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

"Laborers wanted?" The ripened grain
WAITS to welcome the reaper's cry;
The Lord of the harvest calls again;
Who among us shall first reply:
"Who is wanted, Lord? Is it I?"
The Master calls, but the servants wait;
FIELDS gleam white 'neath a cloudless sky.
Will none seize the sickle before too late,
Ere the Winter's winds come sweeping by?
Who is delaying? Is it I?
—Southern Christian Advocate.

A MISSIONARY.

THERE are certain essential qualifications that every missionary should have. First of all he must be convinced beyond a doubt that God has called him to this work. Whoever enters into the mission field as into any worldly enterprise, choosing that business as more agreeable, or honorable, or lucrative than some other, will not only prove a miserable failure himself, but very likely bring disaster upon the entire work with which he is connected. It would seem that to a thoughtful mind this were too evident for argument, but many are not thoughtful, and for them instruction is necessary. They have only to study the life of successful missionaries to learn that the labor is so arduous, the difficulties so great and the discouragements so numerous, that only Divine power can perform the labor, surmount the difficulties, and resist the discouragements. This necessary strength, wisdom and persistence is beyond human attainment; but God endows those whom He chooses. Whoever undertakes to be a missionary should give himself for life to this work. This is especially important when he goes to a foreign country. The difficulties of acquiring a foreign language are such that the first three years the missionary is comparatively worthless to the mission and after that his usefulness increases in geometrical ratio. No mission society can afford to send any one into a foreign field for less than five years, or for only five years. The cost of sending and supporting a missionary for several years while he is learning a language and making blunders certainly demands the return of several years' efficient service and whoever objects to this, by this objection proves himself unsuitable for the place.

There are certain qualities that are indispensable in a missionary. There must be faith in God, submission to His will, readiness to obey Him at any cost, great patience, humility, a disposition to work, a love for sinners and a spirit of sacrifice and self-denial. Absence of any of these elements disqualifies for the mission field. But with these there may be much lack in other directions which can be made up by the help of God. Many of God's most faithful and efficient workers have been men that seemed at first, to their best friends, unfitted for Gospel work. We can all of us recall to our minds such cases. Natural impulsiveness, or instability, or childishness, or coarseness, or ignorance, or coldness, or apparent hauteur, or some other defect or excess has made us say, "That man can never be a successful minister," but we have afterward seen how God could use poor material when that material was wholly His to use as He would.

Good health is requisite. As God never calls a deaf and dumb man to preach the Gospel, so He calls into foreign mission work only those to whom He has given good physical health. No mission society has any right to send into a foreign country one who cannot obtain from a physician a certificate of health. The change of climate and diet is a strain upon a good constitution to say nothing of the work and care and disappointments, and sacrifices one has to continually carry.

There are many other desirable qualifications, but they can be cultivated. Cheerfulness, a sense of humor, elasticity of temperament, physical as well as moral courage, gentleness in teaching, firmness in governing, great patience and perseverance, and above all self-control, can be acquired, and will steadily increase as the missionary works on filled with the love of God, and the Holy Ghost.

Do you ever pray for missionaries?

The reason that some of us remember so little is that we hear so much.

A thing is not worth listening to to-day unless it is worth thinking over to-morrow.
SU SIE BRADFORD THOMPSON.

Susie Bradford Thompson was born on Morse Island, Friendship, Me., February 23, 1847. Her parents were Oliver and Mary McFarland Morse. The isolation of her childhood home created in her a taste for study and reading; also a great love for nature.

Her parents were consistent Christians and taught their children while very young, the duty of prayer and study of the Bible. She was so strongly called by the Holy Spirit to consecrate her life to the Lord and to make profession of her faith, that though naturally shy of publicity, she obeyed the Voice; giving herself to His service, and joined the Methodist church at the age of fourteen. With the kindest feelings toward the people of God of every name, she has since felt it her duty to cast her lot among those who accept the doctrine of conditional immortality and the speedy personal coming of our Lord.

At the age of nineteen she began teaching school, which she continued to do until her marriage to N. Webb Thompson, which occurred in 1870. Two children came to bless their home: a son, Maurice, in 1872, and a daughter, Agnes, in 1875. The little daughter died between the ages of one and two years, and the son at the age of seventeen. Mrs. Thompson has borne these great sorrows with sweet, strong courage and an unfaltering trust in her Saviour. She has been ever since its organization an invaluable help in the W. H. & F. M. S., of which she is secretary.

