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My soul! what hast thou done for God?
Look o'er thy mispent years, and see;
Sum up what thou hast done for God,
And then what God hath done for thee.

—Faber.

Our India Work.

As we organized with only six members it was two months before we attempted to take up any specific work, and as it takes two months to get an answer from India it was not until the spring of 1898 that our work was actually begun, the school at Velacherie, Madras, being absolutely given into our hands. In August, 1898, Miss Spence began her work and from then until now the work has prospered and increased continually. The burning of our schoolhouse though discouraging at first has proved a blessing as you will see by reading our letters from India. Our Children’s Home we hope will soon be opened, and by studying this picture obtained from the Christian Herald you will see the effect of a few month’s care and training upon a heathen child. The two pictures are of the same children. The first was taken when these children were admitted into a Home for Widows. The second was taken after they had been a short time under Christian care and influence. We have now two schools. The first is our school among the Pariahs, the poorest, most miserable of all India’s population. Extreme poverty, filth, and hopeless wretchedness is their constant lot. The other is among the very highest caste in India. No work in India can be more promising than a school among the Brahmins. The Brahmins belong to the Aryan race and, before India came under British rule, were the ruling class. The men are very highly educated and although priests have very little faith in their own religion. Many have become infidels. Others are rejecting idolatry with its accompanying superstitions and abominations, and are entirely unsettled religiously. They seem to be waiting for the Word of God. It is now the work of Christians to carry that Word to them. “God has wonderfully opened to us a door into this highest social class in India.” Solomon, who is a converted high caste native, will teach in this school, and in addition to teaching reading, writing, ciphering and the English language to children of Hindu priests, he will have those children spend one hour each day in memorizing the Word of God. We have employed two Bible native women part of the time who have taught in our school, and also visited from house to house, reading the Bible, singing, praying and teaching their sisters in their homes. We have settled a Christian man and wife in the midst of an idolatrous village, thus giving the heathen an example of a Christian family. We hope in the year to come to do much more work than we have during the past year. The wheel so generously given by friends to Miss Spence has been sold for enough to cover its cost in India and the money is going into a boys’ home that we are hoping to purchase a horse or pony which we hope will be before long.

—A. J. Organ.

When naked clothing. Modesty is the foundation of purity, and it is almost impossible to teach modesty to a child compelled to go without clothing. In our school among the Pariahs we have upon every naked child who enters our school a simple cotton garment. A piece of calico from two to four yards in length will make a garment for a child. This will cover his nakedness, secure his attendance at school, and open the hearts of his parents to listen and love the Gospel of Christ. There is nothing that melts the hearts of the people and makes them accessible to the teaching of Christianity like the simple gifts sent them by Christian people. Pencils, tablets, thread, small thimbles, needles, pins, pictures, all kinds of toys, we want to send every year. This is continuous work. There is not the slightest danger that sending toys will encourage idolatry. The Leisch sisters, who spent ten years in Ceylon, having charge of a school of over 1,000 pupils, and who afterward travelled all over India, told me that they never knew of one instance where a toy was worshipped by a native. We wish to send patchwork basted. It is helpful in teaching sewing in our school, and the child sewing it makes it useful after it is finished. Pieces of flannel are very desirable, protecting the head and preventing colds, neuralgia and catarrh. And in dealing with the sicknesses to which the natives are liable, pieces of flannel are invaluable.

All Nations.

A message there came to my heart one day,
Lighting up all of my wearisome way,
Like a sunbeam clear in my path it lay.

Not unto our favored land and race
Alone, was the promised gift of grace
That we in God’s kingdom should have a place
In the blessed age to come.
Offered to all is the blest promise, free,
Not one who accepts excluded shall be,
Shut out from that precious home.

Quickly go forth and gather them all,
Unto every land send forth the glad call,
Heeding the Master’s command.
Repeat then the news that the Father above,
The world to redeem gave the Son of His love,
Even Jesus, from His right hand.
Redemption’s glad story then hasten to tell,
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—A. R. Organ.
Another State Organized.

