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Open View Mission School, Garhwal

It has been some time since the "*Tidings*" has received a report from our school in Garhwal District. At present the attendance is the best it has been for a number of years.

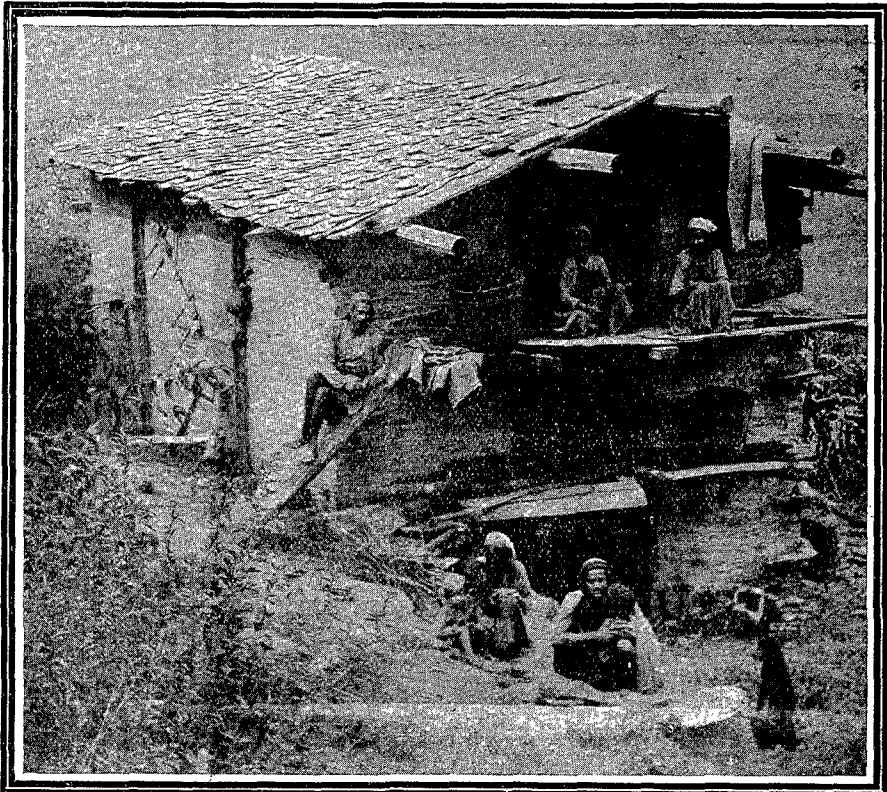
The new school term opened the first of July, after a two weeks vacation. We have an eighth class this year for the first time since I came here. There are 75 boys on the rolls at present, of whom nearly 40 live in the dormitories.

We are glad to have with us as a teacher this year Brother Admatha Howard, who since his conversion here some four or five

years ago, has been receiving special training at Lucknow and elsewhere. Brother A. Paul is also assisting in the teaching this year in addition to studying in the school. Aside from these we have one Christian and three non-Christian teachers who have been with us before.

All the dormitory boys attend Sabbath-school regularly as also a number of the village boys. All the boys study Bible in day-school. The boys seem to take a good interest in their Bible studies and in Sabbath-school. There are those

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A HIMALAYAN HOME

Another Thirteenth Sabbath Offering For India

The secretary of the General Conference Sabbath-school Department informs us that the thirteenth sabbath offering in the last quarter of 1920 will be devoted to the needs of the work in our North India and Bombay missions. This is good news for us. Last year the sabbath schools gave a thirteenth sabbath offering for the work in South India, Bengal, and Burma, and there was a good overflow above the amount called for, which we hope to see used to provide some much-needed facilities for the work in those fields. We are sure that the sabbath schools will give a good lift also to North India and Bombay when the opportunity comes.

