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MISSION WORK IN INDIA.

Miss Alice Wishart Writes Most Encouragingly of Christian Effort in that Far-off Land.

ALLAHABAD THE CITY OF CONVENTIONS

DECEMBER 27, 1905.—In writing home about India, it is so difficult to know where to begin and where to end, as there is such a wealth of interesting places, people, and all sorts of things to tell about, one is undecided as to what will be of most interest to one's friends; and so one usually jots down the first at hand which here, just at present, is the seventh All-India C. E. convention held in Allahabad Dec. 21, and 22.

Our station seems to be a favorite spot for conventions, as this was the sixth large religious gathering within a few weeks. Perhaps it is because Allahabad is not only one of the most central cities in India, but one of the most beautiful as well—with handsome churches and a large number of missionaries of different societies.

The names of speakers on the program which I am sending you, are names to conjure with among Indian missions, as they compose some of the choicest missionary talent in India, Burma and Ceylon—men whom any one would count it a rare privilege to meet. Mayo Hall, one of our largest public buildings which was secured for this occasion, was beautifully decorated with dozens of Christian Endeavor banners from all sorts of societies all over India, palms and ferns of which there is an abundance, and bunting.

There were more than sixty delegates present, representing thousands of both native and European societies of all denominations and many languages. Services in the vernacular were held in different churches during the day and all joined in the English one in the evening. Dr. H. Agnew Johnson of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian church, New York City, spoke at several of the sessions as well as Rev. Carey, grand son of the great missionary of that name, and Monoramabai, daughter of Panditaranabai of the Mukti mission, where the Holy Spirit has been doing such marvelous work these past months. South India with its thousands of converts and many C. E. societies sent some of her finest men, some of whom we had the pleasure of entertaining in our mission home here during their stay. There is a very delightful bond among the missionaries of the cross, which is hard to explain.

The singing was conducted by a picked choir from all the different churches led by an orchestra and was one of the features of the convention. Early morning quiet hour services were held in different centers, and were marked by a deep spiritual tone. One afternoon, all the delegates were invited by the Jamna Presbyterian mission to a boat ride on the lovely Jamna river near which are situated the large Presbyterian Christian college, and Boys High school. The native boats used, were decorated in bright oriental colors with "C. E." in large gold letters on the mast head; and as the three large boat loads of Christian Endeavors floated down toward the Fort on the Ganges singing Rally hymns, the temples and idol shrines on the green banks must have thought their days were numbered could they have understood. The convention ended with a united consecration service with responses from each province, which was very impressive. A deep spiritual atmosphere pervaded the whole convention, and gave us a slight glimpse of the mighty force which is working such marvels throughout India these days, the Power which is presently, not only going to shake India, but the world.

I do not know the condition of the Christian church in the home land the past two years, but the condition in this dark land among

DESTROYED BY FIRE.

The Dwelling of John W. Snyder Near Knobsville, Went up in Smoke Last Thursday Afternoon. His

BARN BURNED ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO

Among those who seem to have more than their share of bad luck is John W. Snyder. About two years ago, he lost a good barn by fire. Some time thereafter he purchased John V. Giant farm about a mile and a half west of Knobsville, and moved on to it. He was just recovering from his former loss, when another overtook him. While Mr. Snyder was absent from home last Thursday afternoon, Nathan Bishop, Jr., who lives in the home of Mr. Snyder, while at the barn, noticed the roof of the house in flames. He at once gave an alarm, and everything was done to save the house, but the family were helpless to save the house, and did what they could to save the contents, much of which, however, was destroyed.

Mr. Snyder is deserving the substantial sympathy of his neighbors and friends in his misfortune.

Rev. S. D. Wilson, of Harrisburg, and Rev. B. A. Salter, of Hustontown, were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. J. V. Adams last Wednesday evening. Rev. Wilson, who was here in place of the presiding elder, Rev. George B. Stevens, preached a very interesting sermon in the M. E. church while here.

