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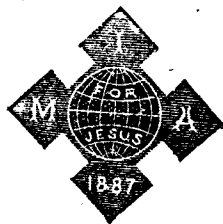
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## DIVINE GUIDANCE.

**C**HILDREN are taught by pictures and object lessons, and are quite dependent upon visible teachers to go before them and lead them in a right way.

In this manner God seems to have dealt with His children in the early stages of the world's history. Adam and Eve in the Garden "heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the Garden, "and they hid themselves from the presence of the LORD."

They evidently knew very little about God's, *Spiritual* presence, or they would not have sought to "hide themselves" from Him "among the trees of the Garden."

He "made coats of skin and clothed them". He warned them from returning to the Garden by His miraculous providence—"the Cherubim and a flaming sword which turned every way to keep the way of the tree of life."

He in some way *demonstrated* to Cain, as well as to Abel that He rejected his offering and "had respect to Abel's."

He evidently put a *visible* "mark upon Cain"

He shut the door of the Ark for Noah. He set His bow in the clouds" to be "a token of His covenant"—something that Noah and all his descendants could see.

The LORD with two Angels *appeared* to Abraham and ate of his "calf tender and good" and his "butter and milk" and "fine meal" after which Abraham plead with Him for Sodom.

It was not a vision or the voice of the Spirit that came to Lot, but Angels that "laid hold upon "his fleshly hand and pulled him away from the city."

God *appeared* unto Moses in the "bush that burned with fire and was not consumed" and then for full forty years scarcely left him day or night, without *visible* and supernatural tokens of His presence. "In the day-time He led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of

"fire and marvelous things did He in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoar. He divided the sea and caused them to pass through" and He led them on safely "yet they tempted and provoked the most High God and kept not His testimonies."

Indeed throughout all the history of the Jews they seemed to have lived upon "signs and wonders" and were led by special providences of a miraculous nature, so that in the time of our LORD Jesus, who was one of God's last great signs to them, He said "Except ye see signs and wonders ye will not believe." And near thirty years after this the Spirit said through Paul "the Jews require a sign." All this showing how *visible* and miraculous signs of God's presence utterly fail to lead a sinful people in right ways.

In the New Testament dispensation we meet a very marked change in God's dealing with His people as to guidance. Jesus said, early in His ministry, The "time cometh and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a spirit and they that worship Him *MUST* worship Him in spirit and in truth."

"I will pray the Father and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide *with you* forever even the *Spirit* of truth, whom the world cannot receive *because it seeth Him not.*" "The Comforter which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall *teach* you all things and bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you." And even the Scripture, the guide book itself cannot be understood except as read by the spirit for "the natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him, neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned." Very evidently then the time has come when it is no longer God's wish or purpose to guide His children by "signs and wonders" and miraculous display, but by His *Word* and

*His Spirit.* — By His Spirit to our understanding of the *Word* and to a right application of it to all in our lives, where the written word can apply. But since in individual lives, there is such a variety of life and labor — such a “diversity of operation and difference of administration;” the world could not contain the books that must needs have been written to guide, therefore God has given His *Spirit* and says “as many as are *led by the Spirit* of God they are the sons of God” and “believe not every spirit but try the spirits.

How diversity of sects have sprung up, because God’s Spirit has not definitely been taken to give an understanding of certain passages of His word! How very much work has been done, that must needs be undone because God’s Spirit was not definitely taken as a guide! How much money has unprofitably been spent in *trying* things!

How many souls have been lost because of a failure to get the right guidance of the Spirit!

For example, if Paul had not put himself in an attitude to hear the Spirit calling him to come over into Macedonia, what must have become of the Bereans, the Thessalonians and the Phillipians of his generation!

How much time and labor is lost because people will “lean to their own understanding”!

How many steps have been taken that must be retraced because God was not trusted to “direct the steps!” How many letters, and pamphlets yea, volumes have been written that have fallen “still born” from the press, or what was worse have been positive hindrances to the glory of God because not indited by His Spirit.

