The Lord giveth the word; the women that publish the tidings are a great host.—Ps. 68:11. R. V.

THE LIGHT OF GOD.

Sunshine is ever strong
No blast can break or bend one single ray;
In seven-fold strength it faces wave and wind.
Heedless of their opposing turbulence,
It passes through them in its quiet power,
Unruffled, and unbroken, and unbent.
No might of armies, and no rage of storms,
Can turn aside one sunbeam from its path,
Or bate its speed, or force it back again
To the far fountain-head from whence it came.
—Heratius Bonar.

A CHILDREN'S HOME.

The four children shown in the accompanying cut were gathered into a Children's Home under charge of Mrs. Lee. When received the first looked like a deformed skeleton. The second was suffering from starvation, her parents being unable to get food for her. The third was very emaciated and covered with sores, and the fourth was an orphan without home or friends who was found wandering about the village. The photograph was taken after they had been in Mrs. Lee's school eight months.

Those who have seen the picture of our school at Velacherie and looked pityingly upon the row of naked little children sitting on the ground will not doubt that we need in Velacherie a Children's Home where some of these hungry little bodies can be filled, and these naked little bodies clothed, and where these wicked, ignorant, idol-worshiping children can be taught about the Christ child and learn not only to live modest, pure, Christian lives, but become fitted in a few years to carry the pure Gospel to their own people.

In one of Miss Spence's letters, she writes: "I have often thought if these poor little children were taken from their homes and brought up in a boarding school where they could be watched and taught and fed we could turn them out sweet little Christians. I think, dear Mrs. Taylor, that that is really the best plan. Build a large hut as a boarding house with a large hall for the school, and here bring the children up.

Tell all the dear brothers and sisters that this is by far the best plan for these poor little creatures. They need constant watching and training. The plan you speak of is rather a difficult one as no European family would take a child, not even Christians. Even if it could be done these children would be left with the servants and their children and all our teaching and training would be of no use compared with what they see and hear of the servants.

He says (Mr. C.) that he wants the child kept at school and trained for Christian work. Well, tell dear Bro. C. that the only way to do this is what I have said before, feed, clothe, educate and train for mission work in this "Children's Home," or boarding house. If we do this we shall be able to see ourselves what the children are growing like. About taking the children's photos I think it a very good plan, and each brother or sister can take a child and send me the money for board and I shall put them in this "Children's Home" where they will be looked after.

Other Mission Societies long since learned this fact, and wherever Missions are established in India there are one or more "Children's Homes," or "Widow's Refuges" or "Orphanages," or some other institution where children can be cared for and trained for Christian usefulness.

Twelve dollars will board a child a year in a Children's Home. Already three parties have offered to "adopt" children and as soon as we can get the house built, the native man and wife for whom Miss Spence asked in her last letter can live in this house and care for and teach the children. Thus our "Children's Home" can be begun on a small scale to be enlarged as the needs demand and God send the means.

To support the man and wife will cost about $7.00 a month, or $3.50 each. The Worcester Local Branch has taken upon itself the support of one, now will some other Branch, or some Church, or Sunday School, or some brother or sister assume the support of the other. We do not know what it will cost to put up such a house as Miss Spence describes, but if it were built like the other houses in Velacherie, with bamboo frame covered with mud and thatched with palm leaves, the expense would probably not exceed $50. In our next Quarterly we hope to tell you exactly the cost of the building. Who of God's stewards will give the house for a "Children's Home."
CONSTITUTION
Of the Woman’s Home and Foreign Mission Society of the Advent Christian Denomination.

ARTICLE I.
Name.
This Association shall be called the Woman’s Home and Foreign Mission Society of the Advent Christian Denomination.

ARTICLE II.
Object.
Its object shall be to engage and unite the efforts of Christian women of the Advent Christian denomination in sending “the gospel of the kingdom” throughout the world, the deepening of spiritual life among believers in Christ; and by organization to render more efficient the work of the women of our churches.

ARTICLE III.
Membership.
SEC. 1. Any Christian woman may become an annual active member upon the payment of fifty cents, either directly or through an auxiliary society, and a life member on the payment of $5.