314 Salmon Street,
Portland, Ore., June 24, 1899.

Dear Sister Taylor:

I have just returned from our annual camp-meeting. While there our W. H. & F. M. Society of Portland tried to interest the sisters of the other churches in our work, and even tried to form local societies. We did succeed in a measure, and all things considered, I think we did well. To begin with, we got them interested. I thought at first it was to be a flat failure. We invited every sister on the grounds to be present at our meeting, also inviting any of the brethren who wished to be present. The sisters responded well, and I must confess, I was a little dismayed to see that the brothers had done the same. Our plan was, if possible, to organize local societies, and elect a state president at this meeting, because it would be a very difficult matter to meet again; neither did we want to wait a whole year before we began to work. The distances apart, in Oregon of the different churches, is great, and while there was usually more than one delegate from each church, yet from some there was only one sister. The Portland President, Sister Hassenden, after the usual preliminary services, explained the object and necessity of the work. This was followed by a few remarks from the Secretary, telling what we had done in Portland, and how desirable it was to make it a State work. We organized four local societies, with an almost definite promise of two more, and elected Mrs. Clara Hassenden of Portland State President, so the work is begun and may God bless it and prosper all of its ways. I feel we obtained a victory, and want you to rejoice with me. My heart is full of love for Him and His work. Your sister in Him,

SARAH L. SUTLIFE.

Reasons for Organizing a Local.

1. If there are 21 members in your place you save 20 different members the trouble of writing 20 letters enclosing money, as the Treasurer would collect all the dues and forward them at one time. That would save at this office the work of writing 20 different letters in reply, making out 20 receipts, 20 entries on the cash book, and 20 more on the membership book. It also saves 80 cents postage, 80 sheets of paper, 80 envelopes.

2. Meeting regularly to pray for the missions and missionaries will bring you into close touch with each other, with the work and workers and with God who rules the work. This can but deepen spiritual life in the church.

3. By having an occasional public meeting you can interest others in the general work. Members will be continually added to the Society and thus the interest extend and deepen.

4. By study of the mission fields, their geography, history, customs, religious and social life, work done, and work needed, your minds will broaden and hearts enlarge, and your intellectual as well as spiritual growth be augmented.

These are only a few of the reasons for forming a local society. I can see no real objection. You can do all the outside work that you are now doing, and as much more as you please.

One very important reason for organizing is the help it is to local work. All the charitable and church work under charge of the sisters can be carried on under departments and thus economize time and strength and at the same time add both to local and mission interests.

S. K. T.

Pioneer Society of New Brunswick.

Those intending to organize Local Mission societies may get helpful hints from reading this condensed account of the organization of the Woodstock Local.

In the Winter of 1899 an increasing interest in mission work being felt in the hearts of the women of the A. C. Church of Woodstock, N. B., a meeting was held on Monday evening, Feb. 27th. Divine wisdom and blessing having been sought by prayer, then followed brief discussion regarding the work confronting us. After listening to the reading of some letters written by Miss Spence and Mrs. Malone regarding their work in India and China, respectively, it was decided to organize an auxiliary to the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society. Officers were then elected.

Attention being now directed to the Model Constitution, it was deemed advisable to consider it carefully, section by section. The provisions of the first Article having been discussed and adopted, the meeting adjourned until March 6th.

March 6th, 7:30 P. M., meeting was opened with singing. The Scripture Lesson read by the President was a most impressive one for the occasion, relating as it did to those who had gone into the vineyard to work but only at the eleventh hour. Fervent prayer for God's blessing upon the efforts of the Society was offered by the pastor, Eld. H. H. Tucker. The roll-call of officers was followed by the reading of an article, descriptive of the organization and rapid growth of the Gen. Society. Then followed the enrollment of ten new members, one of these being an honorary member.

The discussion of the articles of the Constitution was then resumed and it was found necessary to make the following amendments and additions thereto, after which they were adopted.

In Sec. 1 of Art. III, the word "Christian" was supplied before the term "man." In the fourth Sec. of this Article the ellipsis was supplied with the term free will-offering. Another section, No. 5, was added to this article, the provisions of which made it possible for persons to become associate members of the Society by paying the fees required by Sec. 1 of Art. III.