How many sermons preached and hymns sung because *the time* had come to do such things rather than because the Spirit “constrained.”

I was not brought up among a people who are accustomed to sit and wait for the Spirit to move them, but in my Church life, was often thrown among a people who were accustomed to say “*do let us do something*; sing or pray, or something” and thus the very activity of the flesh and mind hindered hearing the “still small voice” of the Spirit.

Sitting idly and waiting for the Spirit to move somebody is of course only a sin of idleness and leads to the thought “Do let us do something,” but those who would be led by the Spirit must needs spend much time waiting on the LORD—not, certainly, because God is slow or otherwise occupied but because of our humanity and our environments. There are so many voices clamoring for a hearing that we must learn to distinguish the voice of the Holy Spirit from other voices. And then there are other spirits than God’s and we are to “try the Spirits” “whether they be of God.”

One of Satans deepest designs is to *mislead* God’s children and thus hinder God’s life and grace and work in and through them. He gives many Macedonian calls to people whom God does not want in Macedonia but *could* use elsewhere if they kept in His order.

Also how very many would have gone over to Thessalonica “once and again” in God’s work “*but Satan hindered*” by creating circumstances which misled, and making impressions which deceived.

Some are led very much by “strong impressions” forgetting that Satans greatest power lies in making “strong impressions” to hinder the ongoing of God’s work and life in souls.

But perhaps in no way are very earnest Christians more hindered than by special “providences.”

For example—One of God’s children is engaged in some work that fills a very humble place, yet just the place that God wants filled. “An impression” comes to such an one, perhaps through sermon or song, or even in prayer that they should go to Africa or some foreign field, or some other place of labor. The “impression” stays with them for days and without their ever having mentioned it to anyone, some friend, it may be a pastor suggests “you ought to go as a missionary.” That naturally deepens the impression. Then in quite a remarkable way some one who has never been spoken to about the matter says “so and so would make a good missionary and if they will go I will furnish the passage money and support them on the field”.

To one not deeply in the "Secret of the Lord" this is very captivating. And yet every suggestion may have come from another spirit than God's and if the individual does not move off to the suggested work, then comes perhaps trial, followed by accusations and condemnation for not having followed "such plain providences" and thus, joy in God so necessary to success is hindered.

Or again, some worker in a foreign field is getting the language and moving forward well in the work and souls are likely to be saved if a stop is not put to the work then comes a chain of providences," perhaps sickness among them, and to "cap the climax" a letter from some friend offering the money for passage home so that the Board, need not be taxed. Now in such a case only Gods spirit can save from marring God's work.

Providences are very unsafe guides.

It was a providence of God that Abraham found a Ram caught in the thicket, but he first *heard the voice* of God to him saying "Lay not thy hand upon the lad" and *then* he "lifted up his eyes" and saw God's providence."

(To be continued)

M. I. GARRISON.

## NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

### A K O L A

*Mr. Garrison writes:*—The work goes on steadily and quietly. All our Berar and Khandesh missionaries gathered the last week in February for several days of Bible study with Mr. Gelson Gregson. His teaching was most helpful, he took us through the Epistle to the Ephesians and all hearts were greatly enriched in our LORD. We were led again through the truth of the nothingness of man, and the all sufficiency of man's Saviour, the necessity of utter separation from all self efforts to holiness in order to obtaining the holiness of God by grace through faith—

The complete giving up of all ones own will, to God and literally "having no will" but God's. These cardinal truths were emphasised and illustrated with strength and beauty. After these few days in English came our annual Mela for native Christians. The gathering was again on the bank of the river some two miles from the city. Mr. Franklin under whose immediate charge the meetings were, had the camp very attractively and comfortably arranged. Mr. Gregson was then with us two days and gave out God's word in the Hindustani language which all our Marathi people well understand. All our native Christian from Berar and Kandesh were present and some from other missions.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuller were present during the first half of the meetings in their usual helpful way giving strength to all. Six were baptised, four boys from the school, a native woman and Mr. Jones who was some months ago led to Jesus in Bombay through the labors of Mr. Fuller.