Christian workers and natives Christians is most encouraging. The same spirit that has been moving Wales, is beginning a work in India, which you could scarcely believe, if I were to tell you of some of the astounding facts which are known to us. Not only Christian workers have been quickened and ended with new power, but thousands of heathen have been brought to confess and accept Jesus Christ the past six months. This is but a small beginning of what is going to happen during the year 1906. It is glorious to be in India these days! It is a generally accepted fact that the great wall of heathenism and the millions who have not even been touched yet in this country, are an impossibility so far as human means are concerned; but God seems to be taking matters into his own hands, and the signs of the times are not hard to discern. Modern Pentecosts are frequent in different sections, and the chief theme of nearly every religious gathering, as well as that of private conversations is, "Revival." Not man made, organized or planned, but from God's Holy Spirit. There is such a vast difference between the two.

One of the remarkable features of the present beginnings of the Spirit's work in India is the remarkable way in which prominent workers are completely and surely set aside, and the smallest humblest, and most insignificant ones used as channels through which the Holy Ghost carries on the work. Talent and intellect doesn't seem to count for much; indeed, it seems to be quite out of it; even experience and ability are at a discount where only nothingness can be used to show that this is not man-power, but God-power. Do not get the impression that everybody in India is going to be an angel presently, and that no more effort in the way of workers, money, and prayers will be needed. Indeed, no! When the home churches are quickened into new vigorous life, Foreign Missions will receive all the support our Head of Missions wants them to have, is what many people here believe.

All working together toward the coming glorious consummation.

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India.

FEBRUARY FORECASTS.

Parts of the Country Will Be Visited by Cold Disagreeable Weather. Moon's Eclipse on 9th.

LOOK FOR WARM WAVE ABOUT 23d.

Rev. I. K. Hicks in his "Word and Works," published in St. Louis, has this to say of the weather in February:

A Reactionary storm period is in progress as February comes in, with Moon at first quarter and in apogee on the 1st. On and touching the 1st and 2nd, the temperature will react to warmer, the barometer will fall, and cloudiness with more or less rain and snow will pass over most sections, moving to the eastward. These disturbances promise no marked severity, with moderate change to colder following.

A Regular storm period is central on the 6th, extending from the 5th to the 9th. Within this period we have Moon at extreme north declination on the 6th and full on the 9th. By the 5th the barometer will begin falling in western sections, winds change to southerly and easterly, and clouds will gather. As these conditions begin to move eastward about the 6th, rain will set in to the east and south of low barometric centers, and snow will follow along northern and western sides of storm areas. Hence rain, succeeded by colder and changing to snow, will pass eastward across the country from about the 6th to the 10th. The crisis of this period will be on and touching the 9th. Seismic disturbances will be natural at this period. High barometer and very cold northerly winds, amounting almost or quite to blizzards, will blow these storms, causing very cold, disagreeable weather from 8th or 9th up to about the 11th. It must be remembered that a total eclipse of the Moon falls on the 9th. This fact renders it doubly more probable that storms and seismic disturbances will occur on or near that date.

A Reactionary storm period is central on the 12th and 13th. On the same days the Moon is on the celestial equator and in perigee. At this time look for great change to warmer, with sudden fall of the barometer to very low readings. General and severe atmospheric disturbances, with thunder and rain southward, and snow northward, need not surprise our readers on and about these dates. A sudden sharp cold wave will follow from about the 13th to 16th, calling for careful planning for the comfort and safety of all who are necessarily exposed and for unhusked livestock. From about this period, February's torrid close promises to be not only disagreeable, as it usually is, but very severe, if not violent in its storm and weather phenomena.

The Regular storm period, extending from the 16th to 20th, having its center on the 17th, is at the beginning of the Mercury, Venus and Earth periods, with Moon at last quarter and south declination. During its first stages heavy rains with lightning and thunder will visit most sections southward and central; but sudden and violent change to sleet and snow, with blizzardous conditions from the northwest, will develop in the winding up stages of this period. Look for the crisis of storm and change about Saturday, Sunday and Monday, the 17th, 18th and 19th, followed closely and for several days succeeded by a general and severe cold wave.