CAPT. N. WEBB THOMPSON.

WEBB THOMPSON was born at Friendship, Me., January 23, 1846, and was the son of Christian parents. He early manifested a love for sea life which he followed for many years. He had courage, patience and a thorough love and knowledge of navigation, which won for him a large measure of success. His wife and children accompanied him on his voyages when possible, and thus lightened the hardships of sea life.

Some years ago Capt. Thompson retired from sea and made a home at Friendship. In February, 1900, he with his wife joined an American tourist party, for the purpose of visiting Egypt, the Holy Land and Europe. Grand experiences which can never fade from their minds were gained through visiting these lands of ancient history, most especially the hallowed places made sacred by the weary footsteps of the Man of Sorrows. During this trip Mrs. Thompson was stricken with small pox, and by attending her Capt. Thompson also took the disease, but had it in a lighter form. Capt. Thompson is an earnest, helpful, hearty Christian, and with his wife is a great help to the W. H. & F. M. S., of which he is an honorary member.

A RETROSPECT.

The Women's Home and Foreign Mission Society of the A. C. Church was organized in our home by Mrs. S. K. Taylor. She, coming to us, spoke of the subject, saying that it had long been on her heart and she had prayed that such a society might be formed. As there had seemed to be no movement by others in the direction of her hopes, she, asking for a token to be given her of God's will in the matter, had come to us for consultation.

We gave her what encouragement we could, and as my husband handed her the money for a life membership for himself and me, Mrs. Taylor exclaimed, "I have received my token!" We immediately had a cottage prayer meeting, asking for God's blessing and guidance. I remember praying with all my heart that if the project were not of God He would hedge up the way, not allowing us to attempt anything not according to His will, nor for His glory. Or if it were His work, that He would give to His workers wisdom, and to the enterprise the success which it would need to encourage those who should bear the burden, and to interest others. We then proceeded to the home of Mrs. J. L. Thompson, and she with Miss L. A. Brewster joined heartily in the work.

I have never doubted that this young mission was under Divine direction. The Lord has so wonderfully gone before us, opening the way, that it would be "one of little faith" indeed who should doubt the leadership. When God spake to the children of Israel that they "go forward," He made a path for them in the midst of the sea, with a wall of waters on their right hand and on their left.

The God that lived in Moses' time Is just the same to-day.

The Lord has given what seems to us phenomenal success to this His work. If the success continues we must praise, trust and pray; if difficulties arise we must not yield to discouragement, but still pray, praise and trust.

SU SIE BRADFORD THOMPSON.
Linnie Alfreda Brewster

Born at Portland, December the fifteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine. Converted, baptized and united with the A. C. Church at Old Orchard, at the age of thirteen. Called to the pastorate of the A. C. Church at Friendship, the following year, which position she now occupies. She served the W. H. and F. M. S. as its first Vice-President. At present she is Missionary Superintendent in the Maine Christian Endeavor Union, which office she has filled four years. When very young she became a member of the W. C. T. U., and is an ardent believer in the principles of Christian citizenship, being an earnest advocate of equal suffrage. Her unselfish devotion to the cause of humanity is second to none; in fact, from a child the cause of missions has been upon her heart and tongue.

Mission Work in Maine.

The annual meeting of the Maine Mission Society was held in connection with the state conference in October, at which time arrangements were made with four gospel preachers and workers to labor in connection with the Society as the way was opened of the Lord. The persons were Elder J. A. Libby of West Poland, Me., Mrs. M. C. Clapp, Flora Berry and Retha A. Glover. Mrs. Clapp has devoted her whole time, almost, in special revival efforts, mostly in destitute fields, and the Lord has signally blessed His word and work where she has labored—about seventy having made a start in Christianity, or been reclaimed, since our annual meeting under her labors. Brother Libby reports that the converts are doing well and some others have started since Mrs. Clapp came away from these places. He has preached in the same places since and has a pastoral oversight of the work. Sister Retha Glover has been preaching a large part of the time, and some have been reclaimed and others led to Christ. Elder C. W. Shattuck was at South Livermore this fall and about twenty were led to Christ. Sister Glover labored with him, and since, at South Livermore. Sister Berry has been kept from much public work by caring for the sick. These sisters are all active and prominent members of the W. H. & F. M. S. We praise God for the gracious work that has been done already, and expect the work to go on.