SEC. 2. Any man may become an annual honorary member upon the payment of $1.00, either directly or through an auxiliary society, and a life member on the payment of $10.00.

SEC. 3. Any child under fifteen years of age may become an associate member upon the payment of an annual fee of twenty cents.

SEC. 4. Each active member shall be entitled to one vote, either directly or by proxy.

ARTICLE IV.
Officers.
SEC. 1. The Officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Field Secretary, Recording and Correspondent Secretary and Treasurer, who shall also constitute an Executive Board.

SEC. 2. A State Vice-President shall be elected in each State or Province by the local societies of such State or Province. These Vice-Presidents shall constitute an Advisory Board. The State Vice-President of the General Society shall also serve as President of the State or Province wherein she is elected. She shall, whenever practicable, attend the conferences, visit churches, organize mission societies, and do all she can to advance mission interests in her State or Province. The local Presidents shall determine the time and place of said election.

SEC. 3. Two Auditors shall be elected who shall audit all accounts of the Society, and render a written report to the Society at its annual meeting. They shall, when requested, attend the meetings of the Executive Board to give information respecting the state of the Treasury. They shall, once in six months, examine the books of the Treasurer thoroughly, with all the vouchers and evidences of property thereto belonging. A certificate of the result of every such examination shall be entered on the books of the Treasurer, with their signatures, and a copy of the same furnished to the Executive Committee to be entered on its records.

SEC. 4. The President, or, in her absence, the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the Society, Executive or Advisory Boards.

SEC. 5. The Field Secretary shall attend to all correspondence relating to field work, and hold all official correspondence accessible to any member of the Executive Board.

SEC. 6. The Recording and Corresponding Secretary shall keep a full and correct record of all meetings of the Society, Executive or Advisory Boards; attend to all general correspondence, and perform all other duties enjoined by the Executive Board.

SEC. 7. The Treasurer shall take charge of all moneys and other property contributed to the Society, and give receipts therefor; keep safely all money and funds of the Society, and all evidences of property; keep full and accurate account of all the sums received and expended; invest and deposit money, and make payments and remittances according to the direction of the Executive Board; exhibit her books, accounts, vouchers and evidences of property whenever required to the Executive Board and Auditors; make an annual statement of receipts and payments, and of all special funds for the information of the Society, and perform all other duties and acts as may be required for the full and faithful discharge of the duties of her office.

SEC. 8. A report shall be rendered of the work and condition of the Society by circular once in six months to each branch and to members not united with any branch; and also a condensed report published in one or more of our denominational publications.

SEC. 9. The Executive Board shall direct the affairs of the Society and have full charge of the expenditure of all moneys to carry out the joint action of the Executive and Advisory Boards.

SEC. 10. The Executive Board, together with the Advisory Board, shall determine the opening and closing of all missions or mission work, the appointment of additional officials, all salaries and other expenditures.

ARTICLE V.
Election of Officers.
SEC. 1. All Officers, Auditors, and members of Advisory Board shall be elected annually by ballot.

SEC. 2. All Officers or members of Boards shall continue to discharge the duties assigned them until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE VI.
Meetings.
SEC. 1. This Society shall meet annually at such time and place as the Executive and Advisory Boards shall appoint.

SEC. 2. A month's notice, at least, of such meeting shall be sent to each branch, and one month's notice shall be published in our denominational publications.

ARTICLE VII.
Debts.
This Society shall not incur any debts or obligations except beyond an amount to exceed one-tenth of the annual dues of its enrollment; and all indebtedness, if there be any, at the close of each fiscal year shall be fully cancelled before any new work is undertaken.

ARTICLE VIII.
Privileges.
SEC. 1. Each Local Society, which is a branch of this Society, and each member of this Society, may, should they so desire, designate the field and manner in which their contributions shall be expended; and this Society shall carry out such request if practicable; otherwise the donor shall be conferred with thereto and the contribution shall then be expended according to the donor's direction.

SEC. 2. All other contributions and receipts shall be expended or used at the discretion of the Executive Board.

