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ABOUT INDIA.

Mrs. W. L. King, the Wife of a Missionary Writes Interesting Letter.

HYDERABAD, DECAN, INDIA, Feb. 4, 1908.

DEAR FRIEND:—I notice that Mr. King has written that I am writing an article on Hyderabad and its people, but I have prepared only a little rambling description of things as they are here. It is hard for one who has lived so long in India to realize that there is anything to write about that will interest people at home; everything seems so commonplace and natural. Another thing that makes it hard to write missionary letters is the fact that, at the present day, so many missionaries are returning and speaking all over the country. One is almost sure to write about some things that are familiar to many. However, when at home, I found some who had never seen or heard from a "real live missionary" so I may be able to tell you something that may not be entirely familiar.

Hyderabad, the great city in which we live, has a population of about 425,000. The city proper, including the part within the walls, and has a population of about 125,000 Mahomedans and Hindus. No Europeans live within the walled city. The streets are narrow, crooked and dirty, judged from our standpoint, but the people are proud of their city. A student, giving a description of Hyderabad City in an examination, said that the streets were so wide that two carriages could pass and so clean that it ghee were dropped in the streets, it could be picked up and eaten. I am sure that you would not want to eat it before it was dropped, much less after.

A great change has come over the place in the last twenty-five or thirty years. Formerly it was considered unsafe to go through the walled city without a government escort; now we all go through whenever we wish to and our W. F. M. S. missionary and his assistants go through the city almost daily. When I first saw Hyderabad, twelve years ago, the men went armed with all sorts of weapons; now, while very many daggers, swords, etc., are seen they are very noticeably less than formerly. The Nizam (ruler) professes to be very loyal to the English Government, and indeed he has shown the sincerity of his professions in many ways.

Hyderabad is a pretty place. It is surrounded by low hills of almost bare rocks. There are immense boulders piled one upon another in such a way that it seems as if the least motion would hurl them down. Beautiful houses are built right under these overhanging rocks. There is one place especially that we used never to go by without our little girl saying, "Mamma, wouldn't you hate to live in that house? I would". There are a great many wealthy Mohammedan gentlemen here and so the city affords the hills abound in magnificent palaces. I have never lived in a place where there were more horses and carriages, and such expensive automobiles. The Nizam has, it is said, between two and three hundred horses and the last I heard he had twenty automobiles and had ordered a lot more.

Now, I fancy I hear some one say, "What is the need of sending missionary money to such a place as that?" Do not imagine for a moment that there are no poor people here. While, as I have said, there are many wealthy people here, yet comparatively they are very few and as they are not Christians, their wealth is not consecrated to the good of their fellow-men. The mass of the people of Hyderabad, and throughout the Nizam's dominions are as poor and degraded as in any part of India. An idea of the extreme poverty of the people may be gained from their money. The smallest piece of money that Europeans use is the dub, but the natives use a small shell, called cowrie. It takes about 100 dubs to make a Halli Sica Rupee, which is worth about twenty-eight cents. Forty cowries equals one dub so it takes about 4000 cowries to equal twenty-eight cents. Another evidence of their extreme poverty might be seen from our milk man. We cannot trust him to bring us pure milk, so it is the custom to bring the cow to our door and milk what is required before us. My man brings two cows for what we use. One gives scarcely a teacupful each morning and yet he thinks it worth while to bring her a long distance for that teacupful, or about one cent's worth.

An ordinary Cooly, or day laborer, earns from a dollar fifty to three dollars per month. The wife may add a little. A man earning from four to five dollars per month is considered to be in fairly comfortable circumstances, that is, he is able to provide his family with the bare necessities of life, but the people live so near to actual hunger that in times of famine or extremely high prices there is great suffering, even among the people who are considered well-to-do.

The houses of the common people are small, low, dark huts of mud, with thatched or tiled roofs. There is usually a place in one corner arrang-

TOBACCO TAGS BRINGS FINE PRESENTS

Tobacco Company Redeeming Tags From Many Brands.

According to reports from the local dealers in tobacco more people are saving tobacco tags than ever before in the history of the giving of presents in exchange for tobacco tags. This tremendous increase in tag saving is due to the action of the American Tobacco Company in offering a remarkable list of valuable presents in return for tags from various popular tobaccos.