Of the baptisms frequently mentioned in Akola it must be kept in mind that this is the centre of our work in Marathi, and often those from other stations are baptised here. Also the boys in the school are sent up from other stations in our own and other missions.

The work grows, Hallelujah! The people are becoming better acquainted with our mission among them and are gaining confidence.

Through the number of graves now in almost every station, they are coming to realize that it is a mission of sacrifice and not of selfishness — a truth so hard for them to understand. The frequency with which the earth is opened to receive our own dear people, is causing all our beloved ones to "walk softly" and yet I do believe fearlessly of all except the displeasing of Him whom we love.

Since the Mela Mr. and Mrs. Butler with their four bright little ones have come to stay with us for a time. They were formerly in the S. Army and in charge of the work in Nagpur. They are beloved of the LORD and we see His Spirit with them. They have been led to recently resign their place in the Army.

Since the Mela some of our brethren and sisters are out touring again though it is now getting very hot. There are more changes made necessary of late. Mr. Carroll and Miss Brooks were united in marriage at the close of our Mela and have gone to Buldana where we have recently purchased a very excellent Bungalow for Rs. 2000. Mr. Wood having gone into the S. Army left that station vacant, Bro. Lenth who was with him having gone to Chalisgaon. There are other changes which are only temporary, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley are courageously out in the heat on tour in a Taluk that has been much neglected as it lies off the Ry. and is considered specially unhealthy.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin are rejoicing in the training of a new missionary lately come into their home life. They call him "Judson Gordon." Mr. Cutler and Mr. Schelander and Miss Holmes continue with us in the study of Marathi.

Much cholera is reported in the city, but God keeps us in peace. All through Berar there is a great scarcity of water already, and we have more than two months yet of dry weather before us. God is the blessed deliverer if the people would only know it. Hallelujah!

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#### PACHORA.

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*Mr. A. Johnson writes:*—During the whole of December, January and February months I was blessed with good health, I think better than any three months since I came to India.

I spent nearly the whole of the time in touring in company with Bro. Dutton in the Pachora taluka and visited in that time one hundred and twenty-nine villages, in several of which we stayed three or four days, but in most of them we only preached once, and only in two of them did we fail to deliver the Gospel. In one there were only a few people, and absolutely refused to listen to us, and bid us go away, and in the other a Brahman teacher ordered the Police to drive the people away. In some places they received the message rather indifferently and contemptuously, but in

many places they received it gladly and with considerable interest, but no conversion nor what you could call an out-and-out seeker after salvation.

During the whole time we were blessed and comforted with God's own strength and presence, for which I praise His name, and with a great deal of assurance I leave the results in His name.

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#### AMROATI

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*Mr. Erickson writes:*—Our hearts have been greatly cheered by increasing interest and fresh openings for work among the women, not only in Amroati but throughout the taluka. The fear that we have come to kidnap their children, steal their money or do them some other wrong is evidently being removed by the power of love, patience, and prayer; and they are learning to regard us friends instead of foes.

While on tour we found little difficulty in reaching them. Sometimes the men would object to our visiting their wives, but usually they encouraged in doing so.

The head man of one of the largest towns gathered about fifty of the most intelligent women of the place at his private house and invited us to come and give them the Gospel. We realized that it was a precious provision of the Father to enable us to reach a large number in a short time.

The increasing heat having put an end to extended outings, we find ourselves once more settling down to home life and the station work which had necessarily been somewhat set aside during the touring season.

The harvest is great and just now the laborers few, but praise God He is not dependent on numbers. He looks for special manifestations of the Spirit's work in the great stronghold of darkness.

