

still remembered, and, as you were the means of advocating the cause of my poor Rural Mission, I am sure you will not dislike the idea of receiving these few lines. I generally write to those friends who send me donations on behalf of my mission, and as you were the first person at Toronto to do so, I have much pleasure to renew our old acquaintance, and not only so, if possible, to increase your interest in the glorious cause of missions. * * * *

You will be glad to hear that I am still permitted to carry on the work of the Lord, both at this and other rural stations which are under my superintendence.

Do you remember the Christian settlement of which I must have spoken to your people in my various addresses. Well, we have been very busy in laying it out, and you will be gratified to learn that a most satisfactory progress in this department of our mission work. About thirty families, consisting of about one hundred and fifty souls, have been living in rude buildings at Bethel, but before the expiry of two years hence twenty-four model houses will be constructed, and the poor people will be nicely settled. Two most substantial buildings have been constructed, and are now used for purposes for which they were intended. The foundation of our future Bethel Church has been laid, and more than one hundred and fifty trees have been planted, seventy of which are mango trees. You are aware that the mango is the best Indian fruit that we have, and this by general consent: don't suppose it is my opinion.

However, the department in which you will be interested most, is the purely evangelistic agency we have at this station alone. With myself there are no fewer than twenty evangelists who are daily engaged in preaching the gospel of God's grace to the multitudinous races by whom we are surrounded. Some of our evangelists are engaged in street preaching either in Old Jalna or New Jalna, called Kaderabad, some in the cantonment of Jalna, some visit numerous villages within an area of eight miles from our headquarters, and others are sent to longer distances, say, to places that are a hundred and fifty miles from this place.

In my future letters I may send you an account of the manner in which our evangelistic tours are performed.

Here is a way in which you may get your people interested in my mission. We have four industrial establishments in which we train up our young men (of course Christians) as masons, carpenters, ironsmiths, medical catechists and gardeners. Each department is to consist of twelve young men. The cost of supporting a young man is only £6 per year. That is not much. Suppose my friends in Canada adopt some of these young men while they are carrying on their studies with us, viz., three years. We have also female schools where poor people's children or orphans are educated. We, of course, try to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

The accompanying list gives the names of a number of boys and girls, and you can distribute them among your congregations and Sabbath Schools as would like to adopt them.

With warmest regards to you all, ever yours in affection,

NARAYAN SHESHADRI.

MISSIONARY ITEMS.

LIVINGSTON MISSION.—The members of the Mission had a most cordial reception at Cape of Good Hope on their way to their interesting