Such brands as Master Workman, Bridle Bit, Tinsley's Natural Leaf, Town Talk, Spear Head, Standard Navy, Jolly Tar, and about a dozen others, bear tags which can be exchanged for presents. An idea of what can be accomplished by so far-reaching a co-operative system is gathered from such simple offers as the giving of an English Steel Razor for only 50 tags.

Reports in the tobacco trade indicate that dealers throughout the country are laying in stock of presents in order to be able to meet the rising boom in tobacco tag saving. In places where the dealers are not supplied with presents, the American Tobacco Company is redeeming by mail—tag-savers selecting the presents they wish from a free catalog.

Had His Gold In The Wall.

Banks might fail and cashiers abscond for all the late William H. Wilkins, of Whitestone, L. I., cared, according to testimony presented to Surrogate Noble in Queens county, where his daughter, Mrs. Ann Elizabeth Horton, of Whitestone, put in an appearance as executrix to straighten up her father's estate.

In her testimony she stated that her father's estate amounted to about \$14,369, and of this amount she found \$7,082 in gold and silver coin stored away in a hole in the wall. She said her father had no faith in banks or cashiers, so he had a sort of repository built in the wall back of the kitchen door casing. After it was once sealed up he had no way of opening his home-made bank, and he dropped money in through a small slot from time to time. From the day he had the place built, up to the time of his death, and he lived to be eighty five years old, he never disturbed his hole-in-the-wall savings.—New York Times.

Normal School.

I will teach a normal school at Needmore beginning June 4. A prospectus containing all the necessary information will be mailed upon request. Students desiring me to order text-books for them should send me their order not later than May 10. These books will be furnished to students at cost.

W. DON MORTON,
Maplewood Institute,
Concordville, Pa.

ed for their cooking chatties and water pots. The smoke has no way of escape except through a small hole in the roof, so of course, the interior of the houses is soon very black. They have no furniture, or at most an old chair, and are they happen to have a rough old cot or two they are considered a little above their neighbors.

But it is not on account of their physical condition that we appeal to you for sympathy and help. Great as their temporal needs may be, the needs of their minds and hearts are far greater. Worst of all, they are so ignorant and degraded that the most of them do not realize their need. I found when at home, that telling the people there are thousands here who have never known what it is to be hungry, made a deep impression, but we feel that to the Christian the spiritual needs of this people should appeal very much more strongly, and so we urge you to do all you can, both by prayer and giving, to help supply the greater need which in time will relieve the lesser.

With best wishes for a prosperous year,
Yours sincerely,
MRS. W. L. KING.

Widows Pensions Quickly.

Washington, April 16.—Pension Commissioner Warner today announced that widows now on the pension roll would not be required to make application for the increase from \$8 to \$12 a month recently voted by Congress.

The commissioner has instructed the pension agencies throughout the country to put the law into effect automatically, the first payment of the increase to be made May 4. This action will result in a saving of several hundred thousand dollars to the pensioners affected. Widows not already on the rolls, but who are entitled to the increase, are required to make application, as in the past. The law effects only widows who were married prior to June 27, 1890.

McConnellsburg Schools. Sixth Month. PRIMARY.

Number enrolled, 39; average attendance, 35; per cent of attendance, 94; those who attended every day, were—Willis Daniels, Ross Hamil, Ted Hamil, Francis Houpt, Pete Morton, Frank Shimer, Dwight Steach, Harry Steach, Parker Tritle, Chester Woodal, Tommy Woodal, Helen Bender, Rose Daniels, Mary Fisher, Nette Mellott, Winnie Mellott, Mary Pittman, Anna Mary Sipes, Elma Smith, Helen Steach, Ethel Stevens, Martha Taylor, Goldie Tritle, Helen Washabaugh.—Nora Fisher, teacher.

INTERMEDIATE.

Number enrolled, 43; average attendance, 39; per cent of attendance, 93. Those who attended every day during month—Floss Thompson, Elizabeth Doyle, Grace McQuade, Lois Mason, Mildred Mock, Margaret Patterson, Lucille Grissinger, Dorothy Hamil, Albert Largent, Elwood Grissinger, Robert Hamil, Thad Shimer, Raymond Grissinger, Pierce Henry, Mac Morton, Guy Reed, Wayne Taylor, John Stout-eagle.—Gertrude Hoke, teacher.