Jessie Lee (Hamblin) Thompson

Born at Hyannis, Mass., February the twenty-second, eighteen hundred and sixty-five. Came to live in Maine in early girlhood. Converted and baptized at Friendship at the age of twenty-one. Married when twenty-three years old to Robert Leslie Thompson of Friendship, who, with his wife, is an active member of the A. C. Church and a hearty supporter of all the interests with which she is connected. Mrs. Thompson being very musical, her services are invaluable as church organist, and in all branches of Christian work requiring vocal and instrumental music. She is an enthusiastic Endeavorer, having been the first president of her local society, and she is also a White Ribboner.

Mrs. Thompson is treasurer of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society.

Will any who desire to have special revival meetings in their own neighborhoods and who will do all they can to co-operate with the workers sent them, correspond with Elder W. H. Jackson, Secretary, Bangor, Me., or Dr. A. W. Taylor, President Rockland, Me.? Those who are in sympathy with the work and wish it to go forward, may send contributions to L. D. Small, Treasurer, Bowdoinham, Me.

Letter from Mrs. Emily Spence.

My dear Sister Taylor: I hope you will not measure my interest in your great and noble work by this tiny scrap of paper on which I write. Altho' I have always kept in the background, yet my interest in the W. H. & F. M. S. is as keen as the most zealous of your workers; and I need hardly say that anyone coming out to India to join in the common cause will be made heartily welcome by me and my husband and the other members of my flock. Alice is looking forward with great pleasure to having a companion and fellow laborer in the work, and I sincerely hope they will prove a mutual help and comfort to one another and that a grand and glorious work may be the result of their labor. Again assuring your young friend of a cordial welcome and loving support, I am yours sincerely,

Emily Spence.
THE Nineteenth Century, which closed December 31, 1900, has been the most remarkable century since the birth of the Saviour in the increase of knowledge and facilities for travel and communication with the ends of the earth. With the spread of Protestant Christianity which has followed the taking away of the dominion and persecuting power of the Papacy, as spoken of by Daniel the prophet (Dan. 7), which was largely accomplished in the closing days of the eighteenth century and more fully carried out in the nineteenth, the ignorance, illiteracy spoken of by the Hebrews in the days of the patriarchs, has been increased, and the control of the church over the people, exacted by the Papacy, has been broken. The spread of Protestant Christianity which has followed the taking away of the dominion and persecuting power of the Papacy, as spoken of by Daniel the prophet (Dan. 7), which was largely accomplished in the closing days of the eighteenth century and more fully carried out in the nineteenth, the ignorance, illiteracy, and superstition which had characterized the long, dark ages of Roman Catholic rule of 1260 years, passed away: in its place came the open Bible and the free schools. In 1804 the first Bible society was formed, that of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Within four years forty-three editions of the scriptures in seventeen different languages were published or in progress. There were no Bible societies previous to that time. Since then the Bible has been printed in nearly every known language under heaven—millions of copies. Dr. Chamberlain took a cart-load of the Gospel of Luke, printed in the Telugu language, only a few years ago, within the lifetime of the boys and girls who may read this, and sold them to hundreds of the people of India who speak and read that language, who had never before heard of Christ nor seen any portion of the Bible.

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MENDOTA COLLEGE

ONE of the most discouraging facts in our denominational history is that so many of our children have gone out from us. We will not consider the many reasons for this sad weakening of our ranks, but instead will call attention to one means of help which God has graciously given us, which, if used, may assist in stopping in a degree this loss of youth and vigor and health from which we are so severely suffering.

In Mendota, Illinois, is the only college belonging to our denomination; in connection with it is a business college and Bible training school, and also opportunities for instruction in different branches—for music, for instance. This college is pleasantly situated in the suburbs of a small city, where there are neither the distractions to divert the mind, nor the attractions to tempt youth that are found in larger cities. There are pleasant grounds for outdoor exercise and athletic games which tend to physical culture and mental health.

The college is high grade in every respect, and although the attendance is comparatively small, every facility and advantage is afforded to the student which can be obtained in any first-class college in the country, with certain advantages which can not be obtained where the attendance is very large. Rev. F. A. Baker has charge of the Bible training school, and one must visit this class in order to appreciate the work being done. Systematic, clear, forceful, thorough, spiritual—no one who is interested in the Word of God can help being deeply interested in the training in Bible study and exposition that is here given. No preacher, old or young, could fail to be benefited by it.

