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

"The quality of mercy is not strained; 
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven 
Upon the place beneath: it is twice blessed; 
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes."

—Shakespeare.

OUR WORK IN INDIA.

When our Woman's Mission Society was organized nearly four years ago and we earnestly sought the direction of the Holy Spirit as to what work we should first take up we were impressed to offer to take a school in India that had been dropped for lack of funds. We did so and a school was transferred to us from the Scriptural Publication Society. This school was in Villachery and had a heathen teacher, a three legged stool for furniture, and a mud school house thatched with palm leaves which was afterward burned. [The teacher was the best that could be obtained at the time]. From that until now the work has steadily grown and at the present time we are doing mission work in four different districts, Villachery, Guindy, Bangalore and Tinnevelly, which comprises schools, orphanages, churches and zenana work.

SCHOOLS.

In Villachery we have two schools. One is among the Pariahs, who are the lowest people in India, being beneath all caste and being called non-caste people. The children in this school have proved to be very intelligent, quick to learn, easy to manage, and ambitious to do right. Our other school is among the Brahmins, and in this fifty sons of Hindu priests spend two hours daily studying the Bible. In Tinnevelly there were six schools, but two were suspended temporarily for lack of funds before we took up this field. In Bangalore the Baptists have transferred to us a large school, and another is about to be formed (See Capt. Spence’s letter). Through the schools the parents are most easily reached. We have eight schools in all. In our schools and orphanages over four hundred children are under Christian instruction and influence. These schools are partly supported and are under government supervision, but they are wholly under our management, and in every school we have only Christian teachers, and have two hours spent each day in the study of the Bible, one hour in committing scripture to memory. Several of our children have been converted.

ORPHANAGES.

We have two orphanages established and two more in process of construction. Our Ransom Home contains fourteen children, and our orphanage at Bethany in Tinnevelly reports twenty-two. Our hundred famine orphans which the Christian Herald missionaries kindly rescued for us are not yet permanently settled (see letter from Christian Herald), but we are preparing two orphanages. The boy’s orphanage will be on our Ransom Home property, and the girl’s probably at Guindy close to our mission station, where the girls will be under the personal supervision of Miss Spence.

CHURCHES.

We have four organized churches with native pastors in Tinnevelly, where one hundred and eleven have been converted of which eighty-four have been baptized.

ZENANA WORK.

Our Bible women are quietly working, visiting the Zenanas and preaching the gospel to those secluded women that are never allowed to leave the house or to listen to the voice of a man outside the family.

OUR WORKERS.

We are employing four native preachers, ten or twelve teachers, and four Bible women, besides various other Christian helpers in our orphanages, and an English missionary, Miss Alice G. Spence, who has charge of Guindy and Villachery, and an American missionary, William I. Edwards who is in Bangalore living in the home of our devoted, noble-hearted brother and sister, Captain and Mrs. James Spence. Captain Spence is our Treasurer and Business Manager and gives freely his assistance to this great work.
LETTERS FROM INDIA.


2 Coles Road, Bangalore, India, May 17, '01.

MRS SARAH K. TAYLOR, Rockland, Maine, U. S. A.