Beginning with the first quarter of this year the Australasian Union began to devote its thirteenth sabbath offering to the object selected by the General Conference. That field formerly gave all its offerings to the work in the island missions within its own territory. While most of the funds to support the work in India come to us from abroad, yet we also share in this privilege of giving in the thirteenth sabbath offerings to supply the needs of the cause in other lands. It is inspiring to think of our sabbath schools throughout the whole world giving to one object in these special offerings. Sister Plummer says that "the thirteenth sabbath offering is now a world-wide enterprise".

W. W. F.

Simla

The following notice appeared in the Simla Weekly.

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT

"An appeal for a liberal offertory on behalf of missions was made at two recent services at the Seventh-day Adventist Chapel, "Belvedere". The resulting collections netted a sum of three thousand three hundred rupees, (Rs. 3300) which has been forwarded to the Mission Board; and we herewith tender grateful acknowledgment to the friends of missions who have made possible this substantial contribution. H. C. MENKEL, M. D. for Seventh-day Adventist Mission Board."

The two collections referred to are the Annual Offering and the Harvest Ingathering. Since the above was published the total has swelled to Rs. 4,000, and the end is not yet. Such results indicate that these are people willing to invest in the Kingdom of Heaven and that they only require an opportunity for so doing.

During the weekly services, we are now considering subjects which bring a crisis into the life of those giving these matters consideration for the first time, and as a consequence the Simla Church is in the state of a perpetual prayer meeting in behalf of souls. We are greatly encouraged by assurances that other faithful friends are also remembering this effort in their daily prayers.

H. C. MENKEL, M. D.

The Only "Way"

After a long talk with some Indian Theosophists, in which I did not seem to be at all successful in convincing them with regard to certain Bible truths we were discussing, I was much impressed to hear one of them say by way of conclusion, with exclamations of assent from the others, that they regarded all religions as so many ways to God; but that they were willing to acknowledge that so far as they had been able to observe, Christianity was the most successful of all in attaining the end sought; that Christianity did in some way, simply,

directly, and readily, lead men to a knowledge of God, more so than any other religion.

Ah! I thought, now you have acknowledged all. Christ is the Way. Men are able to "come unto God by Him". There is no other way to God. He Himself declares, "I am the way". By Him we "go in and out and find pasture". This is the final triumphant proof of the truth of the gospel, that through Christ men do "draw nigh unto God".

W. W. FLETCHER.

Advancement of the Work Among the Tamils

We glean the following interesting items of news concerning the work among the Tamils at Nazareth and other places, from a letter recently received from Pastor E. D. Thomas.

Soon after the Madras general meeting, which was held last March, the Bible class for Tamil women was resumed at the mission home at Nazareth. This class has been taught by Sister Thomas for two years past. Some of the women have been taught to read and write in their own vernacular, in addition to the lessons on gospel truth. As a result of this work some have been led to step out from the world and follow Christ.

In the last week of April there was a baptism at Nazareth in which six believers publicly united with the Saviour.

During the same week the final examinations were held in the Nazareth school, and on the closing day of the school year a harvest ingathering service was held. In this meeting the presence of the Lord was felt, and all were blessed. Rs. 617 was paid in that day in tithes and offerings.

Early in May, at the request of the mission superintendent, Brother Thomas went to Madura with Brother V. Isaac, to assist the latter to get located and commence evangelistic work there. The Lord helped the brethren to find a place suitable for the work. After some days they found that the next door neighbour had become interested in the truth through some Bible readings given him by one of our brethren at Trichinopoly.

Brother Thomas next visited Trichinopoly and Kariananthal. The latter is a village about twenty-seven miles south of Madura, where about eight families are very much interested in the truth. Several of interested ones at these places have since then been baptized by Pastor Lowry.

The first week in June the school at Nazareth re-opened. About five hundred advertisements telling of the good work of the school were circulated far and near. This brought the school before the public, and as a result a good number of new students from various places have been admitted. There are now eighty students on the roll, twenty-three of whom are boarders, seventeen boys and six girls.