In Sec. 1 of Art. IV, the term Corresponding and Recording Secretary was substituted for Clerk.

Sec. 1 of Art. V, after being revised, provided for a meeting of the Society every two weeks instead of every month.

The amending of Sec. 1 of Art. VI gave to members the privilege of selecting for themselves the particular hour in each day in which they should engage in special prayer for the success of the Society's efforts.

An article providing that five should constitute a quorum was inserted as Art. VII. and the Art. on Amendments became Art. VIII., the adoption of which completed the constitution.

The election of auditors then followed, after which the President read an interesting letter from Mrs. Susie B. Thompson, Sec. of the Gen. Society, in which she congratulated us as the pioneer society of New Brunswick and gave us for our motto the following:—

The Lord will go before you and the God of Israel will be your reward.

The following committees were then appointed:—

1st. Clothing committee.
2nd. Paper committee.
3rd. Finance committee.

This was followed by the reading of several articles relating to Christian activity and usefulness, after which the meeting adjourned until Monday evening, March 13th.

MARY BURFEE.
Possibility.

"The unewn marble has not known The place it has to fill; That we may fit thy temple plan, Lord shape us to thy will. If as thy column we shall rise Engraved with noble line We will set forth; The glory all is thine."

Missions.

Mission enterprises are greatly prospering in 1899; yet one would think they are going down hill by the number of persons who are willing to be "broken on the wheel." What we need is folk to push, for we are going up a hill whose summit just now seems to be "The Twentieth Century."

No one who reads the missionary reports from India, China, Japan and Corea, can fail to notice that nearly every article ends with the clear statement that tens or scores or hundreds or thousands of workers, as the case may be, might be utilized in the particular station or region reported. A great need of the church to-day may be twenty millions of money, but the greatest need is a truer conception of the life of Christ "who gave Himself for us."

A mission society that is kept alive only by means of entertainment, suppers, fairs and exhibitions has only been galvanized for a little while. It will invariably sink back as defunct as before when the battery of excitement is removed from it.

Prayer.

Shall we not make this year of 1899 a prayer year for the Foreign Mission work, and also for the Home work? Let us enter our closets often, at the door, and bring this work and the workers by name to our Father and ask that the holy spirit may be given to all in greater measure, even poured out upon them even before. We have heard returned missionaries not only ask, but plead for our help. Let us take time to think what it must be to live in heathendom with no spiritual atmosphere surrounding us and deprived of the help we have in Christian lands. Then let us do as we would be done by if we were in their place and they in ours.

Dr. Underwood of Corea says: "Christianity is spreading here too fast; we cannot keep up with the work nor control it. Hundreds are knocking at the door of the church and there are not missionaries enough to reach them."

The latest heathen superstition in India with regard to the plague is that a yokee prophesied to Lord Elgin that unless many human beings were sacrificed to the god Kali before 1898, British rule would cease in India. Accordingly, a ship load of plague infected rats were brought to Bombay and released and the terrible plague was the result. Friends, isn't it time Christians were waking up?

The Golden Rule.

Matt. 7:12.

"This great command Jesus gave to every man and woman on earth, and not only for the time that he should remain on earth, but to everyone that should become his disciple, as long as time should last, and is a part of the greatest commission ever given to man: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

But how are we as women going to fulfill this command when our home duties are many and pressing, our strength small and our money resources limited? Only by following out in our lives the self sacrificing spirit of the One who said, "The birds of the air have nests and the foxes have holes, but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head;" and when we dress our own children to attend Sunday School and to teaching service, and we feel a thrill of gratitude that their lives have fallen in such pleasant places, let us remember the hundred of thousands of dark skinned mothers who love their children as we do ours, but are ever looking on their emaciated little forms dressed in tatters and rags, who, also, are without God and without hope in the world.

Unless we, by hard felt sacrifice, if need be, throw out the life line they must suffer and grope in darkness without one ray of light to brighten their sad and weary lives. And the five or ten cents which we so thoughtlessly spend some time in spending a trifle of our money on some little forms dressed in tatters and rags, who, also, are without God and without hope in the world.