SEC. 3. Any Local Society shall cease to be an auxiliary or branch of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society upon uniting with any other Society or Organization.

ARTICLE IX.
Independence.
This Society shall have no authority nor power to unite with any other Mission Society, or merge its interests, or give its support to any other Society, whether or not it be a Mission Society; but shall engage its own workers, control its own fields, and maintain its own efforts.

ARTICLE X.
Amendments.
This Constitution may be amended or added to at any regular annual meeting, or special meeting called for that purpose, by a two-thirds vote of those present, provided one month's notice is given in writing of such proposed change or addition.

ARTICLE XI.
Quorum.
Ten shall constitute a quorum; but a less number may adjourn to another date.
RAG NANDGUON HOME.

Above is a picture of a group of children who were taken into the Children’s Home in charge of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Ward in Rag Nandguon, India. Why these children have all of them bald heads I do not know unless it is because they are child widows, who have their heads shaved every two weeks.

The pictures in this paper are kindly lent us by Philip Bacon, the editor of "Our Orphan Children in India," from which the following letter is taken.

Mrs. Phebe Ward writes:

Dear Friends: “To him that ordereth his conversation aright will I show the salvation of God.” I desire nothing more than to see the salvation of God among the children. We have prayers with them every morning at 9.30. Our cook, of whom I wrote, cries nearly all the time during prayer service. Yesterday morning we had a searching time. The children became so interested in praying that we adjourned the prayer meeting until 3 p.m. Their hearts are so plastic; no false shame to be heard praying. Two or three begin at a time. Not a minute lost between the prayers. Three or four seem to be in real earnest to become right. After we had told them how God called Samuel when a boy, one of them prayed that even as God called Samuel so he might call him. I feel all through my soul that this boy is a chosen vessel for the Lord. His story is interesting and he has an intelligent face. I was surprised and touched when I heard his first prayer some time ago. So earnest, so comprehensive and such good language. The secret was out when the woman who cares for the boys at night told me that he never went to bed without prayer. He did it when sick. I went out in the boys’ house a few nights after, and there amid the noise and confusion, I saw two off in a corner by themselves praying. They did not notice my coming in or going out. I heard this boy say, “You shed your blood to save us.” Oh, these rescued heathen children have caught the keynote of eternal glory.

At the special meeting today we explained the nature of a testimony, and after some hesitation several rose to their feet, saying by this that they were going to become Christians. Our oldest girl, in a few well-chosen words, spoke of her determination to be a true disciple of Christ. It was a cross for her, but she spoke understandingly and feelingly.

One of the most fallacious ideas is that a church, by giving to the cause of Christ abroad, will be prevented from giving much at home. The more a church gives for work abroad, the more it gives for home work. Show me the man who supports the work away from home. The more a church does for foreign missions, the more will its every interest revive and prosper.—Philip Bacon.

HERALD BRIGADE MISSION BAND.

A business meeting of the Executive Board of the Woman’s Home and Foreign Mission Society was held at Friendship, Me., March 4, 1899. The following action was taken:

1. Voted that a children’s Mission Band be organized to be called the Herald Brigade Mission Band.
2. Voted to adopt the Model Constitution presented by the President of the W. H. & F. M. S. as the constitution of the Herald Brigade Mission Band.
3. Voted that Warren N. Tenney be appointed to organize the said Brigade or Mission Band.

CONSTITUTION OF THE HERALD BRIGADE MISSION BAND.

Article I.—Name.

This society shall be called the Herald Brigade Mission Band of the Advent Christian Church, and shall be auxiliary to the Woman’s Home and Foreign Mission Society.

Object.

Its object shall be to teach children of every land about Jesus our Saviour, and to interest them in mission work.

Article III.—Membership.

Section 1. Any one may become a member upon payment of an annual fee of twenty cents.

Section 2. These fees shall be forwarded to the Captain General of the Brigade Mission Band who shall forward the same to the Treasurer of the Woman’s Home and Foreign Mission Society every three months.

Article IV.—Officers.

