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How Shall We Give ?

Give as the morning that flows out of heaven,
 Give as the waves when their channel is riven,
 Give as the free air and sunshine are given,
 Lavishly, joyously, utterly give !
 Not the waste drops from thy cup overflowing,
 Not a faint spark from thy hearth ever glowing,
 Not a pale bud from thy June roses blowing. —
 Give as He gave thee who gave thee to live.

Annual Union Mission Council

Our annual council convened in Lucknow on the 12th Dec. In addition to the members of the India Union Mission Executive Committee, Brethren E. E. Andross and C. W. Flaiz were present, representing the General Conference. The visiting brethren led out in the services of the Sabbath and in the devotional meetings that were held during the council. Their labours were greatly appreciated and were the means of bringing much spiritual help to those who attended the meetings. The tidings these brethren brought of the spirit of seeking after God, and devotion to the finishing of the work, that is characterising the general gatherings of our people in America, encouraged us greatly, and led us to seek an increase of the same spirit in our own hearts.

The work of the committee at these annual sessions consists very largely in the preparation of the budgets, which involves planning for the future development of the work. Beginning with 1918 the India Union Mission assumed the responsibility of supporting the vernacular evangelistic and medical work from funds received within its own territory. We are glad to report that the income of the Union Mission has been sufficient to support the evangelistic work, and that our dispensaries have done nobly in their efforts to attain to the degree of self support at which they were asked to aim. Almost all our dispensaries now receive from their patients sufficient to cover the cost of all medicines and to support the Indian workers employed. In the

case of the dispensary at Kalyan, where a training school for nurses is in operation, an appropriation of Rs. 1200 from India Union Mission funds was made for the year 1918. The appropriation for 1919 is Rs. 600. Apart from this our dispensaries will have reached a self-supporting basis, excepting, of course, the support of the foreign workers in charge.

In preparing the 1919 budget the India Union Mission assumed responsibility for the support of the whole of our Indian school work, in addition to the branches of the vernacular work already mentioned. We feel confident that with faithfulness and liberality on the part of all our people in India, these responsibilities will be successfully discharged.

It was decided that our publishing work should henceforth be known as the Seventh-day Adventist Publishing House. We believe all our people will approve of this change. One reason for dropping the old name is that the word "International" is used by a society with whose views we do not at all agree; but the main reason is that the brethren feel that in all the publications we are putting out in this country the imprint should express our denominational name.

It was decided to discontinue the Indian *Signs of the Times*. Now that the war is over the mail service will probably soon return to its normal efficiency; and it is hoped that our church members will take regular clubs of the American *Signs of the Times*, weekly, one of the strongest missionary agencies of the denomination. The Pacific Press Publishing Company offers to supply this paper at reasonable rates, and we feel that it will be for the best interests of our work in India to encourage its general use, rather than to continue to rely on the monthly paper we have been publishing locally.

Plans were laid to hold general meetings in the United Provinces and the Punjab in February. The Malayalam, Tamil, and

Telugu meetings will be held in March; and these will be followed by the Bombay meeting. The Burma meeting will be held in August. The biennial conference of the India Union Mission will be held in Calcutta from the 30th Oct. to the 9th Nov. The time has not yet been fixed for the general meetings of the Bengal Mission.

We regret that our Secretary, Bro. Brisbin, was unable to be with us but for one day of the council, and that it has become necessary for him to return to America in the interests of Sister Brisbin's health. We have greatly valued Brother Brisbin's work in the office, and feel keenly the loss the field sustains in his departure.

We are sorry also to lose for the time being another member of our committee, Dr. Mann. The doctor's furlough was due in the latter part of 1918; but being delayed in his departure he was able to be present all through the council. By the time this number of TIDINGS reaches its readers, Dr. Mann with his family will be embarking at Colombo on the journey homeward across the Pacific. The services of the doctor as Medical Secretary for the Union, and his efforts in connection with the dispensary and hospital and other lines of work at Chuharkana have been greatly appreciated, and we trust he may soon return to the work in this country.

Bro. Williams was appointed Secretary of the Union Mission. Bro. Meleen was appointed a member of the South India Advisory Committee. Bro. Wellman was appointed a member of the Literature Committee and of the North India Advisory Committee. Twelve days after the close of our council Bro. and Sister Wellman, with their little boy, reached Lucknow again and were given a cordial welcome by the workers stationed here.