W. H. & F. M. Society.

We rejoice to learn through our State President—Mrs. McFadven—that we have six working societies in this State. The last one being organized in Vallejo not quite one week ago. Considering the organization has only been in existence about one year and a half and introduced into California less than one year ago, we feel we have made wonderful progress with God's help.

From the California President.

One reason we have been so successful is because of organization. The organization of societies was just as important to me and I talked it just as forcibly as I did the getting of members. Indeed in my anxiety for this end I hardly asked them if they were willing to be organized but proceeded at once to do so wherever I could get two members or more. Another thing which has been greatly in our favor and added interest to our work is the Home Missionary department. That was another thing I urged upon them was to be workers at home as well as abroad. I am sure every pastor has found his society a help to him. Of course, organization and home work is supplementary to the Foreign mission, but it affords a splendid staff for it to lean on. And our societies are doing excellent work at home. Those in the Southern part of the state have made plans to support sister H. W. Bowman in her work which she has taken up since the death of her husband; it is much the same as the Methodist Deaconesses are doing but as she had no means of support she was very much hindered, of course. They can't give her a great deal but it will give her the necessities of life. I hear her, and her labor of love, very highly spoken of by all who have known her during the past year. In Oakland our society have united with the young people in establishing a mission S. S. and prayer meeting in East Oakland; they have now more than twenty scholars and the prospect very encouraging. Another society has done valuable work in their sewing circle in which they earn money when they sew among themselves to be given in cases of need, or else sew for the poor where they also provide the material. I am thinking of proposing a plan something like this to keep up our interest in this work: Every month let our president appoint one member who shall be editor of a small paper called "Our Foreign Missionary Letter" which shall be made up much like a letter with paragraphs instead of columns, of Foreign Missionary items. The editor can be changed every month, so that all will be forced to inform themselves on this important theme. The "Letter" of course will be written instead of printed, and will be read at our monthly meeting. I am confident the reason we are not more interested in Foreign work is because we are not informed on the subject.

NINA L. McFADVEN.
A friend said to me, kindly, "Will you please tell me what salaries your officers have?" "None at all," I replied promptly. "Because," continued my friend, "some that I have asked to join the Woman's Mission Society have said that they preferred to send their money direct, as you all took out your salaries first, and then what was left went to India." For the information of such we will say that not one of the officers of this Society has ever received a dollar or work done or for services rendered, but all have freely given time and strength and money to this work.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT.

As no full report has been published of the work done by the officers of our W. H. & F. M. S., and as this, our second year is drawing to a close, it seemed well to glance back over the last two years and recount the gracious leading of the Lord.

On July 31, 1897, the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society of the Advent Christian Denomination was organized in Friendship, Maine. There were four active members and for nearly two years these have served the Society as President and Business Manager, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