The officers of this Society shall be a Captain General who shall be chosen annually by the Executive Board of the W. H. & F. M. S. and such officers as the Captain General shall appoint from time to time.

Article V.—Reports.

A report shall be given in the “All Nation’s” Quarterly, and in the Herald of Glad Tidings as often as twice a year.

All wanting to join the Herald Brigade Mission Band send 20 cents with their name to Rev. Warren N. Tenney, Swampscot, Mass., and you will become a member.
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Rockland, Maine, April, 1899.

THE CHILDREN'S MISSIONARY.

There are hundreds of children among us that would be glad to help their little brothers and sisters in India if they knew how, but in many places there is no one to form or care for a Children's Mission Society, and the blessed children do not know how to help. Thousands of children scattered far apart know Elder Warren N. Tenney, the Children's Friend. They have enjoyed his Chalk Talks, and seen his staunch little paper, the Herald of Glad Tidings. These children will all rejoice when they know that Brother Tenney is to be their Captain General and marshal them all into working order to carry the battle against sin way into India. The children can have a missionary all their very own. A good, kind, earnest boy 15 years old, partly blind, is one of our scholars in Velacherie. He helps bring the children to school, and teaches the small children, and this boy wants to become a Christian and be baptized. Miss Spence says he is a very pitiful boy, and she wishes some one would "adopt" him and pay him a small sum for teaching and otherwise helping in school. Brother Tenney has decided to "adopt" this boy with the help of the children. He will be called "The Herald Missionary." Now read the article in this paper, "The Herald Brigade Mission Band," and join the band.

\textbf{100 PER CENT.}

Let every subscriber get another subscriber this quarter.

Let every member get another member if possible, and if you cannot get him to join us, get him to subscribe for the paper. A subscriber this year we expect will become a member next year. Of course people will not join us until they become interested in the work we are doing. If they read our Quarterly they will soon be interested.

\textbf{WORK AND FEES}

We depend upon our annual fees to support our regular work. When some local, or Church or Sunday school or some brother or sister makes a contribution for some special purpose it is a great help enabling us to enlarge and improve our work.

\textbf{SPECIAL WORK DONE.}

The Local Branch of the W. H. & F. M. S. in Manchester, N. H., has given the organ to the India Mission. The other donations toward the organ have been used toward paying the transportation which was nearly $10. Mrs. Dr. N. M. Ransom, of Somerville, Mass., has given a school house for the new school, and the Local at Springfield, Mass., will pay for a native teacher. The Worcester Local pays the salary of Solomon, the native Christian Missionary who has gone to live at Velacherie.

\textbf{SPECIAL WORK TO DO.}

1. Pay the salary of Mrs. Solomon, the other native missionary at Velacherie, $3.50 per month.
2. Build a house for Mr. and Mrs. Solomon, to be also a "Children's Home," or buy the house and land mentioned in Miss Spence's letter on eighth page.
3. Rebuild the schoolhouse burnt down.
4. Give a bell for the school.
5. "Adopt" a child.

\textbf{A JACKET PATTERN.}

Those wishing to make clothes for our children in India can get a jacket pattern by sending a two cent postage stamp to Mrs. B. N. Richardson, 170 Franklin St., Springfield, Mass. Miss Spence sent a tiny pattern, which Mrs. Richardson has enlarged, and will kindly furnish to those desiring it. The pattern will be cut to fit a child ten years old but can be enlarged or made smaller. Try the garment when finished upon some child.

\textbf{TO MAKE A SKIRT.}

Simply make a small skirt to fall below the knees of a child from 4 to 12 years old. Make a narrow hem at the bottom but leave the binding at the waist for the child herself to finish in the school when she is learning to sew.

Those preparing garments or anything else to send to India may send their packages to the Crisis office addressed to Mrs. Sarah K. Taylor, For Box to India. The box already sent is probably received before this. When we hear from it notices will be given in the Crisis and Advocate.

\textbf{OUR ADVERTISEMENTS.}

We call on all our members to carefully read our advertisements, and if you see anything you want ORDER IT AT ONCE MENTIONING THIS PAPER. You do not know how much this will help our paper. You will see advertised some very valuable books published by The Laconic Publishing Co., N. Y. Teachers and students, writers and public speakers, need to read these books. We hope hundreds of our members will be able during the year to purchase one or more of them.