Since the close of the council Brethren Andross and Flaiz have visited most of the centres of our work in the United Provinces and the Punjab and will next visit our stations in the Bengal, Burma, Bombay and South India Missions, in order. We are glad that these brethren are able to remain with us until almost the middle of March.

W. W. FLETCHER.

Brother and Sister Meleen have passed their first year examination in Tamil, and are now working on their second year. G. G. Lowry has passed the first year examination in Telugu, [his second language].

Chuharkana Station

It was encouraging to see the good report by Dr. Mann of the work being done at the Chuharkana Station in a recent number of TIDINGS. I have just spent three days there so shall give a brief report of the past month's work. I have enjoyed my visit to the station at this time very much, and it has been a pleasure to plan with Brother Smith and Dr. Olive Smith regarding the work for the coming year. The prospects seem bright and our workers are full of courage because of what the Lord has done and is doing for them.

October and November were very busy months in the dispensary and hospital. These institutions have been a source of great blessing and relief to hundreds of people in Chuharkana and the surrounding villages during the recent Influenza epidemic. People have come distances of ten to twenty miles for treatment, and at times all the sick of a village were loaded into bullock carts and brought to our workers for treatment, some returning to their homes after being treated and the worst cases remaining in the hospital.

Dr. Smith has many out-calls to make and the work she is able to do for the women is greatly appreciated and is growing. Some of the calls are from distances of 20 to 25 miles.

Brother Smith has made several trips into the villages recently. These he has to make on horseback with a country saddle, supplied by the villager whom he treats. While I was there he made a trip of 26 miles to a man who had been run over by a cart loaded with bricks. Brother Smith brought him to the hospital where he now has him well on the road to recovery. After such trips, with such means of travel, Brother Smith feels about ready for hospital himself; and we are looking anxiously forward to when a better conveyance can be secured. Some places can be reached by train, but many calls are from places far away from any railway station.

The report for the month ending November 20th shows that on the women's side 225 patients were treated. This includes 65 in-patients. The receipts for the women's side were Rs. 241. There were 393 men patients, of whom 34 were in-patients. The receipts were Rs. 476. Total number of patients, 618. The total

receipts were Rs. 718. We thank the Lord for this report, and give Him the glory.

Our evangelistic work is also going forward. The worker Dr. Mann has trained for this line is kept very busy, and is doing a good work. He not only preaches to the patients but is also doing work in five villages near the dispensary. We plan for this work to grow as the other work is extended.

On Sabbath, Nov. 30, the Chuharkana believers celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's Supper, and Brother Loasby came over from Chichoki for this meeting.

Dr. Mann and family have left for their furlough. They have done faithful work in starting the work in the Punjab, and the well established medical work at Chuharkana will remain as a witness to their earnest efforts and hard work. We wish them a safe journey home, a good rest and speedy return to the Punjab.

On this trip I also visited Chichoki Mullian and Najibabad. The workers at Chichoki are well and the work is progressing in the villages. Later I hope to give a full report of the work in this station. I am sorry to have to report that Brother Morris's family are having quite a serious time with Malaria. Brethren and sisters, remember these workers in your prayers.

M. M. MATTISON.

Harvest Ingathering Campaign

On the fifteenth of January our Harvest Ingathering Campaign is to begin. The results from the campaign last year were the best of any we have had. Will we be able to record still better results from the campaign that is about to begin? It ought to be so, and we believe it will. All the funds collected this year will be devoted to the support of our vernacular school work. What more worthy object could be placed before the people than this? There are many who will be glad to help us in our efforts to help the boys and girls of India. If our workers and church members will place the needs of this work tactfully before their neighbours and friends, before business and professional men, a liberal response will as a general rule be met with. In Australia the Harvest Ingathering work was undertaken last year for the first time. The brethren aimed to collect about Rs. 37,500 for missions, but were so success-

ful that almost double this amount was gathered. The plan has been wonderfully successful in such mission fields as Malaysia and China. The results of our own former efforts encourage us. We trust there will be a strong united effort this year throughout the Union.

A supply of the special Harvest Ingathering magazines and the collecting cards can be secured from your local church officers, or from Pastor A. H. Williams, 17 Abbott Road, Lucknow.

W. W. FLETCHER.

Changes

At the recent meeting of the India Union Committee two actions of general interest relative to our publishing work were taken.

The first related to our name. Henceforth we shall issue our literature under the imprint of the Seventh-day Adventist Publishing House.