The moral and spiritual influence of the college is invaluable. True there are students here that are unconverted, but they are in the minority, very many of the students being here for the express purpose of fitting themselves to be more effective preachers of the gospel, to which they believe they are called. No young person away from home at school could be surrounded by a purer moral atmosphere or by more helpful associations than are found here. We want the members of our W. H. & F. M. S. to know something of the candidate to whom they are called of God to this work.

The examination questions which were given to Miss Wilkerson were published, as was stated, simply because we thought they would be of general interest. They evidently have been, for many questions have been asked about them certainly given and some disapproval expressed concerning them. In regard to them we will say:

1. They were prepared by our California president for that candidate and occasion only, and were not intended for continuous use.

2. We do not require that our missionaries shall take positive positions on points of theological controversy that have perplexed profound theologians for centuries, upon which wise, studious, conscientious men are divided, upon which Scripture is indefinite, and which in no way influence Christian activity or spiritual life.

3. The object of the questions was more to ascertain whether the candidate had given studious thought to those subjects presented than to know if she had settled them in her own mind.

4. Personally the President of our W. H. & F. M. S. was much interested, somewhat amused and entirely satisfied with the examination, especially as it had been intimated that women were hardly capable of examining a candidate except in a superficial manner; and she thought it due our members who have each an interest in all the details of our work, to let them all see the examination of our first missionary from America. It is usually from those outside our Society that adverse criticism comes, and it seemed not unwise to put in the hands of our members a paper which they could show to those who have said: "You don't know what your missionaries believe. Do they hold views in harmony with our body?" and similar remarks and questions which have troubled some of our members. The examination was mostly verbal and occupied several hours, but the written questions were submitted so that the Executive Board could not be present might know something of the candidate.

WHAT WE REQUIRE

Of those who go as missionaries under our Mission Society:

First. We desire to be sure, and with them to have no doubt that they are called of God to this work.

Second. That they go with the expectation that it is to be a life work.

Third. They promise to remain unmarried for five years and to work for us ten years if we desire it.

Fourth. A certificate of health must be furnished by a physician.

It is unnecessary to say that we require Christian character, some knowledge of the Scripture, and such ability as will qualify them to do efficient work for Christ.

PRAYER AND WALKER'S SALVE.

Every one familiar with carbuncles knows that they are extremely painful, of long duration and frequently followed by others. Although the carbuncle from which the editor suffered was large and deep, it was not nearly as painful as carbuncles usually are, stopped her work only a short time and has not been followed by another. We believe this was in answer to prayer. As God answered prayer for Hezekiah, and a plaster of figs being put upon his boil he recovered, in like manner we believe God on this occasion heard the prayer of his children. We think that mention should also be made of Walker's salve which was used upon the carbuncle with good effect. This is not an advertisement. We simply wish our readers to know about this remedy. For boils, carbuncles, and all sores and wounds it is the best remedy we ever heard of. We could tell of wonderful cures wrought by its help, limbs saved from amputation, and patients recovering health who had been given up to die, but we do not wish to take space. We advise our readers to send 25 cents to Mrs. D. J. Walker, 1711 Church St., San Francisco, Cal., and get a box of Walker's salve. After you have used it once you will never be without it.

TRIP TO INDIA DEFERRED.

A LETTER from Mrs. Nina L. McFadyen has been sent to most of the locals, soliciting funds to send Mrs. Taylor to India to accompany Miss Wilkerson and to become personally familiar with the work and its needs, but as it requires about two months to go to India from the Pacific coast, she would be there at a time when the heat would be overpowering to one unacclimated; hence it has been decided to postpone her visit till fall at least.

MARRIED.

OUR South California president, whom we last month introduced to our readers, has since been married, and her present address is Mrs. Abby Lee Shatto, Tustin, Cal.

With the January number the Quarterly was changed to a Monthly; the price from 10 cents to 25 cents per year. Subscribers will get twelve papers a year instead of four.
THE CALL TO INDIA.