Some one wrote us asking for sample pages of Tokology. We lost the letter, but the writer can send to Dr. Alice B. Stockham & Co., 277 Madison St., Chicago, Ill., and not only get sample pages of Tokology but notices of other very valuable books that all should read.

We hope our Local Societies will not only avail themselves of Mr. Fillmore's advertisement in this paper, but if they want special music for Sunday School Concerts, or Temperance Meetings, or anything else, will write to Mr. Fillmore.

The books advertised by Mrs. Mary Wood-Allen are worth their weight in gold.

\textbf{SAMPLE COPY.}

To many this is sent as a sample copy. We hope such will read carefully and decide to join our Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society. An annual fee of 50 cents makes a sister an active member. A man can become an honorary member on the payment of an annual fee of $1.00. A child under fifteen years of age can become an associate member on the payment of an annual fee of 20 cents. The subscription price of the "All Nations" Quarterly is 10 cents.

\textbf{HERALD OF GLAD TIDINGS.}

The Captain General of our Mission Brigade, W. N. Tenney, publishes a monthly paper the children all want to see. Send for a sample copy. Better still, send 15 cents to W. N. Tenney, Box 604, Swampscott, Mass., and he will send you the paper for a year. Twenty cents a year will pay for the Herald of Glad Tidings and the "All Nations" Quarterly.

\textbf{A MISTAKE.}

On the 7th page, last column, by mistake, the picture of the Scrap Book is placed with the description of the Portfolio, and vice versa.
A Home for Widows.

Pandita Ramabai was in her young womanhood left a widow with a baby daughter. Her heart was moved for the suffering of her sisters, and she determined to do something for them. Through God's providence the way opened for her to go to England, where she obtained a position in Cheltenham college and for a year or so supported herself and baby by teaching Sanskrit.

In two years she learned to speak English fluently and then came to America, where with the assistance of the W. C. T. U., with both voice and pen, she sought to awaken an interest in the widows of India. She wrote a book upon the high caste Hindu widows, and with the blessing of God aroused such a sympathy among Christian women that when she returned to India at the end of five years, she left behind her small bands of Christians which under the name of Ramabai Circles, guaranteed for ten years to support an institution for the help of this suffering class.

**FACTS FROM ONE WHO KNOWS.**

Dear Friend:—Here are a few facts and figures that will give you some idea of the miseries suffered by the women of India. There are nearly twenty-three millions of widows, of these fourteen thousand are baby widows under four years of age, and sixty thousand girl widows between five and nine years of age. Nearly one-fourth of the whole number of widows are young. Besides, there are many millions of deserted wives, whose condition is as bad, and in some cases worse, than that of the widows. The lives of many millions of these poor women are made so miserable that they prefer death to life, and thousands commit suicide yearly.

Women are considered by the Hindus as a thing that exists solely for their use. She is given away like a lifeless thing to the man who is to be her husband, but who does not consider her his equal. He is commanded by the religion to "enjoy her without attachment," and never to love her or put his confidence in her. Some women are set aside religiously for the use of the men of all classes and castes. They are consecrated and "married" to the idols in the temples, and are brought up from their girlhood to live as prostitutes.

Some time ago the Lord put it into my mind to start a mission especially to rescue and bring these poor miserable widows and deserted wives to the knowledge of Christ. The way was made clear last year and the mission started. The Lord has given nearly three hundred destitute young widows to me, and many more may come to our "Mukti home." Over two hundred and thirty of the above number have been converted and baptized, and I hope they will in time learn to love and preach to their sisters the Christ-like love which has made them pure and happy.—Pandita Ramabai in Our Orphaned Children in India.

**BOOKS ALL SHOULD READ.**

Published by the Wood-Allen Publishing Co., Amos Harker, in England, should be added.

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The Miracles of our Bodily Dwelling—$1.10. Dr. Wood Allen in this new book has united scientific facts and metaphor with the skill that would be expected from him by those acquainted with his literary powers.