DEAR SISTER in the Lord: About nine days ago I wrote you of my going down to Bethany to see the condition of affairs there and what the people are like; and at the same time learn somewhat about the country and its products. I left Bangalore for said trip May 7, at 8:15 P. M. and returned from same arriving here at about 6 a. m., May 16; and except for the loss of sleep am none the worse for the trip. Jesudas accompanied me on the way to Bethany and did what he could to make the journey of 458 miles by railway to kadambur, the nearest railway station to Bethany, as comfortable as possible. The journey had to be broken at Trichenopoly and we laid over there for 12 hours waiting for a train that would take us to the place we were going to without having to make another halt uselessly. We arrived at Kadambur at 8:145 a. m., the 9th. Before we left for Jesudas' place we both had to get passports made out by the station master, a Brahmin, which took us some time. This was necessary because Bangalore is still considered as plague infected. From kadambur to Bethany I received my first experience in riding in a bullock cart or Bundy, sometimes called Bandy. We arrived in Bethany a little after noon. Bundy riding may be a novel means of getting about to some, and quite up to date for the average native, nevertheless it is a slow and uncomfortable means of travel; and I soon found it out and did some of the distance from kadambur to Bethany on foot. Jesudas and I were considerably in advance of the bandy when we reached his home and boarding school. I think I found everything proceeding in its accustomed manner there. We immediately entered and were greeted by teachers and scholars with the salutation "Salam Ema!" I spent the time getting acquainted with the place and the school and the people, and drawing a rude map of Bethany, until afternoon the next day. A young unmarried Tamil, Mr. Muthoonayagum, is the head master; he speaks English fairly well. Mr. Vathanayagum, who has a wife and child, is (1) called here (2) assistant teacher, and Mr. Muthu is second, called (3) assistant teacher. The school buildings are built of mud,—in fact all the buildings in Bethany are, and covered with a bamboo and palmetto leaf roof. The school houses have no doors and neither are there any to Jesudas' house. Some of the houses in Bethany have doors however. It looks to me as if Jesudas was sacrificing his own interests considerably to be able to keep the school going. He has a wife and three daughters, one 13 years of age, another 7, and the baby of one year. His wife is able to read and appears quite an intelligent woman; his oldest daughter is able to read readily and sings well in Tamil. There is a Mrs. Berger there who is the wife of a Norwegian missionary, who is said to have been instrumental in starting the strict Baptist work at a station some forty miles from Bethany over near the hills. She is teaching the girls, I believe. She can, to my knowledge, make a public address; I heard her, and her talk was outlined for me in English by one of the teachers. She can also converse in simple English. Was at the World's Fair with her husband in '93, and stayed in Chicago nearly a year. Her sister is at Bethany with her. Mrs. Berger was born in Java, Ceylon, and had two years training under Mrs. Noble, (1 believe), in Colombia; was with Mrs. Noble when she married Berger, who was then a Salvation Army officer. Subsequently they worked with the strict Baptist people. Berger died at Madras in '96. I understood from her that she has since, for about two years, had charge, as matron, of about 200 girls at a school up near Guntakul, north of here. I did not inquire why she is now at Bethany. I should have done so but it escaped my thoughts to do so at the time I was talking with her. She has a little girl. Jesudas has a woman hired to cook for his own family, Mrs. Berger and sister, the head school master, the evangelist and the boarding school boys. She appears to be a good woman and does her work cheerfully. The young Tamil who stays with Jesudas as evangelist only gets his board. I believe from what I saw of him that he is a good man. The inspector of the mission schools under Mr. Jesudas' charge is his father, V. Vathanayagum. He is a man of 56, and his second wife is 30. He is also an evangelist and catechist. Was at all the schools when I visited them. Has been at such work for about 20 years, was a school teacher previously. I was expected to speak at a meeting of students, teachers and villagers the first night after I arrived and did so, the evangelist undertaking to translate my talk for the audience. I don't know how well he succeeded. After the deacon of Bethany church had gotten a cart ready Jesudas, Vathanayagum, Arookkeragum and I started, with the deacon driving the Bundy, to visit the other schools. We passed several villages on our way to Keelacotta. We arrived late, and found school dismissed. Here an audience was gathered and I addressed them, Mr. Arookkeragum translating the best he could, I hope. Just before the meeting Vathanayagum, Mr. Jesudas' father, came and Mr. Jesudas returned to Bethany, saying he felt as if a fever was coming on him. I looked over the records of the school work here also and found the government inspector's name on the books endorsing the work done here as I found it at Bethany. An elderly Tanill man is teacher here. Has a certificate of service from a normal training school. I tried to eat some rice here but did not get along well, there were too many large granis of sand in it. I put my bed on a cot outside the school building and got several hours sleep. This school building is also used as a church. Most all of the cost of building it fell on one of the brethren who is now, if I remember rightly, the deacon of the church worshiping there. Mr. S. Arulandam is pastor here, at Keelacotta, while Mr. Jesudas is pastor at Bethany. The next morning early we started on to see the other two schools. Mr. Packeanantham is teacher there. Passing through one village we came to the next school and found the teacher, Mr. Arummanayagum, at his post, he had been at Keelacotta the previous evening and heard me talk. There were only a few present when we arrived, but after a time a number came in and took their places around one side of the school room. It was said that they had just been out home for their rice. While we were talking to the school master and examining his books, some of the young men and I boys not connected with the school were pushing some girls away. I protested and told them that girls received education as well as the boys in the country I came from. It was answered that they needed the girls and women to work in the fields, etc. I told them that we in America let the boys and men do the hard work in the fields, while the women and girls did the work in the houses, and that we considered co-education the best for all concerned. Thereupon the head man of that part of the village in which the school is situated said that they would immediately start 10 girls to school there. I hope if he fulfills this proposition, which was unasked and unexpected, that all will be done in a Christian way in the school and that the teacher, a young man, may have the grace of God to help him make this venture a means of glorifying God. He will certainly have a trying time of it to manage Hindu boys and girls in the same school room. I shall write him soon about the matter. As we entered this part of the village we were met by another man, a high caste man, of the chief's caste, so my Musaha says, who asked to have another school established for high caste boys. He said that they were willing to pay the tuition of the pupils they sent to it. This is