ONE night while traveling over the mountains in Oregon, as we were praying the Lord to send some one to go to India with our young missionary, Miss Willerson, there came a strong impression, "YOU go to India." It was a great surprise for we had not thought of it before; but there came at once a great calm and peace, and it seemed no more of a task to go to India than to go into an adjoining town. All night the impression lingered, and in the morning we wrote to Dr. Taylor and to Mr. Geo. T. Welcome, the secretary for Southern California, mentioning the subject. In due time this reply came from Dr. Taylor: "Of course, if the way should seem to be opened of the Lord by a ten fold reduction of rates, or by special contributions for that purpose, so that the leadings of the Lord should be unmistakable, it would be wisest for you to go."

A few days later three letters came together. One was from Miss Myrtle Wellcome, our missionary in training, saying that Mrs. McFadyen had for some time been impressed that Mrs. Taylor ought to go to India. Both Brother and Sister Geo. T. Welcome thought it best for me to go. The second letter was from Brother Goodwin and was also favorable. The third letter was from a Presbyterian sister who said that she would give a hundred dollars toward paying my fare to India.

After praying much over this matter we asked the Lord if it were His will that we should go, that He would put it into the hearts of His children to make special contributions for this purpose as we did not want to use our mission funds for that purpose without replacing them. We promised that if four hundred dollars more were pledged we would go, and we agreed to wait upon the Lord two weeks before final decision.

While waiting, a missionary right from India, Mrs. Moyser, came to Los Angeles, where we were staying, and we called upon her. She told us that she was now going over the mountains in Oregon, as we were praying the Lord to send some one to go to India with our young missionary, Miss Willerson, there came a strong impression, "YOU go to India." It was a great surprise for we had not thought of it before; but there came at once a great calm and peace, and it seemed no more of a task to go to India than to go into an adjoining town. All night the impression lingered, and in the morning we wrote to Dr. Taylor and to Mr. Geo. T. Welcome, the secretary for Southern California, mentioning the subject. In due time this reply came from Dr. Taylor: "Of course, if the way should seem to be opened of the Lord by a ten fold reduction of rates, or by special contributions for that purpose, so that the leadings of the Lord should be unmistakable, it would be wisest for you to go."

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Mrs. Moyser also said that it would be safe to send a man, as he could stand the climate better than a woman; and as he would not have to journey about, he could stay in a darkened room kept as cool as is possible, during the hot months, and study the language, which would be the most profitable business for him the first six months.

Meanwhile, "an expectation sweet we wait and work and pray." We expect soon to send a brother to India, and we expect also, if God opens the way, to go ourselves next fall. Miss Willerson plans to enter Mendota college and take a course of six months Bible training preparatory to India work.

Mrs. L. J. Davieson...........................................................Bandon, Ore
Mrs. George Haun..........................................................Saratoga, Cal
Mrs. L. J. Davison...........................................................Bandon, Ore

TO LOCAL PRESIDENTS.

ANY of our local officers write as saying, "We want to do something but do not know how to go to India." To such we will give a few hints. Many of our members do not realize the importance of getting our ALL NATIONS MONTHLY into every family. Strange as it seems to other denominations, many who claim to be looking for the return of our Saviour do not feel interested in the last work which He gave to His disciples when He said, "Go teach all nations * * * and lo I am with you always, even to the end of the world." There is no more effectual way to get our people interested in mission work than to get them to take and read our paper. No one can read the letters from India without becoming interested in our mission work in India and the same is true of other countries.

Let not our presidents rest until every Advent family in your vicinity has subscribed for ALL NATIONS MONTHLY.

25 CENTS AND 10 CENTS.

W HILE we had a Quarterly with a subscription price of 10 cents, many who did not care for mission work would pay 10 cents, the sum being so small, rather than refuse the one who sought the subscription. It is easier to refuse to pay 25 cents than 10 cents, and some of these will not now subscribe at 25 cents. To our faithful workers who are trying to extend the circulation of our paper we will give this hint. If you come across such people, and you surely will, get them to pay 10 cents for the paper for four months; but at the end of four months be sure to call and get them to subscribe for the next four months. Let the treasurer, or literature committee, or whoever attends to this work, keep a list of all the subscribers and the time the subscription expires, and the labor of attending to this very important part of our mission work will be comparatively slight.

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LETTERS FROM MISS ALICE G. SPENCE.

GUINDY, 20 November, 1900.

