

## **INDIA UNION TIDINGS**

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### **Annual Meeting of the South India Mission**

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The annual general meeting of the South, India Mission was held at Coimbatore June 1-10. The use of a large bungalow in the compound adjoining the property occupied by Our South India Training School was secured at a very low rental. In this bungalow there was a large central room capable of seating

Brethren G. G. Lowry, P. C. Poley, and, W. G. Woodward, and their wives, were in attendance at the meeting and shared in its labors and the attendant blessings.

There were many expressions of regret that Brother and Sister J. S. James were not able to be with us. The Indian believers and workers seem to feel as though

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considerably more than the eighty or so believers who were present, and there was also ample room in the building to provide additional sleeping accommodation, needed. The Union Mission was represented- by Pastor I. F. Blue and \_the writer. The foreign workers the South India field, they have lost a father and mother in the transfer to another field of these pioneer workers in the carrying of this message to the people of South India.

Two meetings daily were held, beginning with a devotional service at 7 A. 31., and closing with a public preaching ser- vice at 6.30 P. III., when the fundamental

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Doctrines of the Message were presented. The evening meetings were, attended by, a number of interested persons not of our faith.

During the forenoon a Bible study was held at 9.30; and atL11.00 there was a meeting for general instruction in regard to the principles and methods that should enter into all our missionary operations. At these meetings there was presented to our Indian brethren a statement concerning the responsibility that will fall upon the India Union Mission in 1918 to raise within its own territory: sufficient funds to support the Indian evangelistic and medical missionary work. It was also pointed' out that there was likely to be a gradual increase in the burden laid on our brethren in India, until the time came that only the support of the foreign workers, With calls for funds for buildings and for

major items of equipment, would appear in the annual budget submitted to the General Conference. Much interest was displayed in the facts and figures showing the funds raised within this Union during 1916, and the cost of operating the various departments of the Indian work.. It was shown that it would be necessary to increase the income from tithes and offerings and at the same time eliminate the expenditure in certain departments that might be made much more nearly self-supporting.

Although to some, perhaps, this all appeared to be a "hard saying," yet it was evident that the majority were ready to bend to the task and willing to cooperate in every good work. There can be no doubt that any burdens the Lord may see fit 'to lay on us' will, all turn out "to the furtherance of the gospel," and will bring many compensating blessings. "Out of weakness" we will be "made strong."

The afternoon meetings were devoted to the interests of the colporteur work, or to answering questions. Brethren E. a

Thomas., Devasahayam, and A. Asirvatham, with the brethren already mentioned, led out in the various services. - When necessary the instruction- was interpreted into the Tamil, Telegu and Malayalam tongues. - [On the last Sabbath of the meeting, Brother E. D. Thomas was ordained to the gospel ministry.](#) Pastors Blue and Lowry and the writer were the officiating ministers, in this solemn service.

It is encouraging to note that no less than five of our own young people, whose lives are full of promise, were at this meeting invited to take up teaching work Coimbatore, and Nazareth. These have all been trained in our own schools. There are several others who should soon be ready for service. Brother S. Thambipilley also was appointed to the Coimbatore teaching staff.'

At the close of the meeting the believers returned to their homes much cheered and helped by the season spent together in seeking God and considering the demands and interests of His cause. The outlook is bright for the speedy development of the work of the Message in South India.

### A Visit to Nazareth

The writer visited the Nazareth station for the first time on Friday and Sabbath, June 15th and 16th. It was a privilege to meet with these believers and to see the evidences of the Lord's hand at work among them. The church at Nazareth

is proving to be a tower of strength for the work among the Tamil people, and we rejoice with Brother Thomas and his fellow-workers at the good progress that is being made. W. W. FLETCHER:

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