

# INDIA UNION TIDINGS

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## Najibabad

On my way down from the Mussoorie Committee meeting I took the opportunity to spend Friday and Sabbath with our Najibabad Brethren and Sisters. This is the first time I have visited the station since Brother and Sister Morris left. It was very encouraging to me to see the way our Hindustani people are working so harmoniously together and carrying the work right along since Brother and Sister Morris have been compelled to leave. Each man seems to have his work and place in this station, and I believe all are striving to make a success of what the Lord has given them to do.

Two men, a Hindu and a Mohammedan of good families, came to see me while there this time and expressed themselves as desirous of giving up their old ways and becoming Christians. They are from the village where Brother Buddha Singh has been living and working the past year. He has a very interesting and promising work in and around Jalalabad.

The boys in our school have just had their examinations. Most of them have passed and they are feeling good for the new school year which begins in July. Twenty-six boys have been in attendance this year. These are children of our own workers and believers, and we long for the day to come when we can draw recruits from this school for our work. We are pleased to see these boys growing up in this message and learning the Bible truths day by day.

Brother Floyd W. Smith visits the Najibabad station once a month; our people there greatly appreciate the interest he takes in them and their work. I also am very pleased to have the help he is able to give us there.

Brother Lakhan Singh is doing very faithful work as leader of our work and workers in the absence of Brother and Sister Morris. I pray the Lord to give us more faithful ones from among our Hind-

stani brethren. I believe He will. He is doing so more and more which is sure evidence to me that the third angel's message is in North India to stay and to grow till the Lord comes.

The Ordinance of Humility and the Lord's Supper were celebrated on the Sabbath, and as usual proved a source of blessing to all.

M. M. MATTISON

## Calcutta English Work

This is the time of the year when Calcutta is almost dormant, sapped of its life and energy by the oppressive heat. However, the Lord's work must move on for the harvest will soon be past and the summer ended.

During the winter, evangelistic services were held in our meeting hall every Sabbath and Sunday evening. From time to time we were helped in these services by different visiting brethren. All of our meetings were quite well attended, both by our own members and friends from the city. But our seating capacity was always sufficient, and one could not help noticing that the visitors were for the most part those who had before attended and heard the message. Some of our members were very zealous in giving out invitations and bringing their neighbours with them to the meetings, and a few of the older members are faithfully giving their time and energy endeavouring to instruct the interested ones in the truth for this time. Brother and Sister O. W. Nolda, who have now left for America, were a great help and encouragement to the church and to us in the winter's work.

We are not altogether satisfied with the winter's results but we feel that what was done last winter and what is now being done will bear greater fruit in our future effort.

The church is handling a club of 150 of he weekly *Signs* and hopes to increase

this later. The "Signs" make excellent missionary literature, and if we can once get a man to read them, they are almost sure to make a new friend of him. We feel that these papers are going to do much in creating an interest in the truths of the Bible among the people of Calcutta.

On Sabbath, May 10th, our hearts were made glad by seeing three candidates step into the water to follow Christ in baptism. One of these, a young Anglo-Indian, is now doing quite well selling our smaller books.

We have some good loyal people in the Calcutta church. Some have undergone very hard trial, especially regarding the Sabbath, and are still faithful. We thank God for His power to keep His people who trust in Him.

As we look out upon this great city wherein are more than one million souls that can scarcely distinguish their right hand from their left, we cry to God, "the harvest truly is great and the labourers are few"; and pray Him to fit up each member as a powerful witness that *our* field may be warned.

We solicit an interest in the prayers of our people in India and Burma that God's continued blessing may rest upon India's oldest Seventh-day Adventist Church—Calcutta.

F. A. WYMAN.

## Take Heed Unto Yourselves

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Mr. Swartz, one of the greatest missionaries that ever laboured in South India, was very successful in winning souls for Christ, and left thousands of monuments to the saving power of the gospel of Christ Jesus. In speaking of the secret of his power, his biographer says, "Among the qualities which tended materially to accredit and recommend him as a missionary, was that sweetness of disposition and that cordiality and kindness of address, which, springing out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned, shed an aspect of benignity and cheerfulness over his countenance, and added a charm to his very appearance, and persuasion to his lips. He was at peace with God, and his heart was habitually animated by that love to Him which irresistibly expanded in love to his brethren also."