The heat is coming on and with it there naturally comes an inclination to weakness and lassitude. But praise God for "exchanged strength" and "Resurrection life" whereby we are refreshed day by day.

Past experience has proved that the surest resort for health is the "Rock of Ages" and the safest shelter from the heat is the "shadow of the Almighty."

As these blessed provisions are always at hand, there comes a sweet assurance that while we abide in the "secret places" there can be no cause for fear and no need of seeking a cooler, more invigorating atmosphere.—"He faileth not" Hal-lulajah!

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### AHMEDABAD.

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*Mr. Woodward writes:*—God has led us through very unexpected places the last few weeks and has done things which we do not fully understand. Yet we have learned not to impatiently ask why, and we have found His sustaining grace fully sufficient.

A little over two weeks ago Bro. Moss came here and I accompanied him to Palanpur, in search for a house for them to live in, as he and his wife and a native christian, expected to begin work there.

We found Palanpur to be the Capital of a native state, having a Mahomedan Ruler. We were told that it contained about 20,000 inhabitants—and that no missionary had ever lived there. Also that we must have the consent of the native ruler if we came there to live, and they seemed quite averse to our coming. We told the officials that we had come under the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, who had commanded us to "go unto all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and that He would care for us and open the way before us.

After searching for more than two days for a house we finally made a contract for one, for six months, but just at the last moment and after the owner had signed the lease, he withheld it, making the excuse that he must see his brother; afterwards he would not consent to rent it to us.

Meantime I had been exposed to small-pox, but knew the Lord would protect me, as I was on His business. Bro. Moss also was not well and could not go out with me all of the time.

He gradually grew worse. He seemed quite feverish and I laid my hand on his forehead to see if it was fever or not. I noticed that he was breaking out, but thought nothing of it. By Saturday P.M. Bro. Moss was so sick that we saw we must get into a house over Sunday and as we had not been able to secure one in Palanpur, we returned home to Ahmedabad.

On Sunday A. M. Bro. Moss was broken out all over and as we were all in the same house together, we felt we should like to know what the disease was so we called a doctor. He said it was some contagious disease, but could not then tell whether it would develop into small-pox or not. We were advised to move into another house, which we did.

On Tuesday the doctor said it was small-pox. We all claiming the promise in the 91st. Psalm for our protection and united in prayer for our Brother. But God saw best to take him from us. He fell asleep at 4.30 on Friday.

Through all this time of trial Mrs. Moss stayed close by the side of her husband and she was wonderfully sustained at his death. God thus once more proving to us that no trial can overtake His children, which they are not able to bear; but that God is faithful. 1 Cor 10: 13.

Our studies and work have been somewhat broken, but God has had other lessons for us. He says "Let us work the works of Him that sent us while it is day, for night cometh when no man can work" and we move forward to obey.

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### K A I R A.

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*Mrs. King writes:*—Our first baptisms last July were our Camelwalla, his wife, and son, a boy about 15 years of age, we thought at first that we would never care for the man, he had always lived in the villages and was untaught, but he improved so much that we all got to love him, he became quite a different man, his wife had been a Christian before but in a time of trial had left the Lord, but she came back, and she used to be such an encouragement to us, in our Sunday afternoon

Meetings, as she told us of her trust in God; they have now gone to Dholka, the man is Bro. Andrew's Camelwalla, Mr. King and I, and Miss Petrie, and Seasholtz were in the District, but Miss Montgomery and Smiley had a blessed little farewell meeting with them before they left us, they are all very dear to us, as Miss Montgomery says like our own children, which they are, the boy is with me, he helps in the house, and with the children, so is kept busy, one of our own converts, who is now Miss Montgomery's table-boy is teaching him for the present, until we get the School started which we are believing for in the near future.

Since they were baptized the dear Lord has been working, and I have often been struck in our Meetings, especially on Sunday Mornings, at the way they sit and drink in the Word, as it is given out to them, which shows that they have an interest in Divine things; the numbers keep increasing, and soon our meeting-room will not hold the Sunday morning meetings.