MY DEAR SISTER TAYLOR:

My father has just sent on your letter to me. I am rejoiced to learn that a worker is coming out at last. I am so glad of this, for I am sure it will awaken a livelier interest amongst the people in America when they know and feel that one from their own country is working in the fields of India. I am sure I will do my very best to make her happy and comfortable, and to give her a warm reception on her landing in India, for I know what it is to be parted from my loved ones and to be amongst strangers. and so can feel for and sympathize with dear Miss Wilkerson. I can vouch for her having a happy home and every home comfort while she is with my beloved parents.

In the meantime I will be getting ready our little Mission House in Guindy. I have been obliged to take this step, for the person I am living with will not be in Guindy for the greater part of next year and I will have no home if I do not have one of my own, or rather our Mission House.

Everything is going smoothly and our year's work is fast closing in. I am getting ready the reports for both the schools and a short report about the inmates of the Ransom Home. Our Pariah or non caste school was examined for a government grant past week and we have done rather well. In fact the grant will be much larger than last year as the results have been better. I am sorry I shall not be here to give the children their treat at Christmas as the person with whom I am living is leaving Guindy for a tour in the north and I have no one else to stay with, so they will have their Christmas treat in January, when I hope we shall have our own Mission House started. Our boxes will be quite cleared out after clothing all our children again at Christmas, so that I am glad you are sending out some more clothes-I hope you are not sending any fancy articles for sale as the last supply is not sold yet, and what we did sell was done at a sacrifice and with much pressing.

When our Mission Home is opened I mean to have the Ransom Home boarders under my supervision as there is no place on the premises to permit of this being done. This will be admirable for many reasons, and I will make them a bit domesticated and they can help sew and dig in the garden, etc., and be removed from the influences of native training. I am so glad a camera is being sent in the boxes. I shall send you photographs of everything and everybody, and the adoptees of the Ransom Home orphans will be glad to see the faces and features of their adopted children.

With much love, I am, Yours lovingly,

ALICE G. SPENCE.

BANGALORE, 27 December, 1900.

MY DEAR MRS. TAYLOR:

You will see by my address that I am home again for Christmas. I received the invoices of the boxes last mail, also the bill of lading for the same. We expect to have them by the middle of January. I am sure the contents of the boxes will give our little orphans and poor children as much pleasure in receiving them as they gave the kind people who sent them. Thank Sister Peck for her letter. I am glad and thankful to know that so many are praying and working for us. It is sweet of dear little Elsie Burke to send in her contributions so worthy. It is the little things that count for most in this world, for we can all do a little to help the work on.

I hope you have had a nice time in California and that there is some prospect of sending out some workers to us. If it is not God's will that we should get some from America, perhaps he will open the way out to get some from this country. It will be advisable to send only those who are perfectly and wholly willing to give up everything to come to India—some one who is whole-hearted, strong-hearted and of a cheerful disposition, as the climate enervates one considerably and makes one feel quite depressed and low spirited at times. I have engaged a mission house from January 1st, and am just making arrangements to occupy it. The house is large enough to accommodate two people, so that if I can get a European worker it will be very nice. My father is going to house half of the Christian Herald orphans here when they arrive, while I have the other half in Madras.

I am trying to secure the services of a Bible woman who will both work with me and be a sort of companion in the house. We had a preacher from Sinnevelly and during his stay with us we used to go out preaching every evening. He was much struck by the clear and correct knowledge that our children had of the scriptures, and said he had never known children who knew so much for their ages. We have many bright and good boys whose career I am so much interested in. I am going to secure their services as soon as they are old enough, for it will be nice to think that they are our boys and have been trained by us. Of course this will not be for some years yet.

With the compliments of the season God bless and keep you all thro' the coming year, is the loving prayer of Yours very lovingly,

A. G. SPENCE.

FROM CAPT. SPENCE TO MRS. TAYLOR.

WHEN your missionary comes I shall bring her up to Bangalore at once, just to give her a bit of our home life before she commences mission work; besides, I can get a better Tamil teacher here than can be had at Guindy. At present we have no home for her at Guindy; but I have directed Alice to get a home of her own at once, which will be called The Mission House of the W.H. & F. M. S. I will have it furnished comfortably and as economically as is consistent with the comfort that is absolutely necessary for the health of Europeans in India. The house rent will be about seven dollars a month, and with a little extra outlay we shall be able to supply accommodation for about fifty children. I should like your missionary to come by the way of England; then my daughters will receive her in London and forward her on to us with the comfort she would not get from strangers. Both of my daughters would be glad to entertain her. I shall be so glad for you to have some of your own flock here, for the work will be much more your work than it can possibly be otherwise. I know you give me your confidence, but there is nothing like having people belonging to yourselves in the house to make an interest felt for the work in India. With a good constitution, and the Lord's blessing, India is as good a place as America to live in.