Another thing in regard to which we must take heed is our treatment of the Indian people. Kindness, which is an outgrowth of love, has a wonderful power over others, and ought to have a prominent place in the character of the missionary who wishes to be successful. There is a tendency, among Western people to look down upon the Easterner. And the Indian is often given to understand, both by word and act, that he is inferior and must keep his place, and must take the abuse that is heaped upon him without returning a word. I have seen men, without any reason or cause whatever, kick and cuff Indians about most unmercifully, simply, as they said, to teach them their places. Such things are not always confined to Railway officials and Government employees either, but sometimes, even those of whom better things are expected, fall into the same habit. Such unkindness on the part of any European is deplorable, and for a missionary it is a fatal defect. No doubt Indians have their defects, but that is no reason why they should be despised or made to feel their inferiority. They have some good qualities also, and the true missionary will give the people credit for the virtues they do possess; and, remembering his own sins committed against so much light and love, will make allowances for the weaknesses of those who have, from their birth, been surrounded by so much darkness.

Even in our conversation with Indians in their own language, we are likely to offend them by using the wrong form of the personal pronoun. We should study how to avoid offences of this kind. I do not know how it is in the Northern languages, but in the South we have three forms of the pronoun. One is the low, one the middle and one the high form. It is the custom of some Europeans to use only the lowest forms to all Indians. Many are offended by this, and there is no reason why we, as missionaries, should not use one of the higher words. At least to men of education and experience we might use a word that would place them on an equal with us.

Indians often dislike to be called natives, in English. It is just as easy to say 'Indian' instead and thus save the offence. They also do not like to have their peculiar customs and habits commented on in an

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## Statistical Report

OF THE INDIA UNION MISSION FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31st 1919.

		TOTALS	UNION (a)	BENGAL	BOMBAY	BURMA	NORTH INDIA	SOUTH INDIA
<b>CHURCHES</b>								
Number of Churches		24		7	3	3	4	7
Membership		813		230	66	139	167	211
Baptized during Qr.		58		20		2	21	15
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<b>LABOURERS (b)</b>								
Ordained Ministers		14	3	3	1	1	3	3
Licensed Ministers		21	2	4	2	6	4	3
Licensed Missionaries		57	16	13	4	9	9	6
Other Workers		129	14	23	11	15	33	28
Total Labourers		221	35	43	18	31	49	40
<b>TITHE</b>								
Total Receipts	Rs.	11118 6 7	3675 10 3	2595 2 0	1404 8 9	505 12 6	2388 1 3	639 3 10
<b>OFFERINGS</b>								
Sabbath-School	Rs.	1204 2 3		242 10 0	330 2 0	59 7 9	411 3 3	160 11 3
13th Sabbath		963 15 6		653 9 3	162 12 9	18 13 6	127 1 9	6 10 3
Harvest Ingathering		3852 0 9		2725 4 0	166 0 0			960 12 9
Annual Offering		1018 4 6		444 7 3	272 0 0	12 12 0	245 5 0	43 12 3
Other Offerings (except local church Offerings)		68 7 2		11 12 3	12 0 0	9 0 0	5 0 0	30 10 11
Total Offerings		7111 14 2		4077 10 9	942 14 9	100 1 3	788 10 0	1202 9 5

(a) Includes Union institutional workers.

(b) Excludes workers on furlough.

### Mussooree

I am spending a few pleasant and profitable weeks in Mussooree, having arrived here about the middle of April in company with Brother and Sister Fulton. To me a change of employment brings greater rest than merely spending a vacation in idleness. I am having a Bible study each day with an interesting class of Bengali men who have come to Mussooree from Calcutta for a change of climate. They are an inspiring company to give the message to, and I trust that impressions may be made which will be lasting. They are very keen and receptive. The Bible is a book which is well adapted to the needs of men of all nations; and its truths, when interpreted to them by the Spirit of truth, brings the same response in their hearts as in ours. Our Bengali translator is also here with me and

we are trying to prepare some new matter for publication.