Spelling Reform.

The Simplified Spelling Board is not a quitter. Its suggestions as to reform have not been received as kindly as it expected when the President supported it by ordering that the simplified spelling be used in the publication of State papers. There has been a halt in the general movement, but the Board goes bravely on regardless of the small number of its followers.

These, however, make up in determination for the defection of the weaker converts. They are fighting tooth and nail, pen and typewriter, for the improvement of orthography as they think it ought to be improved. It will not be denied that the present method, or lack of method, of spelling is absurd. Not even those who resist the simplified spellers deny it. An example of its absurdity is given by an organ of the simplified which argues that if we say "lost" we should say "crost." That is an argument that is unanswerable. But by the same reasoning if we say "blew," and "snowed" we should say "blowed" or "snew." It may be held that this has no connection with spelling reform. But if we begin arbitrarily to change rules of spelling the change of word forms must of necessity follow.

The changes advocated and pressed by the simplified spellers must come by the process of evolution and natural selection. The changes in orthography that have been adopted by common consent during the last few centuries are many, and the process will be continued until something like phonetic spelling shall be in common use. But nothing will be gained by trying to force the reform. That is productive of resistance.—Harrisburg Independent.

MEETING OF CARLISLE PRESBYTERY.

Hon. W. Scott Alexander Elected Moderator to Succeed Rev. Dr. West.

The spring meeting of the Presbytery of Carlisle was held in the Central Church in Chambersburg, on Tuesday of last week, and was presided over by Rev. Dr. West, the Moderator: 45 ministers and 37 elders were present. The usual reports of the different committees were made, and their recommendations adopted. Rev. E. H. Spierow was dismissed to the Presbytery of Oklahoma; Rev. Leroy L. Daniels, to the Presbytery of Ulaca, N. Y. G. Herman Fickes, J. W. Diehl, and John Witherspoon, of the graduating class at Princeton Seminary, were licensed to preach the Gospel, and Mr. Diehl was ordained. It is Mr. Diehl's purpose to go as a foreign missionary to the Philippines or Korea. A call was extended to Rev. James Glenn by the church at Dickinson. Rev. Charles Dalzell and T. C. McCarroll were elected ministerial Commissioners to the General Assembly that meets in Kansas City in May, and Hon. E. Z. Gross and Dr. H. C. Devilbiss, lay Commissioners. The next meeting of Presbytery will be held at Dillsburg on the last Tuesday in September. Hon. W. Scott Alexander, of this place, was elected Moderator for the six months beginning with the September meeting. Senator Alexander makes the second lay Moderator in the history of the Presbytery; the first was Hon. E. Z. Gross, the retiring Mayor of Harrisburg. The Presbytery of Carlisle was organized in 1786, and has always occupied a prominent position among the Presbyteries by reason of age, its conservatism, and the high standing of its members; and for it to elect a layman as its Moderator is evidence that it is breaking away from its time honored customs, and is becoming more progressive.

The last session was devoted to a popular meeting. The speaker was Mr. Wm. T. Ellis, of Philadelphia, and his subject was "The big world through a journalist's eye." Mr. Ellis recently returned from a year's journey around the world, having spent the most of the time in the Orient studying the social and religious conditions, and his lecture was a treat to the large audience that had gathered to hear him.

PLEASANT RIDGE.

Mrs. Elizabeth Morton who has been sick for sometime does not improve very much. Mrs. Martha Deshong, Anna Polk Earl Shives and Charles Fittery visited at F. R. Shives Sunday.

Mr. U. W. Kline recently sold a yoke of oxen for \$100. Pretty high price for cattle. Shives & Son have finished sawing shingles. Howard Strait has gone to Franklin county where he has secured employment. Miss Louie Shives and brother D. G. spent Sunday at Mrs. Martha Skiles.

The people are staking off the ground for the proposed Telephone from Harrisonville to Needmore and we hope that in the near future communications may be established between the two places.

McConnellsburg Normal.

The undersigned will open a summer normal school in the Public School building at McConnellsburg, Pa., Tuesday, May 12, 1908 at 1:30 o'clock, p. m. Special attention given to teachers and those preparing to teach. County Superintendent's examination, July 2nd and 3rd. For further information address

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DANIELS—STOUTEAGLE.