A Reactionary storm period falls on the 22nd to the 25th. This period promises in all probability to be the most severe of the month. It is fully within the influence of the Vernal equinox of the Earth, at the center of the Mercury period, and within the growing Venus disturbance. New Moon at a Solar eclipse node is on the 23rd, and Moon's passage northward across the celestial

equator is on the 25th. On and touching the 22nd there are more conjunctions of Earth, Sun, planets and Moon than are often seen in the same space of time. About the 21st look for a change to warmer in most western parts of the country. The temperature will continue to rise rapidly as the warm wave advances eastward, and the barometer will fall proportionally over the same sections. By the 23rd high temperatures for the season will have spread eastward to the central valleys, with low and threatening barometer, and about Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the 23rd to 25th, violent and general storms of rain, wind and thunder will visit many sections as storm centers move eastward over the country.

A Regular storm period, having its center on the first day of March, will cause a rise in the temperature in western extremes on the 27th and 28th.

CIVIL WAR VETERAN DEAD

John Elliott Rummel Had Stroke of Paralysis Last Wednesday Afternoon. Died Sunday Morning.

MEMBER CAPT. HARVEY WISHART'S CO

John Elliott Rummel, a highly respected citizen, and veteran of the Civil War died at his home on the Peach Orchard Road, a mile west of McConnellsburg, last Sunday morning, aged 64 years, 2 months and 6 days. Funeral from his late residence Monday afternoon, and interment in the Union cemetery.

Mr. Rummel was a son of Frank Rummel, a well known hotel keeper in this place years ago, and had resided in this community the greater part of his life. A man of sturdy character, and strict integrity, he enjoyed the esteem of a wide circle of friends.

In September, 1864, he enlisted in the service of his country, becoming a member of Captain Harvey Wishart's Company (H), 208th Regiment Pennsylvania Infantry. His regiment saw lots of hard service during the spring of 1865, taking part in the hot campaign around Petersburg and Richmond chasing the rebels into their last ditch at Appomattox, where Lee was glad to hand his sword over to General Grant.

Among those in the company with Mr. Rummel, were William Stoner, Adam Bournier, Nixon Shumer, Nicholas Ott, Billy King, John and Jere Hann, Sam Binkley, and Isiah Lehman, all those dead except Lehman, Stoner, King, and John Hann.

Mr. Rummel is survived by his widow, one son, Roy, and two daughters, Miss Annie, of Chambersburg, and Della, wife of Andrew Roiz, of the Cove.

The deceased was a member of King Post, G. A. R. and was followed to his last resting place by his comrades in that Post, who participated in the funeral services.

NEEDMORE.

Geo. M. Winkis on the sick list. C. M. Dixon, of Chambersburg, spent Friday evening here among friends.

Rev. Powers left last Thursday on a ten days' preaching tour in neighborhood of Buffalo Mills, Bedford county.

Harvey Snyder and D. A. Fisher visited their uncle M. L. Peck at Park Head last week.

The Emanuel Sharp farm was recently sold to John Hess, of Pigeon Cove.

Bridges & Co., last week built a large shed to the end of Eli Peck's barn for the accommodation of their teams. They now have about twenty head of horses and mules, and about that many men employed here.

Aunt Nancy Peck and Mrs. J. P. Garland are on the sick list. J. C. Mellett and family, and Mrs. Maria Palmer, spent Sunday with the family of W. F. Hart.

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KEROSENE LAMP EXPLODED

In the Hands of Miss Annie Carbaugh, of Thompson Township, Last Wednesday Night.

HEROISM OF YOUNG SCHOOL TEACHER

Last Wednesday night the dwelling house of Mrs. Christina Carbaugh, widow of the late John C. Carbaugh, of Thompson township, was entirely destroyed by fire, together with all its contents including most of the wearing apparel of the family. No insurance.