Then there are the people of Rutunpur who at first forbade Mr. King and Daud to go again to their village, but after a little while they sent for them and now we have nine converts there and others under instruction, including the wives of two of our converts. On Wednesday evening Miss Petrie and I went there, we had a time of liberty, I believe the Lord is leading them out and we praise the Lord for the privilege of giving them the gospel.

A few Sundays ago six more were baptised, two or three of them from different villages and this opens them up for us to visit them.

Two converts from one village have been persecuted quite a lot, because they brought to light a dreadful sin, which was being carried on in their village and when their persecutors struck one of them in the face, he turned the other side to them, but the other convert stepped in and averted the blow and I heard him innocently tell Mr. King, that he did as the Bible told him to do, this would put to shame some of us enlightened Christians. These two men walk every Sunday 6 or 7 Miles to attend the meetings, we praise

the Lord for the spirit they manifest, then Miss Montgomery's and our cooks were baptized and altogether we have 24 Christians, who are yet babes in Christ.

We ladies take turns in visiting the near villages, in the evenings, some of us have been out touring, but we are all now studying hard for exams after that we shall feel more free to give more time to out door work. Mr. King is still out touring, but comes in on Saturday for Sundays meeting, we are praying about starting a sewing class for our women in the compound, and trusting for a school soon, we think Kaira is a lovely spot and just the place where the Lord is going to save many souls, and "faith is the victory." He is too kind to disappoint His children, may He keep us low at His feet and in the unity of the Spirit.

We remember it is just a year ago tomorrow since dear Miss Bush died, and I was so sick, we praise the Lord for all His leadings, He overrules all, and either sends, or permits to come all that does come to us in our lives, the Lord is teaching me this lesson. Brethren pray for us.

#### DHOLKA—GUZERAT.

*Mr. H. Andrews writes:*— "The Lord He it is that doth go before thee. He will be with thee, He will not fail thee."

This promise was a real cheer to us when coming to our new field, and we felt like saying in the words of Moses, "If Thy presence go not with us, suffer us not to go hence." We came here January 2nd and the two months that have gone have been full of the blessings of the Lord. We have been able to do some work in the city and have had a number come to the house. At first a number of the leading men called upon us and we gave them the Gospel, as most of them speak English but they do not come now.

Either the truth was more than they desired, or our associating with the lower castes and working among them, has brought their displeasure. However we mean to witness to all alike



as far as we are able. We believe the Word is taking effect in the hearts of some of the low caste people and we expect soon to see results.

We have visited a number of villages, but have not been able to get as much as we desired.

Mr. Back baptised a young man, who teaches a small private school in a village. He had received some previous instruction in the Christian religion but had not embraced Christ. He now seems real sincere and comes to the city on Sunday, 7 miles to meet with us.

The field is very ripe and we long to be able to speak the language, so that the people will understand us readily; that we may make plain to them the great things of God.

We see the great need of a special manifestation of the power of God among the people.

The private school referred to is open to Christian teaching and we have put some Christian books in the school for the boys to study. Please pray God's blessing upon it.

#### CHANDUR.

*Miss Miller writes:—* Starting out on tour, we set off with bullock-cart, which comfortably seats four persons. A little on behind, or perhaps a short distance ahead, is a second cart loaded with tents, coats, camp-chairs, bundles of bedding rolled up, provision-box, and a few other necessary things.

After some miles of weary traveling over rough roads, we come to a village where we stop and our tents are pitched under some shady tree and in a short time we are comfortably settled, and all provisions for the time being are made. After a little refreshment, and committing ourselves to the care and blessing of the Lord, we are off to the village to find an audience that will listen to the word of Life so freely offered to all.

Thus we often remain in a village a day or two at a time according as the Lord may lead giving the Gospel at every opportunity to lost and perishing souls, and then go to the next village, and when the message is given there, move

on to a third, and so for a month or more at a time. In this way many hundreds of people have heard the message of salvation, in Chandur Taluka during this cold season.