During the summer of 1897 the President visited the Mechanic Falls and Alton Bay camp-meetings, and in three months the W. H. & F. M. S. numbered 80 members and had $100 in the treasury. During the winter over five hundred letters were sent out and we were surprised and delighted with the prompt and earnest replies. All over the United States and in Canada were hundreds of women within whose hearts God had placed a longing for this very work, and responses full of joyful gratitude and eager desire to help came on swift wings, while a noble band of strong brothers stretched out hands of welcome and of help. At that time the President was pastor of the Rockland church, and it soon became evident that either the pastorate or the mission work must be relinquished. After much prayer, in April, 1898, the pastorate was resigned and all the time henceforth was devoted to Mission interests. During the summer we attended the camp-meetings at Old Orchard, Tremont, Springfield, Greene, Mechanic Falls, Alton Bay, White River Junction, Biddeford and Lakeside, and in October we had over 900 members. During the fall and winter our box to India was packed and sent, and Chelsea, Somers-ville, Whitman, Lynn, Everett, Marblehead, Newburyport in Mass., Bangor, Dover, Friendship, Port Clyde, Swan's Island, South Hope in Maine, Hampton, Portmouth, Seabrook in N. H., St. Johnsbury and West Derby in Vt., were visited and our mission work laid before the churches, and although very few and very small were the collections taken, new members to our Society were obtained, a few local mission societies were organized, and a general interest in mission work awakened. Such more work was planned but a severe attack of a gripe compelled the withdrawal of all appointments, and enforced quiet at home for several months. However, I could write. In January, 1899, we have sent out more than $50 letters relative to our work. In May Sister Mansfield of Chicago was visiting her sister in Torrington, Ct., and I felt impressed to visit her to confer with her concerning mission work in the Great West, and while there embraced the opportunity to visit some of the churches of Connecticut and Rhode Island. Hartford, Waterbury, Danbury, Mill Plain, Bridgeport, New Milford, Waterford and Bristol in Ct., Lafayette and North Scituate in R. I. were visited and in each place our work was presented. The result of this trip I summed up as amounting to $25 in membership fees, 42 new members that will pay later, three dollars and ten cents in subscriptions, and collections enough to nearly pay travelling expenses. Add to this a general awakening of mission spirit in the churches, a charming trip through my native state, greeting of some old friends and forming new friendships, life long memories of the kindness, courtesy and hospitality extended by the godly pastors of those churches, and a visit to my blessed mother, who lives in Greenville, R. I., and you will understand why that Connecticut trip was one of the brightest pleasures of a happy life. Since coming home I have attended two camp-meetings, one in Beebe Plain, P. Q., and one in Massena, N. Y., and spoken two Sundays in Danville, P. Q. In addition to the above, and much work that is unreportable, upon me has fallen the work of editing our Quarterly.

THE QUARTERLY.

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We hope this year to send the box for India before Christmas. Packages sent to camp-meeting can be handed to the Crisis office and reach me free of expense. The box will be packed and sent from Boston. Direct, Sarah K. Taylor, care Crisis Office-144 Hanover St., Boston, Mass.

Brother Wm. A. Burch of Worceh, Mass., publishes a monthly leaflet, Good News, of great value for free distribution. 8 copies monthly only 25 cents a year. If you send him $1.00 and one hundred addresses he will mail to each address 36 pages of valuable reading matter. We hope before long to have sent to each of our members sample copies of this leaflet.

The Church Economist, 115 Fifth Ave., New York, is a monthly magazine, ably conducted, full of choice information, suggestions and hints as to means and methods of church management. Every clergyman, whether pastor or evangelist, and every church official will find this paper very helpful.
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*Four new locals, possibly six, have been recently organized in Oregon which will be reported in our next quarterly.*

We have Junior Societies in Worcester, Mass., Portland, Maine, Bangor, Maine, and Manchester, N. H.

The annual meeting for the election of officers of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society will be held at Alton Bay, Wednesday, August 23.

The report of the Treasurer is received too late for publication. The statement is practically correct. We have sent to China $36.50, New York $7.47, Elder John Carville $5.00, and to Elder J. T. Johnson $5.00, making a total of $53.91 sent to missions outside of India.

**OUR MISSIONARY SUPERINTENDENT.**

In response to a request for Miss Spence's biography we received the few sentences toward the close of her letter on page 6, which shows that our Missionary Superintendent is more interested in her work than in herself. As all our members wish to become acquainted with her we will state that she is English, the daughter of Capt. James Spence who is known to many of our members.

Her parents are of Scotch descent and reared, and she was qualified in 1929, and 1931, to teach school.
Letter From Minnie Spence.

St. Thomas Mount, India,
May 4, 1899.

My Dear Mrs. Taylor:

I received your welcome letter this mail and thank you so much for it. Your letters always encourage me. I do not know whether you received my letter telling you about the burning of our school before it was ready for use. After telling you about the burning of our structure, I will now tell you about the state, the people and their circumstances.

I am looking for great results from the opening of this school. We are not building a new schoolhouse for them, but a chattrum, or a native resting place for travellers, has been lent us by one of the villagers for 18 months free of rent, but it is in rather a dilapidated state and we had to repair it which cost us about five dollars. I don't think this is much when we think we have no rent to pay.