L. J. BURGESS.

Brother & Sister A. J. Denoyer are locating for the present at our Karen mission station, at Kamamaung, Burma. Brother Denoyer will work with our vernacular literature the territory along the Salween River to Moulmein, and Sister Denoyer will resume her former work in the dispensary at Kamamaung, in which she has been so successful in winning the sympathies of the people.

Sister E. E. Bruce has returned from her stay in the hills to the work in Bombay city.

Born to Pastor & Mrs. McWhinney, a daughter, June 20, 1919.

Sister E. Reid is taking up vernacular Bible work in the city of Bombay.

**Union Membership (by churches)**

	Members	Membership 31st March 1919	Membership 31st March 1915
<b>BENGAL</b>			
Burnabari Chaurkhuli	12		
Calcutta (Bengali)	47		
„ (English)	65		
Gopalganj	27		
Karmatar	40		
Suagram	23		
Sharengathee	16	230	109
<b>BOMBAY</b>			
Lasalgaon	7		
Bombay	43		
Kalyan	16	66	46
<b>BURMA</b>			
Kamantaung	11		
Meiktila	48		
Rangoon*	80	139	117
<b>NORTH INDIA</b>			
Lucknow	36		
Mussooree	31		
North India Conference Church	70		
Simla	30	167	81
<b>SOUTH INDIA</b>			
Conference Church	28		
Bangalore	35		
Madras (English)	12		
„ (Tamil)	11		
Nazareth	60		
Neyyattinkara	50		
Pondicherry	15	211	65
Union Total		813	418

\*Includes Burma Conference Church

A. H. WILLIAMS.

Just as we go to press we are glad to hear that Brother and Sister Peden have passed their first year Telugu exam. Also that Brother and Sister Wellman have been successful in that portion of their 2nd year Urdu examination for which they entered.

Pastor R. A. Hubley has secured quarters at 6 Victoria Terrace, Mazagon, Bombay.

We believe that Brother and Sister Blue and Brother McWhinney have successfully passed their first year Hindi exams. Well done!

Maung Ba Tin, who was associated with the late Pastor C. F. Lowry in the Burmese evangelistic work near Rangoon, has been appointed Bible teacher in the school at Meiktila.

Brother R. D. Brisbin is now connected with the editorial department of the Pacific Press Publishing Company, at Mountain View, California. Sister Brisbin is greatly improved in health.

## Sabbath-School Report

FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1919.