About the middle of June a visit was made to an outstation about ten miles east of Nazareth, where, on the sabbath, the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated. One of the workers from this village has been asked by the South India mission committee to transfer to Kariananthal and follow up the interest there. Brother Thomas accompanied him to that place, meeting by appointment Brother Lowry en route. Some days were spent at Kariananthal, in the endeavour to help forward the work there.

Some of the young people who have been trained in our schools, and are now assisting in the work at Nazareth, are developing very satisfactorily, and give promise that in due time they will be able to carry greater responsibilities in carrying the last message to the millions of Tamil people in South India.

W. W. F.

Many Openings in Travancore

Pastor Lowry writes encouragingly of the progress of the work in Travancore. He says: "There are many openings in the Malayalam country, and I do wish we had the men to fill them. What we need of course is a good army of Indian brethren to go out in these places and teach the truth. We can get them in only one way, and that is to send them to our school and train them. This we are trying to do as fast as possible. There are places now open for

at least a dozen native workers if we had them. The people are calling for us. I do wish we had the men."

"Brother Woodward, at Neyyattinkara, is getting hold of things very nicely, and is progressing exceptionally well with the language. He is endeavouring to preach a sermon every Sabbath-day, and does much visiting with the people in the vernacular. He is still studying with his teacher every day."

In the Punjab Villages.

After spending a few days in Najibabad, towards the end of June, I joined Brother F. H. Loasby at Lakhsar for a trip to the Punjab where we were to spend some time with our workers in the villages. We spent one night, the 25th, at Chichoki Mullian, going on to Chuharkana the next day. Brother Loasby had written ahead for some of his workers to meet us at a canal bungalow about 15 miles from Chuharkana, where we were to plan for our trip to the several villages; and we had also planned to baptize some of the believers from the farthest villages at this place, thus saving ourselves a long trip in the heat which is very intense at this time of the year in the Punjab. There being no monsoon rains to speak of in the Punjab, one can imagine to some extent how hot it can get there in July.

On Friday morning Brother Loasby suggested to me that I could ride behind him on his motor cycle to the canal bungalow and save myself a lot of work and worry. I was very glad to fall in with his suggestion, so we soon started on our way. It was soon found out, however, that his motor cycle wouldn't carry double; and in our efforts to break it in we broke a chain; so this plan had to be abandoned, to my sorrow. Brother Loasby complained that my legs were so long he couldn't properly control the machine, but I felt that his complaint was altogether out of place as I am not to blame for my long legs. The next idea that suggested itself was that we go into Brother Smith's house and get out the mission bicycle, which I was to use. It was no easy matter to get in as he had taken more than ordinary precautions in nailing the house up in view of the recent riots. When we began our efforts we very soon came to the conclusion that it was just about thief proof. Finally we found one of the "roshandans" above had been removed and a ladder had been left there by which we could climb down from the roof of the house through this transom; and thus with great difficulty we got that bicycle. Brother Loasby then suggested that I fasten my bedding strap on to his motor cycle and by holding to this he could get me along at a good rate. I agreed to this also, very foolishly, thinking I would get there on schedule time and not suffer

from the heat and hard work so much. Brother Loasby started up his engine while I held on to the strap, ready to get on to my bicycle when he got started. I got on but couldn't stay on, for the bicycle seemed to rebel against exceeding its speed limit, and the first thing I knew, I was in a pile of sand by the road side with the bicycle on top of me. I decided that I was too far away from home to try any more experiments like that so I suggested to Brother Loasby that he go on and I would follow his track. In this way we reached the bungalow by about 1 o'clock, where we waited for about three hours for the workers. They did not come for some reason, so we returned to Chuharkana for the Sabbath.