On Saturday, April 18, 1908, in Harrisburg, by Rev. Joseph Roddy, pastor of Olivet Presbyterian church, Mr. Frank Daniels, son of H. S. Daniels, of Licking Creek township, to Miss Olive Rebecca, daughter of our townsman, Mr. John V. Stouteagle.

The bridegroom is one of Fulton county's highly respected young men, who holds a responsible government position in a Philadelphia shipyard, and the bride is one of McConnellsburg's fair daughters, who we are proud to own. The happy young couple have gone to housekeeping in Philadelphia where Mr. Daniels had a home ready for his bride.

The "News" and a host of friends wish them a long and prosperous voyage through life.

KEITH—DOUGHERTY.

Mr. Alfred Keith, of Wells Valley Fulton county Pa., led to the marriage altar on February 26, 1908, Miss Mary O. Dougherty daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dougherty, 124 Willow Ave., Altoona. The best man and lady were classmates, Charles Holde-man and Agnes Sinclair. The ceremony was performed at the parsonage by their pastor M. A. Kenneley. Mr. Keith is an employee of Altoona Railroad Shops 14th St. They will reside in Altoona. The infare was held at the home of Mr. Keith's parents near New Granada, on Monday evening April 13 where many friends were present and helped to get away with a bountiful feast, of which Mrs. Keith knows how to prepare to tempt the appetite. We congratulate the happy couple. May sorrows never find them.

WEST DUBIN.

Harvey Mumma, of Wells Valley, passed through this place Monday morning on his return from a visit to his father James A. Mumma of Licking Creek township, who has been in poor health for the past few weeks.

Prof. B. C. Lamberson, County Superintendent, was in this vicinity last Saturday fishing. Brownie Reeder, Harvey Clevenger, and Edwin Brant attended the meeting of the Jr. O. U. A. M. at Clear Ridge on Saturday evening.

Frank Price who is employed at North Point returned to his work on Monday.

Mrs. Joseph M. Laidig and daughters Luella and Edna, of Minersville, spent a few days at their property along the State Road last week.

Harrison Hoover spent the latter part of last week with friends and relatives in McConnellsburg and Tod township.

Quite a number of people were fishing in upper Wooden Bridge last week and a number of speckled beauties were taken.

Erna Clevenger spent Sunday with relatives on Clear Ridge.

E. H. Kirk bought a good horse from Erna Clevenger on Monday.

Dallas Brant and Harrison Hoover started to Wells Tannery to school on Monday.

Our huckster, O. E. Haub, of Salvia, had the misfortune to have a break down on Sideling Hill mountain Saturday night while returning from Broad Top.

Julia Mumma, a pupil of the Laidig school, made a good record for attendance at school the past winter, considering the number of deep snows, having attended every day. The distance traveled morning and evening being about 14 miles.

The Waynesboro Tourists Association has completed its plans for its trip to the Pacific ocean in July and August. Ninety-two people have already decided to take the trip.

Mr. Thomas F. Sloan is making preparations for a new two-storyed stitchen to the South side of his house on West Water St., was burned several weeks ago.

FAST PASSING AWAY.

More Pensioners Died Last Year Than Fought at Shiloh in 1862.

More pensioners died during the past year than fought at the famous battle of Shiloh in 1862. This was the statement made in the House when the \$150,000,000 general pension bill was up for passage. It was shown that 45,768 names had been stricken from the nation's roll by death. Of this number 31,201 were Civil war veterans. It was predicted that in nine years Civil war veterans will be as scarce as are Mexican war veterans to-day.

The McCumber act, which puts the soldiers on the pension roll, according to age, without examination, increased the annual pension roll over \$15,000,000. In 1905 there were 1,004,000 pensioners, the highest number ever known, but the next year this dwindled to 985,000, and notwithstanding the increase during the last year on account of the McCumber bill the number went down to 967,371. This number is now the smallest since 1893.

Deaths.

MRS. ELLEN B. THOMAS.