	No. Schools	Membership	Average Attendance	12 Sabbaths Offerings	13th Sabbath Offerings	Total Offerings
<b>BENGAL MISSION</b>						
Calcutta (English)		61	56	236 4 3	92 0 0	328 4 3
Calcutta (Bengali)		51	45	56 13 0	11 8 9	68 5 9
East Bengal		79	72	17 7 0		17 7 0
Karnatar		50	40	18 2 6	3 8 9	21 12 3
TOTAL	4	241	213	328 11 9	107 1 6	435 13 3
<b>BOMBAY MISSION</b>						
Bombay		27	18	213 0 0	162 12 9	375 12 9
Kalyan		65	67	24 2 7	11 0 0	35 2 7
Lasalgaon		5	5	9 3 0		9 3 0
Lonavla		4	3	36 0 0	11 0 0	47 0 0
TOTAL	4	101	93	282 5 7	184 12 9	467 2 4
<b>BURMA MISSION</b>						
Henzada		5	6	24 7 0	7 12 3	32 2 3
Kamamaung		28	25	20 13 9	1 12 6	22 10 3
Meiktila		42	38	77 9 0	4 14 9	82 7 9
Rangoon (English)		50	40	87 12 6	35 8 0	123 4 6
Rangoon (Burmese)		12	12	12 13 6	5 8 0	18 5 6
TOTAL	5	137	121	223 7 9	55 7 6	278 15 3
<b>NORTH INDIA MISSION</b>						
Agra		10	10	18 0 0	1 8 0	19 8 0
Cawnpore		11	10	43 0 0	10 2 0	53 2 0
Chichoki Mullian		6	5	15 8 0	10 0 0	25 8 0
Chichoki Mullian Out Station		12	9			
Chuharkana		11	7	23 8 9		23 8 9
Garhwal		40	35	1 3 0		1 3 0
Hapur		16	14	14 13 9	3 13 6	18 11 3
Lucknow		29	28	118 1 6	21 10 0	139 11 6
Mussoorie		25	23	27 0 0	36 7 6	63 7 6
Najibabad		29	27	7 3 3	0 5 0	7 8 3
Rae Bareli		2	2	4 0 0	2 0 0	6 0 0
Sinla		25	22			
TOTAL	12	216	192	272 6 3	85 14 0	358 4 3
<b>SOUTH INDIA MISSION</b>						
Antervedipalem		14	9	5 14 3		5 14 3
Bangalore		34	29	36 4 9	18 1 10	54 6 7
Madras (English)		9	7	24 6 3	5 0 0	29 6 3
Madras (Tamil)		17	14	10 6 9	3 13 6	14 4 3
Manipay		5	7	5 2 0	0 12 6	5 14 6
Motara		17	16	12 7 0	0 5 1	12 12 1
Mutwal		5	4			
Narsapur		12	10	3 14 6	7 3 0	11 1 6
Nazareth		88	74	35 8 4	4 9 10	40 2 2
Nazareth Out Schools		11	8	2 1 6		2 1 6
Neyyattinkara		64	35	1 14 0	1 4 6	3 2 6
Neyyattinkara Out Schools		145	139	0 9 0	1 2 6	1 11 6
Neyyocor		8	7	4 8 0		4 8 0
Pondicherry		20	15	5 4 8		5 4 8
Rajamundry		27	25	5 3 3		5 3 3
Vizagapatam		3	3	9 12 10	1 0 0	10 12 10
TOTAL	16	482	402	163 5 1	43 4 9	206 9 10
GRAND TOTALS	41	1177	1021	1270 4 5	476 8 6	1746 12 11

(Total Home Dept. membership is 35)

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unfavourable way. Neither do we, and we should remember the golden rule.

There are many other little things which often cause needless offence that the missionary would do well to try to avoid and thereby keep down barriers which often separate him from the people. I will mention only one—that of impatience. This fault is, without doubt, the besetting sin of most of us. It is generally said that the climate of India is trying on one's nerves and that it makes Europeans loose control of their tempers. This is at least a convenient excuse. Some who could boast of being able in the homeland to control their tempers under all circumstances, have found that, after some years here, they were completely baffled. Doubtless the climate and other conditions out here do encourage impatience. But the most likely reason for the difference noticed in people in this respect is the fact that when they were at home surrounded with their own people they were, for the sake of decency, compelled to control themselves; but out here surrounded by people considered their inferiors, they give away to their tempers without restraint. Impatience is a thing which does not require cultivation in order to develop. If left alone it will develop itself and in due course will show its bitter fruits in hundreds of ways.

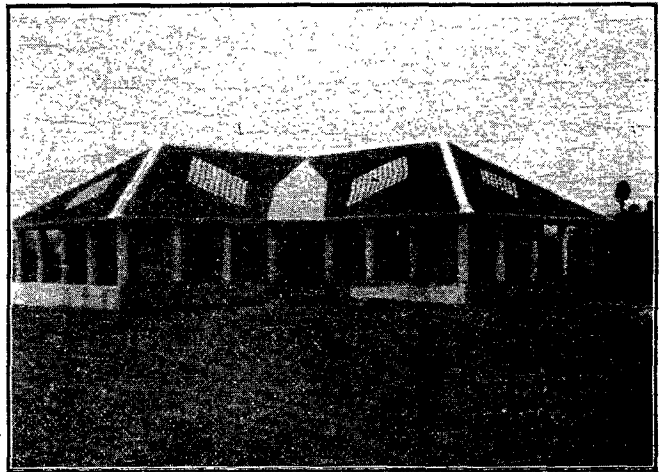
Mr. Murdock, compiler of "Missionary Manual" says:—  
"In his intercourse with the people, let the missionary guard most carefully against any outburst of temper. It will rob him of half his usefulness, even though he may be esteemed for several eminent qualities. If reviled, let him imitate his master, who reviled not again. Many of the natives of India, especially Mohammedans, can not bear even the mild banter, familiarly challed chaffing. A military officer told me that his servant, a stalwart Afghan, brought a stick to his master, and told him to beat him if he liked, but begged not to be ridiculed."