How pleased I am with the box you sent. Let me again thank the dear sisters and friends for their sweet love and kindness shown in the things sent. I can see the trouble you must all have taken in gathering all the things together. I think once our work is settled things will work smoothly and the work grow very fast. Since the schoolhouse was burnt the children have been very naughty, hardly ever coming to school regularly.

But I really need a proper conveyance of my own. The bandy I am using now is very tiring and goes so slowly. I only pay 10 Rs a month for the feeding of the horse and it will cost me 20 rupees a month for the feeding of the horse and cart. But I shall be able to do much more and if we go on extending as we hope to do I really must. There are quite a number of villages surrounding our place where I could open new districts to mission work. Money, money, is the only need. I think in time there is work in store for us. I am thinking of doing mission work in India.

When you put together a box for the people it should be a variety of things the people like to have. They can be sold here as all the missions do this way. The English women have working classes where they make baby linen, children’s clothing, fancy work, etc. Rich European ladies living here are very glad to buy these things as coming from England and America. These things are sent from house to house and the money received goes into the mission and is a help. I do not know if your people will take up this idea. The price of the article must always be put on it. I fancy there must be many pretty things that we never see out here which the people would be very glad to buy. I saw the last mission box that came around the other day belonging to the Wesleyan Mission and the things were being sold fast. The thought struck me I would tell you about this idea. These boxes are generally sent a month before Christmas. You say that quite a number of jackets and skirts have been made by the sisters. They will be very useful.

You want to know something of my life. I don't care writing about myself. My desire for mission work has grown from a child. Ever since I can remember, my father was always interested in mission work, and made us all see even as children that in our home life we could be missionaries. With a godly father and mother, and a dear sister, the eldest in the family, who was such a power for good among us younger ones, always reading and interesting us in mission work, I felt, and made up my mind, that when I grew up I would be a real missionary working for the natives. I used to as a girl speak to our servants, telling them in my childish way of the love of God, of His gift to the world of His Son, Jesus, of the resurrection and the future, the hope of the Christian; and even my schoolmates, I would either write or talk to them of the love of God. My heart went out to them as I knew they had not the good parents and sweet home influence that I had. Just before you wrote my father about the work I told my father I would like to do mission work on my own account. So I got a Bible woman and intended doing Zenana work amongst the women, when my father proposed that I take up your work which I was very glad to do. My work now is giving the children in the school their Scripture lesson two hours, and then going around the village visiting the parents or the children. We talk to them about their children and home, and then tell them some Bible story, showing some pictures to interest them. Some of the women have grown very fond of me as I have been with them in their troubles and tried to comfort them and help them. I used to go out preaching in the village twice a week in the evening, generally choosing moonlight nights, and we used to have good times. But I was advised not to continue it as it was unsafe returning home, as I had to come four miles with Mohamedan driver. I am very anxious to continue this work and shall only be able to do so when I have my own conveyance. Now I think this will do for this time. With love to all the dear sisters and your own dear self, I remain,

Yours affectionately in the Lord,

Minnie Spence.

[The $200 has been sent.—Ed.]
New Albany, Ind.—"I found this dime in my pocket-book and I was going to spend it for something else, but when I received the sample copy of the Quarterly I thought it would do more good there than anywhere else. I am very much interested in this kind of work and want to do all I can."

Plattsburg, Nebraska.—"The paper "All Nations" is at hand. The second number is much improved and I believe is destined to still greater things. I shall hope and pray that it will be the instrument in God's hands of awakening our sisters to their duties and possibilities of doing good. We are not doing half what we might do if we were only aroused to our duties. God help us to shake off this lethargy, for surely the Judge of all the earth standeth at the door."

Brockton, Mass.—"I like the little Mission Quarterly. It contains much good in a nut shell. I am specially interested in Miss Spence's work and her letters. I believe it is the grandest work in which we can possibly engage."

Bridgton, Maine.—"Please record ten new names for our Quarterly. I am trying to do all that I can for the Master, and while it is but little I am glad to do that. I am much interested in our mission work."