On Sabbath we enjoyed meeting with our believers at our Chuharkana station. We had Sabbath-school in the morning; and in the afternoon we had preaching service followed by a baptismal service, at which three of the new believers were buried in baptism in the canal near by. These were the parents of one of our boys who has been in school at Najibabad the past two years, and the boy himself. The boy is in school again this year, and is a very earnest lad. His parents have been asking for baptism for some time.

On Sunday morning Brother Loasby and I started again for some of the villages near the canal bungalow to which we had gone on Friday. I started again on the bicycle, but had gone only four or five miles when my back tube blew out. We tried to fix it but it wouldn't fix, so I left it with some stranger to keep until we came that way again. I walked the rest of the way while Brother Loasby rode joyously along on that motor cycle. He very kindly offered to let me ride, but I am not acquainted with motor cycles. I wished many a time that day and afterward that his motor cycle was a motor car, for if any man needs one when he is on tour with some one else or when his wife wants to go with him, it is Brother Loasby, not to mention the one who is with him.

We reached our destination about 5 p. m., and the reception we got made us forget all our troubles. We had some good meetings with Brother Sirdar Khan and his people. In going from his village to the surrounding villages where his work lies, he very kindly supplied me with a good horse and I greatly appreciated it.

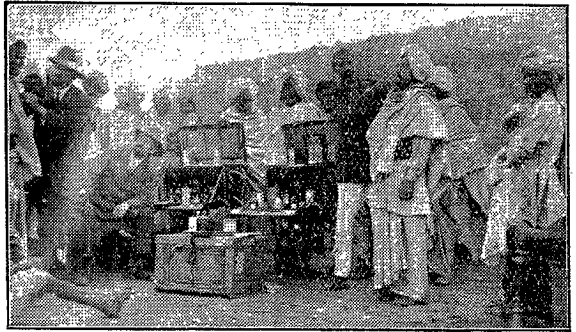
During the two days we were with him, we had several meetings, one wedding, and a service at which ten were baptized. Most of these people are those who have been won to the truth by the work of this brother since he began living in this neighborhood two years ago. He is one of the workers who was in Brother Loasby's school three years ago, and has proven very faithful. Brother Loasby secured a place for him to live and work in a heathen village, where he is to-day; and most of his converts have been from among these heathen people. We also have several boys and girls from his villages in our schools. We arrived back at Chuharkana Tuesday evening, I on horseback.

On Thursday morning bright and early we were up and on our way to Waran, the place where Brother Mehnga Mall lives and carries on village work. We spent only part of a day with him, holding two meetings, performing one wedding ceremony and baptizing twelve. All of the converts were from heathenism, and I was very much encouraged at the advancement these people have made since I last visited them. It showed that our brother had been at work with these people; and the Lord has rewarded his efforts. I sometimes wonder how the Lord uses our brethren as much as he does, considering the odds that are against them in these villages. It only shows that He is a living God and that our Message is a living Message. When we get more workers who are consecrated and not afraid of hard work, we will see good results in all of our stations in India, I believe.

I left Chuharkana on Thursday afternoon for Lahore where I caught the mail for Dehli that night. I felt very thankful and grateful to the Lord for the privilege of being with our people in the Punjab again, even if it was July with the thermometer running from 110 to 120 degrees at times. Brother Loasby and his associate workers have a good work going in the villages of the Gujranwala District. He also has some work going in the Lahore District. It has meant a lot of hard work and self-sacrifice on the part of Brother and Sister Loasby to get this work to the place it now is; but the Lord has been very good to them and they are of good courage in His service. I

believe that when they have their furlough and can get back for another seven years of service, we shall see hundreds of converts from these villages where work is now begun.