The Birth Chamber—Price 10 cents. "The Birth Chamber" is a special physiology, bound in a separate chapter, and so obtainable either with or without "The Marvels of our Bodily Dwelling." The editor takes pleasure in recommending these books to mothers and teachers.

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LETTERS FROM INDIA.

Magrath Road, Dec. 29, 1898.

My Dear Mrs. Taylor:

You will see that I am in Bangalore and in my dear home again. It is so nice to be home again although poor Bangalore has suffered dreadfully through the plague.

Before I left Velacherie, I gave the children their Xmas treat and took a friend with me to see the village and school on the day of the treat. We gave them a good feast of rice and curry plantains and sweets as much as they could eat; they were so pleased, and it would have surprised you to see what a great quantity each child ate. If they could not eat it, they took what they could not eat to their mothers and sisters. It was pretty to see the mothers, sisters and relatives crowd round the school to see the children get their feast. I was surprised to see so many people that evening. Just before the children had their treat we heard them read in Scripture and offered prayer. We fed 50 children, 44 being our own children, and I think that after the New Year I shall have a large school especially for the children's clothes. I have distributed the toys and clothes. I took my friend round the village and visited some of the women. She seemed quite pleased with the whole village and said to me that my work was real mission work. She was surprised to find that nearly all the men and women in the village knew me.

I told the children that the toys and clothes you were sending them would not arrive till January or February. They seemed rather disappointed as they soon get back to their lazy habits.

The children are continuing their Scripture lessons during the holidays. Leah, my Bible woman, goes three times a week to the village to give them their Scripture lesson while I am away. I forget to tell you that before I left the school the evening of the treat, they read to me an address, putting a garland round my neck, and giving me a bouquet of flowers. The treat was given to the children on the 22nd December.

You ask me in my last letter if I would like a young lady from America to come out and help me. I think that when I do need help as the work grows it would be better for me to get some dear christian lady who has been born and brought up in India and knows the ways of the natives and language.

The expense of sending out a lady, and then not knowing if India would agree with her, then the learning of the language which will be quite new to her, I think considering everything, it would be best to get a mission lady from India, one who knows the ways and language of India. We shall not find any difficulty in getting one when the funds are available. How good of all of you to send a little organ. I shall find it very useful in my work. Give all the dear sisters and brothers my christian love. I should have written a longer letter, but am feeling very tired since coming home. I remain,

Yours affectionately in the Lord,

MINNIE SPENCE.

St. Thomas Mount, Feb. 8, 1899.

My Dear Mrs. Taylor:

You will see by my letter that I am back again to my work after a month's quiet and rest at home. You will be glad to hear that I am feeling much better and stronger after my change, and that we have a very good man and wife who will live in the village. I am so thankful for this. Nearly all the missions establish a good man and wife in the village first and then attend to other things. Now that we have a good Christian man at the head of our work I feel more easy. They will work together in the school and she will help me in visiting the women from house to house. They were high caste people and all their people were high caste people, but now are Christians. We are going to build a house for them. As the schoolhouse is in a very bad state I have asked Papa to help me in visiting the women from house to house. They were high caste people and all their people were high caste people, but now are Christians. We are going to build a house for them. As the schoolhouse is in a very bad state I have asked Papa to help me in visiting the women from house to house.

I must not forget to tell you of this friend of mine who came to the village on the day of the treat. She is just about my age and a bright christian. We have been such a help to each other. She is teacher in one of the Madras schools but lives in the Mount, so that we see a great deal of each other.

We are taught of Jesus, and we know Him that is true, and His shining discovers the works of darkness, which are evil, and the works of light which are good. We are zealous, warm and affectionate to pay attention to Bible lessons, believing that they will lead us to serve under the caste-people as slaves to do menial works. We are at present, by the grace of God, free from the above mentioned misery and difficulty, and we have made considerable progress in every respect.

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I am at present having the school in a verandah. The parents of one of the school children will let us use it till we can get a schoolhouse—we ready. I believe that we are to get a government grant for our school and shall get more now as I want to make it a Primary school.