The family consists of Mrs. Carbaugh, her daughter Miss Annie about twenty one years of age, and her son Conrad, older than Annie, Miss Olive Zimmerman aged about nineteen, teacher of the Broadway school, was boarding in the Carbaugh family and was present at the time of the fire.

The lower story of the house was divided into three apartments—about half being used as a kitchen and dining room, and the other half divided into two parts—one being used as a sitting room and the other as a bedroom.

The Carbaughs all slept up stairs, and Miss Zimmerman occupied the bed room down stairs. About 11 o'clock Wednesday night the other members of the family including Miss Zimmerman, having retired, Miss Annie who had been reading in the sitting room, became sleepy, picked up the lamp, and started toward the kitchen intending to go up stairs to bed. While passing through the door to the kitchen, without a moment's warning the lamp, which held about three quarts of oil, exploded, throwing the blazing fluid all over the room and saturating the clothing of the unfortunate girl. Of course she screamed! Miss Zimmerman being nearest, sprang from her bed and upon opening the door of her room took in the awful situation at a glance. Miss Carbaugh was a living torch, the wild flames being drawn across the kitchen and up the great chimney, and there was cause for prompt action.

With out a moment's hesitation Miss Zimmerman rushed through the flames in her night robe to the sink, snatched up a bucket of water and inverted it over the head of Miss Carbaugh. This had the effect of extinguishing the flames in the clothing of Miss Carbaugh, and a moment more Miss Zimmerman had the suffering girl out of further danger.

All this had been done so quickly that the other members of the family had not time to reach the lower floor. As soon as the mother and brother realized the true condition of things, and saw that the sister was out of danger, they set to work to save at least the money and valuable papers in the house, for Mr. Carbaugh had the papers for a valuable patent which had recently been granted to him. He was successful in getting the trunk out which contained these papers; but the mother, in her haste, dropped a purse containing sixty-three dollars, and it as did almost all their household property including their wearing apparel, went up in smoke.

Dr. Sappington was at once summoned from Webster Mills, and he found that the hands and forearms of Miss Annie were painfully burned, and the left arm burned to the shoulder. The left side of the face and the left ear were badly burned, and hair, of course, did not escape. With care, Miss Carbaugh will recover from her perilous accident, but will likely carry to the end of life scars that will remind her of that awful night.

That Miss Zimmerman is a heroine, goes without saying, and she is entitled to a Carnegie medal. Through her presence of mind, and at the risk of being burned to death, she saved the life of Miss Carbaugh. The fire experience of Miss Zimmerman is something out of the ordinary. When she was nine months old,

BOTH LEGS CUT OFF.

James W. Craig, Formerly of Big Cove Tannery, Meets Terrible Accident While Walking on Railroad Tracks.

IS NOW IN HOSPITAL AT KEYSER, W. VA.

The many friends here of James W. Craig, formerly a school teacher in this county, and son of the late A. J. Craig, Esq., of Big Cove Tannery, were startled last week to learn that Mr. Craig had met with an accident, which, if it does not cost him his life, will render him a cripple the remainder of his days.

During the past few years, Mr. Craig has lived at Pectonville, Md., and while the Wabash railroad was being built through that neighborhood, Mr. Craig was engaged in the butchering business furnishing fresh meat to the contractors for their men.

More recently, he removed his family to Ft. Frederick, Md., and secured employment with the Pennsylvania Steel Company, at Dawson, Md., where he had been working for some time.

Returning to his work at Dawson on Sunday evening, 21st inst., he had a short distance to walk on the tracks of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. Hearing a train coming on the track on which he was walking, he stepped to the other track, only to be struck by another approaching in the opposite direction. Mr. Craig was so thrown as to have both legs cut off just below the knees. The unfortunate man was at once removed to a hospital at Keyser, W. Va., where, at last report, he was doing as well as could be expected, and hopes are entertained for his recovery.

RULES OUT THE NEW ROAD LAW.

Judge Bouton of McKean County Says It is Unconstitutional.

In the McKean county court last week Judge Bouton handed down an opinion in which he held that the new road law which provides that the system of taxation may be changed from a work tax to a cash tax, is unconstitutional.