At Chuharkana I was glad to see these our first-fruits from among the villagers around there. Our worker, Brother Nattu Mall, whom Dr V. L. Mann trained and got started in the work before he went away, is doing good work, and there is promise of an early harvest of more souls from his work. We were very cordially entertained by this brother and family while we were at Chuharkana. Brother A. Gardner, one of our oldest, if not the oldest believer in North India, is doing excellent work in our Dispensary at this place. While Brother Frank Smith and Dr. Olive Smith have been away in the hills this



summer, he has, as usual, carried on the work very acceptably. It is a source of much encouragement to me to see our Indian brethren and sisters doing their work faithfully and carrying responsibilities. I shall long remember this trip to the Punjab and shall pray the Lord to bless our workers there to the salvation of souls. I ask our other brethren and sisters to join with me in this.

I reached Hapur July 4th, where I found my wife and children who had come down from the hills. We now began our packing up for furlough. It is no easy matter to pull up after being in India for seven years. We only go in order that we may return and stay longer. Our hearts are here and we hope to return soon so that we can be with you in the work we have learned to love. We are very comfortably situated here with Brother and Sister Burgess and expect to be here till the 1st of August.

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Praying in the Holy Ghost

A young man had been called to the mission field. He had not been in the habit of preaching, but he knew one thing, how to prevail with God; and going one day to a friend he said: "I don't see how God can use me in the field. I have no special talent." His friend said: "My brother, God wants men in the field who can pray. There are too many preachers now and too few pray-ers." He went. In his own room in the early dawn a voice was heard weeping and pleading for souls. All through the day, the shut door and the hush that prevailed made you feel like walking softly, for a soul was wrestling with God.

To this home hungry souls would flock drawn by some irresistible power, in the morning hours some would call and say: "I have gone by your home so many times and have longed to come in. Will you tell me how I can be saved?" Or from some distant place another would call saying: "I heard you would tell us here how we might find heart-rest."

Ah, the mystery was unlocked. In the secret chambers lost souls were pleaded for and claimed. The Holy Ghost knew just where they were and sent them along. Mark this: If all who read these lines would thus lay hold on God, with the holy violence and unconquerable persistence of faith-filled prayer, a good many things would give way, against which we have been beating with our puny human wisdom and power in vain. The prayer power has never been tried to its full capacity in any church. If we want to see mighty wonders of Divine grace and power wrought in the place of weakness, failure and disappointment, let the whole church answer God's standing challenge: "Call unto me and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." Jer. xxxiii. 3.—J. Hudson Taylor.

The end is near, stealing upon us stealthily, imperceptibly, like the noiseless approach of a thief in the night. May the Lord grant that we shall no longer sleep as do others, but that we shall watch and be sober. The truth is soon to triumph gloriously, and all who now choose to be labourers together with God, will triumph with it. The time is short; the night soon cometh when no man can work. Let those who are rejoicing in the light of present

truth now make haste to impart the truth to others. The Lord is inquiring, "Whom shall I send?" Those who wish to sacrifice for the truth's sake are now to respond, "Here am I; send me."

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Words of Greeting and Cheer from Bombay.

It is with real pleasure that we find ourselves settled in this land of millions, to join the forces that are exerting their highest energies toward the accomplishment of the great commission of the Master.

As we have travelled the crowded thoroughfares of this city, and to a greater or lesser extent have come in contact with its throngs of conglomerate peoples; and as we have been reminded that this is but a fringe of India's millions to whom must be brought the saving story of the crucified, risen, ascended and soon-coming Saviour, our hearts have burned within us to be of some service in the accomplishment of this stupendous task.

In seeking to lay hold of the work here, we are pleased to find such a splendid spirit of co-operation as is manifested in our English speaking Church. Our appeals for a renewal of consecration to the service of God, that in prayerful, united and systematic labor, we might consistently plead with the Lord of the harvest for an ingathering of souls, have found an answering chord in the hearts of our brethren and sisters that has been truly encouraging.

