mission							
Bangalore		39	36		18 7 6	3 11 1	22 2 7
Madras (English)		10	8		33 1 1	9 10 0	42 11 1
Madras (Tamil)		13	11		1 13 9	2 3 7	4 1 4
Nazareth		106	88		22 3 1	6 0 9	28 3 10
Nazareth Out Schools		10	10				
Neyyattinkara		77	20		5 4 3	1 8 0	6 12 3
Neyyattinkara Out Schools		60	18				
Pondicherry		29	23		9 0 0	1 0 0	10 0 0
Rajamundry		16	13		11 12 0	4 10 0	16 6 0
TOTAL	9	360	227		101 9 8	28 11 5	130 5 1
GRAND TOTALS	33	1074	828	28	1275 2 10	359 9 3	1634 12 1

The objects of education, as enumerated by R. J. Mackenzie, sometime Rector of Edinburgh Academy, are: 1. Character, 2. Physique, 3. Intelligence, 4. Manners, 5. Information. It would seem that he carefully discerned the comparative and true value of things.

Bret Harte made famous one man from the Orient "with a smile that was childlike and bland." The very first report of any sort from the General Conference in San Francisco announces the arrival of one of the bookmen delegates with "a smile from the Orient." Maybe it's the climate.

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Here and There

Word from the General Conference says that Brother Daniells has been again chosen for president. Brother Evans is to once more have charge in China; and India comes again directly under the General Conference, with Brother Fulton as a General Conference Vice-president over Australia and India.

The government has just granted Brother Burgess a patent on a handy improved cash box, the profits on which are being devoted to our Calcutta Boys' School. Briefly, it is a well made tin box 6 x 10 in. with the lower compartment for paper money, as usual. The improvement is in the tray, which rests at an angle and has grooves of different widths in which coins of the different denominations stand in rows, divided off into rupees and tens by square discs of brass or tin. Thus the cash is always in orderly shape and practically counted, instead of being in a confused mass in the toe of a stocking somewhere in the almirah. Aside from the saving of time, which is quite a consideration, the mere fact of having one's cash in orderly shape would be a distinct advantage. The price is Rs. 10.

Dont be afraid to remind people of our literature. They want it. For instance, we recently put a little notice of the book,

Other Side of Death, in one of the daily newspapers, and 33 people sent in for copies. Not long ago someone enquired in the newspaper for a good vegetarian cook book. Some unknown friend suggested Friend in the Kitchen,—and we received orders for 60 books—just on the strength of that one recommend. The book, Other Side of Death, is written in a very readable style, is on a subject of universal interest, and almost anybody will gladly give a rupee for it if you recommend it to them. That's it, first find out for yourself if it is really good, and then when you recommend it your words will carry the weight of personal experience.

A WIRE from Mussooree announces that Mr. Shannon passed away on the morning of June 9th.

FURTHER returns from the recent Language examinations show that Mr. and Mrs. Blue successfully passed their Third Year Urdu, and Mr. Brisbin passed those subjects in Second Year Hindi in which he was examined.

BROTHER AND SISTER MORRIS have another little daughter, born in Mussooree, Sabbath, June 8.

MRS. PEUGH has been far from well for some time, and recently the trouble has grown so serious that the doctors have advised that she should return home soon. It is rather a serious form of pleurisy that is troubling her. Both Brother and Sister Peugh are loath to leave before their furlough time, next year, but sometimes conditions override wishes.

We like to pass a good thing along, and in referring again to a certain tract we are not merely advertising it but are helping you to something good. Heralds of His Coming has been considerably revised, and we think greatly improved. From 24 pages it has been reduced to 16, containing 11 short pointed articles on different signs of Christ's soon coming. Several ancient quotations and expressions have been eliminated and the whole thing made to read more smoothly and convincingly. This revised edition will be a good one to use. The value is increased and the price reduced to two pice.

Breathe easy again. The Editor is back.