Your Loving daughter,

MINNIE SPENCE.

From All Over the World.

Europe—Thirteen missionaries of the Paris Lutheran Society labor on the island of Madagascar. The Lutheran Church of Norway recently sent 20 additional workers to the same field.

Asia—No fewer than 565 baptisms of Jews have been performed at Christ Church, Jerusalem, hundreds of Jewish children have been educated in its schools, tens of thousands of sick Jews have been treated in its hospitals, and a large number of Bibles and New Testaments circulated.

The Friends' Mission in India has now 850 orphans under its care, of whom 120 were in the care of Mrs. Meyer, a recent report states that the number of cases treated in 1 month was about 1500, in 12 hospitals, and shall get more now as I want to make it a Primary school.

The Mission to Lepers in India and the East has under its charge at present in its own homes, 400 graduates in education, 1,158 lepers, and the institutions which are supported by the mission contain 2,798 more; the total number of lepers helped by this means is 3,256. The society will complete its twenty-five years of work in September of this year.

Africa—In British Central Africa there are some 30 English missionaries in the field. Ten stations have been opened, of which 7 are in charge of English missionaries, and 3 are under native superintendence. Eleven schools are maintained, and the average daily attendance last year was 470. There are 2 hospitals, and a recent report states that the number of cases treated in 1 month was about 1500, of which number about 50 were in-patients. The total number of cases treated is about 20,000. The number of natives employed on the mission's estates last year amounted to between 1500 and 2000.

According to the census of 1890 there were 33,994 negroes in the United States engaged in professional services. Of these 12,532 were ministers, 440 lawyers, 1,190 physicians, 1,5174 professors and teachers, and 4,437 in other pursuits classified as professional. In 1885-96 there were 1,319 students in professional courses in colored schools, and of these 126 were women. There were 703 students and 76 graduates of theology, 124 students and 24 graduates in law, 256 students and 30 graduates in medicine, and 6 graduates in pharmacy, and 126 students and 40 graduates in nurse training. The number of trained colored physicians has since risen to 806.

From the Corresponding Secretary.

Magrath Road, Bangalore, India, Feb. 23, '99.

My Dear Sister Taylor:

I did not purpose writing to you so soon again but it is the Lord's will that I have to communicate to you what may make you sad for since I last wrote to you the Lord has permitted someone to set fire to the roof of our school house and nothing is left to us but the main walls. It makes it very clear to us that in the future we must raise up a building that will not tempt every poor drunken heathen man to set fire to our house on fire and burn it about our heads.

Poor Minnie is very much troubled. I am very thankful that this has occurred before we spent any more money on the tumble-down shed that has supplied the place of a school to us. There are no funds at present which I can take to build a schoolhouse that cannot be burned down. I want you to take the matter to the Lord and ask Him for special donations from His people to meet this demand.

In the meantime I will see if we can have a more suitable locality allotted to us. The present ground is close to the road side and not far away from a toddy shop. I shall make the new schoolhouse with a tiled roof that cannot be burnt. It will cost more but it is not safe to have a thatched or leaf roof. I am writing to Minnie to try and hire a house she says is for sale which is suitable for schoolhouse and dwelling house of our new teacher and family.

No news of the box yet.

Yours in the Master's service,

JAMES SPENCE.

Dear Papa:

I received your letter this morning and am so pleased with what you have written. I think the more we trust the Lord the more He gives us, especially if it is in connection with His work and His will. I am glad you look at everything in such a way; try and always have this cheerful spirit, and if you feel sometimes it is impossible to have it, just ask the Lord and He will give it to you. We Christians ought to be happy as we have such a God rich in blessing and mercy. I remember Mr. Meyer saying one day that money was a very small matter with the Lord. In the meantime I will see if we can have a more suitable place for our new teacher and family.

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Most humble and devotedly yours

P. S. I enclose Minnie's last letter which reached me this morning.

PART OF A LETTER FROM MINNIE SPENCE TO HER FATHER

St. Thomas Mount, 22nd Feb., '99.

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