In the past the Church Missionary Society has been doing some real commendable work, though somewhat inclined to reticence in certain lines. This reticence, we believe, will be overcome as the counsel of the Lord becomes more plain, and our vision expands to a more complete grasp of the purpose God has for the Church Missionary Society, and the potentialities of the same which will become more evident as we follow our instruction. Plans are being formulated for definite work along definite lines. In these plans the church has not forgotten the exhortation through the *Tidings* to "Remember the Signs Campaign." We anticipate sending for a good club of this splendid soul-winning periodical. We cannot doubt that as our membership continues to seek an enlightened and full

consecration to the work of the Lord, the "Latter rain" will be manifested in refreshing showers.

The Sabbath School reveals a commendable spirit of sacrifice. The goal set for this quarter will, if realized, represent a genuine spirit of self-denial that the stream of contributions may widen in its flow. Plans are being laid for the building up of the various phases of the Sabbath-school work which, under the consecrated leadership of the school will mean much for its spiritual development.

May the Lord help us all to take Isa. 41:6 as a polar text in all our activities until the work is finished: "They helped every one his neighbour; and every one said to his brother, be of good courage."

R. A. HUBLEY.

In the Punjab Villages

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We really feel that we are leaving home as we leave India. We have many friends here, and we pray the Lord to keep the workers, European and Indian, in health and strength in our absence, and ask you to pray for us.

Sincerely,

M. M. MATTISON

(Address:—

KEENE, TEXAS. U. S. A.)

There is a need in the office of a copy of the prospectus of each of the Australasian Missionary College, and of the Orona (N. Z.) Missionary School. If any reader of *Tidings* has either or both of these prospectuses, we shall be glad to receive a copy of each on loan.

Brother H. L. Peden is planning to open up work for the Telugu people in the city of Vizagapatam.

Some months ago one of our Indian colporters sold a copy of 'The Other Side of Death' to an American missionary, at Manmad railway station. The reading of this little book led to correspondence with the office, as a result of which the missionary accepted the bible truth concerning the state of the dead, as also the seventh-day Sabbath. At time of writing he is still further studying our message, with his wife and the friends associated with him in his work.

Thus the humble effort of an Indian colporter has proved to be the means of opening a door for the Message to enter a very wide circle.

A. H. W.

We are very glad to learn that Bro. and Sister L. C. Shepard have safely arrived in India and take this opportunity of extending a hearty welcome to them.

The Indians in Fiji.

From the AUSTRALASIAN RECORD of the 9th June we cull the following paragraph.

"Our Indian work in Fiji is gaining footing all the time. A number of good strong young men have accepted the message. On March 15 two educated young men holding government positions were baptised. They are converts direct from Hinduism."

The RECORD of the 23rd June contains the following.

"We were recently favoured by a call at our Union Conference office from an Indian gentleman on his way from Fiji to India. He is a government officer in the immigration Department in Suva, Fiji, and is also an interpreter for the Supreme Court. In speaking of our work for the Indians of Fiji, he said: Mr. Dudley Meyers and Mrs. Meyers senr. are doing a good work in Fiji, and are much loved by the Indian people. Himself born in India, Mr. Meyers understands the Indians and reaches their hearts by his frank and earnest efforts to help them. He visits their sick, prays for them, and gives them consolation as he has opportunity and they have need. He is most earnest in studying Bible truths in the homes of the people, and these studies are bringing good results. I personally appreciate the studies I have had with him in my home during the past year. You have made a wise choice of missionaries for that work. They have some splendid converts to your faith, and are planning to have a church erected in the Indian town at Suva. The sympathies of my people in Fiji are, I can assure you, wholly with your society and your missionaries."

DONALDSON: Leslie Arnold Donaldson, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Donaldson of Thamakan, Burma, was born at Rangoon, January 21, 1900, and was nineteen years of age at the time of his accidental death, July 14th, 1919. Brother Donaldson, at the time of the accident that removed him from our midst, was acting superintendent of the S. D. A. Publishing House in Lucknow, and although young, was doing efficient and acceptable service in that department, it being his intention to continue in the Publishing House and make that his part in the Master's service. While taking a day's vacation with a friend he was accidentally shot, and died within a few moments. From his expressed desires, and his care during recent months to do the right and to be faithful, we believe that he was prepared. We look forward to meeting him among the faithful. He leaves his father and mother, three brothers, and two sisters, as well as a wide circle of friends, to mourn his loss. Words of comfort were spoken at the grave by the writer, assisted by Pastor M. M. Mattison, who also spoke a few words in Urdu to the Press employees and other Indian friends who had assembled.