Louden, N. H.—"I think it is the best mission paper I have seen."

Norway, Maine.—"I think the new paper is lovely. I read it over and over again, and pray the Lord to bless our dear Minnie Spence."

Plymouth, Ct.—"I pray the Lord of the harvest to interest those that have the means to help in this noble work. I send 10 cents to pay for the Quarterly. Wish I could send more but there is only 6 cents left in my purse. I think that Sr. Spence's letters are well worth the price of the paper."

Woodstock, N. B.—"To speak personally, I cannot help taking an almost childish delight in every cent that is to help carry the story of our precious Friend and Saviour to people who have never heard of His love. We have read the last Quarterly with much interest and find the pictures very useful in arousing the children's interest and sympathy in their unfortunate brothers and sisters. The Sunday-school teachers are taking the work in hand and several have already joined our Society."

Worcester, Mass.—"We have a committee working to get new members and they are doing well."

South Foster, R. I.—"I believe the Quarterly will help to keep what interest I have in foreign missions alive. I sincerely regret that I am not as enthusiastic over the matter as a follower of the Master ought to be. But I do believe in Missions."

Portland, Ore.—"I do not think any of the sisters were opposed to the W. H. & F. M. S. but some thought, because of our local needs, we were wise to undertake foreign work, but after careful consideration they were brought to see, that, "this ought we to do, and not leave the other undone." For more than three years we have had a "Ladies Aid Society," connected with our church, and have done much home mission work through it. This part of the country is of great space, and there are few to support workers, and none of us are rich, many being really poor, and so there is plenty to do for those who are willing, but I think there is another side to be looked at. It almost seems to human eye that those who will be saved are nearly all cut out in this land; "God is no respecter of persons" and if by the same amount of labor many more can be saved in another land than in this, each one is of equal value in His sight, and the effort should be put forth. Not that I would cease to work here, oh, no! for we are to "occupy till He comes," and "do with our might what we hands find to do" but we see the work so thick all around us that we are apt to become narrow in our view, and forget the other command, "Go teach all nations."

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The aim of this book is to answer in chaste and scientific language the queries of children as to the origin of life.
INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES.

We hope some time to be able to print pictures of the children we rescue from starvation, nakedness, sickness, wickedness and unspeakable misery. This cut was kindly lent us by Philip Bacon, editor of "Our Orphan Children in India," and represents George Lambert of India with a group of famine sufferers in Jabalpur, India. Rev. Mr. Lambert travelled over 9,000 miles in India, visiting places where the famine was most severe and help most needed, and co-operated with missionaries of different denominations. He has written a book vividly describing what he saw.

When in Boston last October it was my privilege to meet the Misses Leisch and listen to their counsel concerning our India Mission. Our work was on such a very limited scale that I did not dare to put their advice in our Quarterly lest it should discourage our members. I said, "The time will come when we can teach our children trades. I can see in the future a training school of our own, and even a hospital, but it is far, far away." However we are living in the last years of Christian labor, and God hastens His work. Said Miss Leisch, "In your work among the Pariahs you can do them no permanent good unless you can teach their children trades. They are so low socially it is impossible for them to earn enough to eat, and continual hunger is a great obstacle to the reception of the Gospel. When a man can think of nothing but his stomach he doesn't care to hear anything about Christ. But if you can put a family where they can procure enough food to satisfy hunger you get them where they will listen to the teachings of Christianity. You want to have some of your brightest boys taught trades. Each one who learns a trade raises not only his own family but five or six other families." "How does he do it?" I asked. "He hires others to do work he will not do himself," she replied, and thus gives employment and food to several families. If you would succeed in your mission work in India you must teach your children trades." This possibility is apparently near at hand.

Capt. Spence writes:

Magrath Road, Bangalore, April 18, 1899.

My Dear Sister Taylor:

Things were at such a pass that Minnie thought it absolutely necessary for me to go down and see the place she wants to buy, and as far as I can see it is the place for us. If it were possible to buy this place it would be a fine place to commence an Advent Colony. The house has only been built about two years, and although roughly built it would answer our purpose, and we could make a commence-