The matter of becoming impatient and fretful with our servants and under-workers and associates is certainly a thing which we should avoid with all diligence, and try by God's help to cultivate the more amiable qualities of piety, love, and a kindly spirit toward all, giving earnest heed to the following instruction of Peter:—"And besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and can not see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins." 2 Peter 1:5-9.

G. G. LOWRY.

## Nazareth

Since we returned from our annual meeting in Madras, we have been very busy. Early in April, we opened a Bible class for all those interested in the message. Each evening at the appointed time it was very regularly conducted in our mission bungalow. As a result of these studies, five sisters and one brother were baptized on the last Sabbath in April and added to the church.



NAZARETH MISSION BUNGALOW.

The annual examination of our school was held April 23-30. Following the examination, the school closed for the mid-summer vacation.

On the closing day of the school, our first Ingathering Service for this year was held. Rupees 577-8-11 was received in cash and kind, and Rs. 30-1-10 was pledged by different ones. It has been very gratifying to receive this sum into the Lord's treasury, from the hands of many of His poor children, who have been very faithful even at this time of famine and pestilence.

During this vacation of five weeks, all the necessary annual repairs in the bungalow, school, boys' dormitory and out-houses have been attended to, and all these buildings, including the compound wall, are receiving a fresh coat of white-wash.

We are all of good courage and are pressing the battle forward. Kindly continue to remember us at the throne of grace.

E. D. THOMAS.

### A Word from Shillong

It has been our privilege to spend our 1919 vacation in Shillong. It is a semi-hill station situated on a plateau in Assam, at an elevation of 4908 feet, and is very picturesque. With the exception of "Bishop Falls" and their immediate surroundings, there is nothing majestic to be seen; nevertheless the gentle slopes clothed mostly with pines and grass, and interlaced with streamlets of clear, refreshing water, present a very pleasing appearance.

When we arrived, the writer purposed canvassing the station with the object of finding those who were interested in Bible study. Ere long, however, Sister Burgess had to return to Calcutta, thus leaving the Bible work which she intended doing. And it was decided that instead of canvassing, the time could be profitably employed in giving Bible Readings to apparently interested people.

There is one case which we especially desire to tell you about. Shortly after arriving we became acquainted with a Tasmanian lady, and in course of time began Bible studies in her home twice a week. But each time as the hour for her study drew near, the clouds would gather and the rain would begin to descend. On

two occasions, the rain was so heavy that Mrs. Stevens was prevented from going to her home. In spite of the weather, however, the studies were faithfully presented.

As the lady's interest grew keener, we found her to be an apt Bible student. About three weeks ago, the cloudy visits were replaced by sunshiny ones; and last week, as we bade Mrs. Little farewell, I remarked, "We hope Mrs. Little that some day you will keep God's Sabbath with us." You may imagine our surprise and joy when she said "I have kept Sabbath for two weeks now, and intend to do so."

As we returned home, we felt that in one instance at least it paid to keep appointments, weather agreeable or not; and in reviewing the experience, we decided that, from the time Mrs. Little decided to obey in this point, the weather had been fine.

Another lady nearby, who has begun keeping the Sabbath, eagerly drank in the truth as it was presented to her. My first acquaintance with this lady was when I sold her a copy of *Heralds*, which has indeed proved to be the Herald of a new experience to her.