The second action determined the life of our Lucknow magazine, the *Signs of the Times*; but whilst this old friend will soon cease to make its appearance month by month, we believe that the same good influence which it has exerted may be continued through the American *Signs of the Times* weekly, which we plan to circulate in its stead. Arrangements have been made for a good supply of the American paper to be available early in March; so that with its February issue the Lucknow magazine will close its career. We solicit on behalf of the new arrangement the same cordial support to our English magazine campaign which our missionary societies and church members have accorded our own paper in the past. For many there is no better way of bringing the truth to their notice than by a well written periodical; and in the regular circulation of papers, every church member may find an excellent means of interesting his immediate circle of friends in the Message for these days.

The annual subscription to the American *Signs of the Times* weekly, is Rs. 4-8-0; and particulars will be given in a later issue of TIDINGS concerning club rates.

A. H. WILLIAMS.

More Progress Forward. Bro. Smith of Garhwal has just passed his second year Hindi examination, and Bro. Mattison and Bro. Belgrave their third year Urdu. Good.

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Madras

The work in this station continues to progress favourably. The amount of Home Missionary effort reported each month by our members is good, and some who used to be backward have of late done much aggressive work to interest their neighbours. Those who have solicited orders for the *Signs of the Times* have been fairly successful, due recognition being given to the fact that we have no experienced canvassers amongst us.

The tithe receipts* from the lay members of the English church for the third quarter of 1918 were Rs. 528, the highest on record. As the fourth quarter is not quite ended, it is too early to give the figures.

It has recently been brought forcibly to our attention that our denominational name preaches the Lord's Message for this time very effectively. In Madras we display our sign very prominently in large letters over the entrance to our meeting hall. An educated Indian Christian was passing the hall a short time ago, and our sign arrested his attention. He made it the business of the moment to enquire the name and residence of the minister, and having been directed to my address, told me that he had come to ask what the name Seventh-day Adventist meant. This introduction led to Bible studies in my home, and before very long this brother was led to acknowledge the truth. But he held a good government post, and how would his department look upon his new religious principles? Such questions as these were disturbing. But a graver question,—Is it not wrong to disobey God?—won the day. He was baptised in the Adyar river on the 26th November, and it is believed that his wife will be baptised later as she has also fully accepted the truth.

We have obtained the use of the Victoria Public Hall for some Sunday meetings this

winter at a reasonable rental and we hope to present the truth before much larger congregations than we can accommodate in our regular hall at Vepery. As the Lord's blessing goes with us, we shall try to make 1919 the most successful year of our effort here. We ask the prayers of all for the work in Madras. P. C. POLEY.

Brother and Sister Brisbin sailed from Calcutta on January 6 for Rangoon, enroute to Singapore, from whence they have, we understand, secured a passage direct to the United States. Certainly they go with the sincerest good wishes of every one of their friends in India. We hope we may soon hear that Mrs. Brisbin has been fully restored to health.

A good report direct from the Kamamaung Sabbath-school came too late for our Special S.S. number, but if the block makers serve us well we expect to give you the report with a picture of the school in our next issue.

OBITUARY

It grieves us much to have to record the death of Brother A. Devasahayam, and youngest daughter, of Pondicherry, who died of Cholera Dec. 16, 1918. Before his acceptance of the Message in 1910 Bro. Devasahayam was a teacher in the Lutheran mission. When he saw the truth, even though its acceptance meant future prospects sacrificed, he accepted it fully, and from that time till his death was an earnest and faithful worker in this cause. He was not only instrumental in raising up a little church in Pondicherry but helped us in getting out literature in the Tamil language, having had a part in the translation and correction of all the Tamil literature that we have published. Brother Devasahayam was a thorough Christian, very kind hearted, considerate of others, and always ready to do someone a favour.

His faith and confidence in the truth were strong till the last. He leaves a wife, three sons and one daughter to mourn, but their confidence in him as a Christian husband and father, and their faith in the soon coming of Christ, when they will be re-united, nevermore to part, make the separation and disappointment less bitter, and the hopes for the future more bright.

The funeral service was conducted by Brethren Poley, Meleen, and Asirvatham.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

Sleep, sleep my brother, sweetly sleep,
Thy race on earth is now complete.
A good course thou hast surely run,
And now thy rest has but begun.

'Twill not be long until the end,
And Jesus from above descends
To call his sleeping saints above,
Where all is peace and joy and love.

Until that happy happy day,
When all our tears are wiped away,
We'll trust thee to our Saviour's care,
And hope to meet thee over there.

G. G. LOWBY.