Many of them heard for the first time, and was much touched by the Spirit of God. But now, the cold season, which is considered the best time for touring, is at its close another year, and the approaching heat of the summer season is already much felt.

Many of us will not be able to travel from village to village in bullock-carts living in tents during the heat.

What will become of the seed that was sown! Will the people remember, a year from hence, the message that was given them? We believe some will; for the promise is, that fruit should remain. But we cannot feel that we do our duty to these people, by giving them the Gospel once a year. There remains still another way by which we may travel over the same ground even during the hot season and reach the hearts of these people. It is by way of the throne of Grace. And as some of our home friends would perhaps gladly join us in some of these tours, we will mention in short, a few places that are much upon our minds, thinking they may become the subjects of some of your prayers. The first of these is Kajura, where the better classes of people seemed to be indifferent, but the poor listened gladly, and one old man and a woman took the name of Jesus on their lips, and asked forgiveness of their sins. Another woman said I understand, and believe what you say is true, I will not bow to idols again, but will pray to God in the name of Jesus.

The next place is Yenas. Here the people listened to the Gospel for the first time with uninterrupted silence. The Spirit was manifested in a very unusual manner. Their eager faces to catch every word that was said are ever before our vision. May it not be that some of these, people shall be saved through your prayers.

The next village is Kura where two years ago there seemed to be much opposition against the Gospel, but since then a marked change has taken place.

One man who had given considerable trouble and destroyed some books, often came to our tent to hear more about the way of salvation and asked for baptism. His heart was not prepared to take such a step then but the prayer of faith may prevail. In another place a large company of women, after having listened with much interest and intelligence said, "If you would remain with us two or three months then we would understand and remember what you say. But by hearing once or twice how can we remember?" It reminds one of the eunuch's answer to Phillip, How can I, except some man should guide me? Some twelve or thirteen men at a large Jatra, a holy place, where thousands of people come every year to wash away their sins in the river, were also much touched by the Spirit, and took several Gospels away with them to read. A few days afterwards two of them returned and asked for more of the same books, which of course we were only too glad to give. It is because they did not know that in Jesus is the fountain for all sin and uncleanness, that they had come to bathe in the sacred river.

These are only a few of the many interesting cases we met with on our tour, for whom Jesus gave His life. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

### KHAMGAON.

*Miss Mahaffey writes:—*We want to offer a note of praise for the *beginning* of answered prayer.

During a recent visit from Mrs. Fuller, we had a special waiting upon the Lord for Khamgaon. We promised Him together, that we would "think faith, talk faith and act faith" concerning the souls of this place; that as we go forth to march around this Jericho, we would refuse to look at the walls, but instead keep our eyes upon the Leader. Since the Mela, we have been uniting all our force in Khamgaon and surrounding villages.

Mrs. Johnson and Miss Wills go out every morning among the women, taking one side of

town, Miss Mallory and I taking the other side in the evening. Mr. Johnson and Salve (the catechist) going out both morning and evening. We find open doors on all sides, and the people listen with unusual interest. One thing for which we praise the Lord is, that He keeps the women from asking us the personal questions they used to, but instead they ask more about the Savior of whom we have told them. It was such a question with us how we could ever reach these women. It seemed impossible to get them interested in the things of God. But the Lord seems to be saying to us these days that in proportion as we are hidden in Him, will we be able to draw these poor souls to Himself.

We have four interesting Sunday Schools; two in town, one in a small village near and the other at the bungalow altogether, we have an average attendance of more than a hundred. In the outside Sunday Schools, we find the parents helpful factors, as they insist upon the children giving attention, sometimes compelling them listen. The other day as we were passing through the part of town in which Miss Mallory and I have been working, we heard a woman remark "these two women teach our children good things."