Others are interested in present truth and we hope that they two ere long may choose the better part and take their stand upon Bible truth. Brethren, would you remember Brother and Sister Hardinge, Sister Bullock, and those two new believers in your prayers that God may use them in a special way to uphold the banner of "Prince Immanuel", that others may by their example be led to a saving knowledge of the truth.

During our stay here we have given about sixty *Bible Readings*, sold six subscriptions and twenty trade Books, given hundreds of pages of tracts and posted to local addresses eighty sets of Family Bible Teacher.

As we leave, we can only claim the Lord's promise; "My word shall not return unto me void."

W. H. AND D. STEVENS.

Arrangements are being made to transfer the North India Girls' School from Hapur to Lucknow. Brother and Sister Wellman are moving to Lucknow, and Sister Wellman will take charge of the school, which will be conducted for the present in the premises until recently occupied by Brother and Sister Blue.

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## Review @ Herald

### Seventieth Anniversary.

This month the *Review & Herald* completes its 70th year of publication. During these years its regular visits have told of an advancing work, of the entering of new lands for Mission effort, and its timely counsels have done much to inspire God's waiting people.

In connection with this 70th anniversary, a world-wide campaign is on foot to secure, if possible, an order for *Review & Herald* from every English reading family of believers.

A special offer, which takes the form of a fourteen months' subscription for the regular yearly price of Rs. 7-13-, is being made for all subscriptions or renewals received during July, the 70th anniversary month.

Are you a subscriber? Then send us your renewal during this month and your subscription will be extended fourteen months instead of twelve months as usual. If you are not a subscriber, take this opportunity of securing fourteen months' papers for the usual yearly subscription rates.

Apart from this special inducement, it will surely appeal to all as most important that our English speaking Sabbath keepers in India ought all to be readers of the *Review*, published as it is for our people especially and filled with reports of the onward march of the message in all parts of the world.

Do not fail to get your subscription in before this month closes.

### — NOTES —

We learn that Brother L. C. Shepherd and wife were due to sail from San Francisco on the 27th May enroute for India. We are glad for this news and hope to learn of still others coming by the same opportunity. Brother Melendy and wife are to sail in July.

A letter from Brother Beckner reports some believers from amongst the Chin tribes as ready for baptism. We are glad that the work is spreading out to include these peoples.

In our 1919 workers' diary, Brother G. G. Lowry's address was not given. It is as follows:—

3 Wheeler Road, Bangalore.

Readers of Tidings wishing to communicate with Pastor J. E. Fulton may address him in care of Brother H. A. Skinner, Yamethin, Upper Burma.

Brother and Sister H. D. Johnston write from England that they are nicely settled down and are getting along well. They have connected with our West London Church.

Recent mails have brought us so many good reports from the field that our regular four page issue was not sufficient to accommodate all. We have pleasure therefore in submitting eight pages this issue.

Pastor G. A. Hamilton, writing from Rangoon, says, "We are getting into touch with the best class of people we have ever had in Rangoon, and a number are getting deeply interested. Cottage meetings are the order of the day, and we are having some excellent meetings. We are circulating thousands of *Signs* and tracts and many small Rs. 1/- books. Surely a lot of people have had an excellent opportunity to know the will of God. I have never felt so encouraged before."

The statistical reports as published in this issue should be a source of cheer to us all. The large increase in membership during the quarter is especially encouraging.

To date we have been glad to receive orders for Signs of the Times clubs totalling over three hundred copies. Single subscriptions are being received, and we look forward to receiving some good orders to swell our lists.

The North India Boys' school is being transferred from Najibabad to Hapur, where Sister Shryock will be placed in charge. Miss Shryock is at present assisting in the school work at Annfield, where the need of additional teachers is being greatly felt.

### The Home Study Habit

That is the habit to form if you can not go to School. And the Fireside Correspondence School was organized to help you form this habit. The President of the General Conference says, "I believe this school is conferring an unspeakable benefit upon our people."

For full particulars write today to the principal, C. C. Lewis, Takoma Park, Washington D. C., U. S. A.