You say in your letter, "If you could get such a trade as you did when you got our Ransom Home we could purchase," etc. My dear sister, it is not likely that property, even in Guindy, will ever be had at the price I got the property at Villacherrie for. In the first place, the owners were starving and the property was in danger of being sold for debt. Next, the locality is most out-of-the-way, and insalubrious, not at all suited for European habitation, whereas Guindy is habitable for Europeans, and Bangalore is a growing sanatorium, and if you want property you have to pay dear for it. It is impossible for you to get such a property here that would be just the thing for an orphanage, and I hope soon to send you plans for it, and I shall appeal to the Advent Christian world in America to purchase it for you. I have been sending an investment, which would yield an income for the support of the mission and serve as headquarters and sanatorium, with accommodation for printing press, etc. Mrs Spence will send you a few lines in reference to our young sister that is coming to India. She shall be treated as our own child.

With kindest Christian love to you and Brother Taylor,

JAMES SPENCE.
"Little Children, Love One Another."

A little girl with a happy look
Sat slowly reading a ponderous book,
All bound with silver and edged with gold,
And its weight was more than the child could hold;
Yet dearly she loved to ponder o’er,
And every day she prizéd it more,
For it said—and she looked at her smiling mother—
It said, "Little Children, love one another."

She thought it was beautiful in the book,
And the lesson home to her heart she took;
She walked on her way with a trusting grace,
And a dove-like look in her meek young face,
Which said just as plain as words could say,
"The Holy Bible I must obey,
So, mamma, I’ll be kind to my darling brother,
For little children must love each other."

"I’m sorry he’s naughty and will not play;
But I’ll love him still, for I think the way
To make him gentle and kind to me
Will be better shown if I let him see
I strive to do what I think is right,
And thus, when I kneed in prayer to-night,
I will clasp my hands around my brother,
And say, ‘Little children, love one another.’"

The little girl did as her Bible taught,
And pleasant indeed was the change it wrought,
For it said— and she looked at her smiling mother—
To meet the light in her loving eyes;
His heart was full, he could not speak,
But he pressed a kiss on his sister’s cheek;
And God looked down on that happy mother,
Whose little children loved each other.

Minnie’s Troubles.

She had been to church and heard the missionary, and she
sat flat on the floor at grandpa’s knee and looked sober.
Pretty soon she sobbed out these words:

"It’s too bad anyhow! I’ve saved up my money for ‘most a hundred years,
Just on purpose for a pink and white fan; and the summer days are most gone;
If I don’t buy it at all I shall have to hurry."

She leaned her dear little brown head on grandpa’s knee,
And cried with all her might. There wasn’t much to be done
And I don’t know what I do.

"Papa, O papa, look! See what Jesus sent me! Didn’t he send it quickly?
I prayed for it, you know, but I didn’t think it would come so soon."
—The Parson.

A LETTER.

$1.25.
Brunswick, Ga., Jan. 8, 1901.

Dear Sister:

As it is our work to help the poor and needy, and do all the good we can, we, the Busy Bee Workers of Brunswick, Ga., send you a dollar to send to India to help the poor children; and also a quarter, to pay for another year on the little paper called the All Nations Quarterly. We hope the dollar we sent will help those poor children to get into the kingdom, because if we don’t do something to keep them alive they might die without being converted. Therefore, we must help do something to get them into the kingdom. We have sent a dollar down to Port Tampa City, Fla., to help build a church there.

Remember us in your prayers that we may go on doing still more for our Saviour who shed his precious blood on Calvary’s cross for us.

Yours truly,
The Busy Bee Workers of Brunswick, Ga.

EVERYBODY’S BUSINESS

It’s everybody’s business,
In this old world of ours
To root up all the weeds he finds,
And make room for the flowers;
So that every little garden,
No matter where it lies,
May look like that which God once made,
And called it Paradise.

—Selected.