We praise God and take courage; not simply because the work is opening up as never before, but because we know that prayer is prevailing, and we are praising for what is coming too. Our little band here desire as never before, to be hidden ones through whom God can be glorified among the heathen.

### CHALISGAON.

SHIVARAM'S STORY. BY J. D. McGLASHAN.



WE are having our evening prayer meeting and by reason of recent events, our hearts are opened to tell what great things the Lord hath done for us: It comes to Shivram's turn: his dark face and divers

colored turban showing vividly against the white wall, but apart from this effect there is a strange new light dancing in his eyes as he relates the following. Sahib you know that I have been with you one year and a half and I have read the Bible daily and listened to much teaching concerning the Christian life, but it was only recently that the Lord wondrously opened my heart to receive His blessed truth in a spirit of humility which I regret to say I lacked until now. You remember it was from the lips of dear Mrs. Bendixen that I first heard that Jesus could save me from sin. In my daily rounds, supplying the Missionaries with milk, she (Mrs. Bendixen) would be sure to say something to me about my soul, her earnestness at that time made a great impression upon me and I decided to become a Christian, as soon as my decision became known to my Father and brothers they forbade me to enter the house, cursed and abused me in every way they could think. You little know how on that day my heart was wrung over and over again with the thought of being an outcast, and cut off from my people—but God was leading me, so with my heart overflowing with sorrow I came to you, and how happy I have been for the past eighteen months, still I had only a head knowledge of of Christianity. While at the recent Marathi convention God wonderfully used some of the speakers to let in new light upon my soul, it was there that God broke open the fountains of my heart, I saw myself in a light that I had never realized before, I saw that I was proud and altogether unworthy of God's love, on the day of my baptism I asked the Lord to give me a new heart and no sooner asked than a wonderful wave of joy broke over my soul, what a peculiar sensation crept over me; sometimes laughing, sometimes crying, however I knew that God had put His Spirit within me and oh! sahib I shall never forget my baptismal day, every one I met seemed to know that I had been made a new creature. The little children said, ah! brother Shivaram now we know that you are really a Christian, even nature itself seemed to smile upon me, and my heart was full of love for everybody and everything, what surprised me greatly was the hearts of my relatives were com-

pletely softened towards me. In the past I had harbored hard thoughts against my father and brothers, so I knew it was right for me to go and ask forgiveness. I went to the house and there crying bitterly threw myself at their feet and implored their pardon; not expecting anything but hard words, I was surprised to see the old man (my Father) burst into tears and putting his hands upon my head imploring the blessing of God to rest upon me, he said: ah! my boy I know you are on the right way, you are in the Light, truly you are God's child and I do now willingly give you to Him, don't look back, listen to what the Missionaries tell you, my surprise was still greater when all my brothers came also and placed their hands upon my head and blessed me, oh! now I begin to realize the power of God turning even the hearts of His enemies to praise Him, ah! sahib! how true God's word is "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth they rest from their labors: and their works do follow them" Mr. and Mrs. Bendixen have passed away but I am here today, the living fruit of their labors. Henceforth my one object will be to labor for souls, and my earnest prayers is that my dear old father and brothers may be brought in with me to sit at the feet of our Blessed Lord and Master.

The great hot season has begun. We have taken two cottages at Igatpuri with dear Mrs Simmons in charge. Two or three of our number may go to Chikalda. A number will attend the Lanowli camp-meeting and we trust that all may know God as a shelter in the heat as never before.

The meetings at Akola under Mr. Gregson were very helpful indeed. They were followed by the Marathi mela of which there is an account elsewhere.

There are sixteen Parsee Christians in Bombay. All save six of this number have been converted during the past twelve months.

In all the Christian work in India, they have held themselves almost solid against Christ. But their ranks are breaking. Alleluia.

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*There is held in all our stations every Friday evening a workers' meeting whose object is to pray for the work and the workers. Allowing for the difference of time between Akola and New York, this meeting comes five hours before the three o'clock Friday meeting in the Gospel Tabernacle.*