His reason is that it offends against Article III, Section 7, of the Constitution, which forbids special legislation. This act is special, he holds, in that it makes possible a system of taxation that is not uniform. Again, the system may be changed by the vote of the people in a township, which is a delegation of the law-making power to the voters, offending against Article III, Section 1, of the Constitution.

Besides this, Judge Bouton says, the Legislature cannot, except by direct legislation, prevent the taxpayers from working out their tax, a privilege given them by the acts of 1834 and 1855.

The decision is certainly interesting. If it holds it would seem to be broad enough to cover the question of local option, under which the people in one place might by their votes make a no-license law, while a license law prevailed in other places. It is altogether likely that the opinion of a higher court will be wanted on the matter.

Harry McGowan and wife, of Burnt Cabins, spent a few hours in town last Saturday.

her father's home burned, and her mother so severely that she died from the effects. At that time the life of the then "Baby Olive" was saved through the heroism of a Miss Hewitt, daughter of J. C. Hewitt, Esq., entering through a window and rescuing the babe from its cradle. Miss Olive was at the home of her uncle Scott Johnson, sometime ago, when her aunt's clothing became ignited, and she in all probability saved the life of her aunt by inverting a bucket of water on the head of Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. Carbaugh is a sister of Isaac Culler, of Thompson township, and of Prof. W. A. Culler, at Mercersburg.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful Outing.

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

"Aunt" Lizzie Morton, of Belfast township, is seriously ill with erysipelas.

David Winegardner and son Robert of Dublin Mills, were in McConnellsburg, yesterday a few hours.

Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Pittenger of Harrisonville, spent several days visiting their parents in Adams county recently.

Harvey Sipes, of Hustontown, spent from Friday until Sunday in the home of J. Nelson Daniels at Pleasant Ridge.

Maurice E. Trout, a student of Philadelphia college of Pharmacy has passed State board examination for qualified assistant.

The many friends of Miss Stella Bard, a former Fulton county teacher, will learn with regret that she is in a hospital at Elkins, W. Va., suffering from an attack of typhoid fever.

SURPRISE AT THE PARSONAGE.

Rev. and Mrs. S. B. Houston Have an Impromptu Wedding Anniversary.

At the Associate Presbyterian parsonage, four miles south of McConnellsburg, at about seven o'clock in the evening of the 26th, the quiet of the family was suddenly very pleasantly disturbed. The first indication that something out of the ordinary was about to happen was the appearance of several lights at and near the front gate. A member of the family listening a moment heard familiar voices. This being announced the family in the parsonage was immediately put in commotion, for it was evident that something unusual was about to transpire. Only a few moments elapsed until there was a rap at the door, and on being opened we were confronted by familiar faces of the congregation. They began filing in, some carrying baskets, and others boxes, until at last between thirty and forty were present, filling up very much of the available space of the home. Every one wore the blindest smile and gave the parson and his wife and sons a hearty handshake. It was utterly useless to think of undertaking to entertain such a company, when we had not so much as an inkling of their coming, and the way they made themselves at home in all parts of the house it was quite manifest that they meant not only to entertain themselves but the parson's family as well.

At an opportune time, and by no signal that we were able to discover, when the minister and his good wife were standing together Miss Ella F. Johnston in the name of the congregation put into our hands a gift as a token of their love and appreciation. The gift was of gold and silver coin. This naturally gratefully called for some word of appreciative response. The parson was so overwhelmed with surprise and a sense of the generosity of the people that words almost failed him—indeed they did utterly fail to express our warm appreciation of the kindly Christian spirit that prompted the gift, and which so vividly reminded us of the festivities of a score of years ago when the congregation gave us a reception on our home coming from Allegheny City where the marriage ceremony had been solemnized. Only five or six were present that were in attendance two decades ago.

After dainty refreshments were liberally served by loving hands and a feast of instrumental and vocal music, the happy company departed leaving their kindest wishes for many a happy return of the day.

REV. AND MRS. S. B. HOUSTON.

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