S. A. WELLMAN.

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"A lady on board, seeing me with a Morning Watch Calendar, recognized it, and I came to know she was a Seventh-day Adventist." Could anyone recognise you that way?

The prayers of God's servants in Christian lands are an effectual means of advancing the gospel in the mission fields. The missionary is cheered and strengthened when he remembers that the source of power and help is being petitioned continually by many on his behalf. Sister H. R. Salisbury writes: "Some of us who have been in India know a little about it, and we cannot forget. So, as we daily remember each of the workers by name before the Father's throne, we ask that he will grant them a double portion of His Spirit, and courage and health and strength sufficient for their need."

Pastor N. Z. Town writes that the General Conference publishing department is putting forth strenuous efforts to secure the men needed for the literature work in India, and that although there had been some disappointments in that some of the workers selected have not been able to come, yet the brethren have good hope that they will soon be successful in sending all the help that has been promised. Two workers of experience from the Review and Herald office have been appointed for the work of our publishing house at Lucknow.

Brother W. H. Smith of the Bombay church, with Sister Smith and children, expected to sail from Karachi on the 19th inst. by the S. S. "City of Sparta" for Liverpool. Their address during the stay in England will be,—44 Chandos Place, Lidgett Lane, Roundhay, Leeds, Yorkshire.

Brother Smith asks us to pray that they may have a safe arrival "not only on the shores of England, but on the shores of Canaan", that greater home-coming, now so near at hand.

Pastor Fulton writes: "We have had good meetings at the school at Meiktila. I went up last Thursday, and we held two meetings a day; one at the school, and one at the home of Brother Stevens". Brother Fulton was planning to visit some of the isolated sabbath keepers in that part of Burma.

Literature in Our Thirteenth Language.

Our brethren in South India are putting out a twenty-four page publication on the second coming of Christ, in the Kanarese language. This is to be in magazine form, but undated, and is already in the press.

The Kanarese tongue is spoken by about ten millions of people, most of whom are found in the state of Mysore. This makes the thirteenth language in India and Burma in which our publications are issued.

Pastor G. A. Hamilton reports the baptism of two Indian men and one woman in the Royal Lakes, Rangoon. These believers have been led to accept the message through the labours of Brother Andrew Stephen, one of our Telugu brethren, who is engaged in evangelistic effort for the Indian population in the city of Rangoon.

The treasurer of the Bombay church sends us the following interesting comparative statement, showing the funds received in the second quarters of 1918 and 1919 respectively.

	1918	1919
Tithe	Rs. 918-12-9	Rs. 1169-0-6
Sabbath School Offerings	327-9-0	468-12-0
Harvest Ingathering		140-8-0
Totals	1246-5-9	1778-4-6
Increase for the quarter just closed		531-14-9

Some educated Indians when asked by one of our workers if they had read the gospels, replied in the affirmative. When questioned further as to what they thought of Christ and of Christianity they were rather non-committal. They however at length acknowledged that one thing had impressed them very deeply, and that was the wonderful work that Christianity had done for women.

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who have expressed their conviction that Christianity is the true religion; and we believe that there are others who deep down in their hearts believe. Our heart's desire is that these high-caste Hindu boys may have the courage to take that step which means so much to them.

I have enjoyed visiting the villages nearby, helping the people in their physical ailments and pointing them to the Way of Life. I regret that at present my work in the school is too heavy to admit of my doing as much of this as I should like.

F. W. SMITH.

Dwarikhal, Garhwal Dist.