Mrs. Ellen B. Thomas, wife of George W. Thomas, died on Saturday night, on the farm of the late Samuel Houpp, near New Grepada. She had been a sufferer for many years, with stomach trouble, terminating in cancer, which caused her death. Her remains were interred in Bethel cemetery on Tuesday, her pastor Rev. Flegal officiating. She selected her own pall bearers, and the choir of Wells Valley M. E. church to furnish music at her funeral, as well as the music; she also, selected a lot in the cemetery. She passed peacefully away, leaving evidence that all was well with her soul. She was a member of Zion M. E. church since 1866, or about 42 years. Her age was 63 years, 6 months, and 2 days. She was married to Geo. W. Thomas on June 14, 1874. They never had any children, hence George is left sadly alone; and only one brother, Harry, of Hollidaysburg, and one sister, Mrs. Sarah Schenck, of Wells Tannery, survive, being the only two of the Houpp family living at this time.

Many of the readers of the "News" who were schoolmates of hers at No. 4 school, and in the Sunday schools of Zion and Bethel, in their young days, will read this with sorrow. They are passing away one by one.

DAVID J. SEYLAR.

David Jefferson Seylar died on his farm at the head of the Falling Spring, in Franklin county, on last Saturday about 2:20 a. m. His death was very sudden and entirely unexpected. When he retired at night he was in apparently the best of health. About 11 p. m., he aroused his wife as he was suffering from acute indigestion, and despite all that could be done for his relief, he died at the hour named, after intense agony. Mr. Seylar was aged 52 years, and had lived on the McKnight farm near Marion until April last, when he moved to the place where he died. He was a son of Joseph Seylar, near Mercersburg, and was a good, industrious man. He is survived by his widow and nine children.

Has Returned.

A letter received on Tuesday informs us that Miss Alice Wishart, who has spent the past five years as a missionary in India, and who has been in ill health for some time, landed in New York, on Thursday last and was immediately taken to the Woman's Hospital 4035 Parikh street, Philadelphia. She has been suffering from appendicitis and on Saturday morning an operation was performed which proved successful. The physicians think she will be able to return to her home in Wells Valley in about one month. Her many friends hope for her speedy recovery.

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

John McQuade, of Altoona, is visiting friends in this place.

Biddis Lynch, of Ayr township was a business visitor to town on Monday.

Miss Ella McQuade of Altoona is visiting friends in this place.

Harry Suders, of Altoona, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Suders, of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Stevens of Laidig were pleasant and profitable callers at this office on Monday.

Mr. Campbell Patterson Webster Mills' progressive merchant was a business visitor on Tuesday.

Miss Iola Mellott and sister Myrtle, of Pleasant Ridge called at the News office while in town Monday.

Russel Layton and mother, Mrs. E. J. Layton, of Bethel township spent a few hours in McConnellsburg last Thursday.

Mr. D. J. Miller and daughter Maye and son Floyd, of Gracey were among the visitors at the County Seat last Thursday.

W. W. H. Kline and D. Oakman two of the good citizens of Lashley, in Union township, were pleasant callers at our office on Monday.

Mrs. Geo. F. Metzler, of Harrisonville, accompanied by her daughter Thelma, left last Saturday to visit her sons in Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

John Spangler, a student at the State College, has been spending his Easter vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Spangler in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Downs, of Everett, spent part of this week with Mrs. Downs' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bender. Robert reports the barbering business in a flourishing condition in Everett.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wagner of Mercersburg, and Mr. and Mrs. John Mackey and children of Knobsville, spent Saturday and Sunday very pleasantly in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Wagner of the Cove.

Miss Irvie Hull, who for several years, has been holding a responsible and lucrative position in New York City, as stenographer and typewriter, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Hull on First street.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Nace and daughter Jessie (Mrs. John Hoover) of Chambersburg, came over to McConnellsburg last Thursday. Mr. Nace returned home Saturday, and Mrs. Nace and Jessie went Monday.

Scott Dickson, a member of F. M. Taylor's corps of engineers in the service of the Pennsylvania Highway department, now working in York county, was in this place with relatives over Sunday.

So satisfactory was the work of Miss Barbara Martin as teacher of a school near Tyrone during the past winter, that her Board, presented her with a check of twenty-five dollars extra salary, on the last day of the term.

Frank Bare, the hustling merchant from Fort Littleton, left on Monday for the Eastern cities, where he will purchase a full line of summer goods. He will have bargains galore for his many customers, when his goods are received.

Paul I. Johnston, who holds a responsible position in the Land Title Trust Building, Philadelphia, with the Barratt Manufacturing Company, was at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Johnston, from Saturday until Monday.