Continued on Seventh Page
Lalbagh, during the remaining days of this week. My investigation of the crude tools in use by the nates is very limited, and of their dress and customs I shall write when I get more acquainted with them and their language. Tamil is said to be the most difficult language of India. Tamil is said by some to be the most difficult language of India. Tamil is said by some to be the most difficult language of India. Tamil is said by some to be the most difficult language of India.

Yours in the Master’s work,

W. L. Edwards.

From Capt. Spence.

My Dear Sister Taylor:

Brother Edwards is writing his account of his trip to Bethany. I am so glad he went. Jesus has his work and made a very favorable impression on him. Now if you will supply me with sufficient funds we will do a good work there. I have had another visit from Mr. Strickson, the strict Baptist minister, and he is giving me over his Tamil school on the 30th ult., so I commence work at your expense on the 1st of July and if you send me sufficient funds I will start also a small school in my compound in an out house that I have adapted for that purpose. I am glad to find that Brother Edwards is a good agriculturist and I shall use his knowledge in raising up schools among our orphans.

We shall want you to send us lots of tools, etc., etc.

With Christian love,

James Spence.

From Alice Spence.

Bangalore, 6 June, 1901.

My Dear Sister Taylor:

Since writing my last letter to you I have been out on quite a tour to Central India. The famine orphan district. I enjoyed my visit there and got a good insight into the workings of so big an undertaking. I saw and learned much that I had not seen before and now I have an idea as to how things should be done. The boys and girls orphans are separate institutions and a good bit apart from each other. The boys being managed by a gentleman and the girls by a lady. One object in having two orphanages of different sexes is to bring them together by marriage when they come to years of discretion. This is a good plan for it seems a pity to train a boy to a trade and then have him marry a heathen girl. It was beautiful to see the discipline exercised at meal times when 300 were fed at once. The process of sharing out a portion to each took longer than the time they took to devour it. The children seemed very happy, comfortable and well cared for. They are made to do everything for themselves and are taught in batches. They do all the cooking, mending, washing, sweeping, etc., and are made responsible for everything. I wondered at the number of things that have to be thought of in the starting and carrying on of a large orphanage and it wants a clear head and good funds to be able to carry it on effectually. At Baroda I had only seen a small work in comparison with Ramabai’s grand and noble work, both at Kedgoan and Poona where this grand woman steps out and undertakes to provide for the support and comfort of such a family of 1,900 souls! It was wonderful to see what God does for us if we step out and take Him as the supplier of every need. Her work is the most extensive one in India, in fact I think I am safe in saying that it is the greatest work anywhere. I was received by her at Kedgoan and was shown around every department. She is just a wonderful woman and India might well be proud of such a daughter! She has many child widows and deserted wives and scores of ruined girls. This is indeed a sad picture. She training the girls up to do everything for themselves and it is no small care to see to the training of each one in a family of 1,900 souls. At Poona she has a High School for the girls who have grown to be women and desire to have a better education than the common run and these in turn after education and training become teachers, matrons, etc.

Indeed Ramabai is a grand woman and it is her firm faith in God that makes her this.

I am indeed glad I have paid this visit to Central India although it was not the time for visiting as the heat just then was excessive.

About the Jeldenpet school I will try again when I return and see if the school can be started. Even if I cannot supervise it always, I can perhaps send a reliable man in my place. Don’t worry about it dear sister. We must move slowly especially in India.

God bless you my dear sister and lead and guide us in everything the sincere prayer of

Yours very lovingly,

Alice G. Spence.

MONEY RECEIVED

We publish the amounts received for mission work because all our members are interested to know how we are progressing financially. We do not publish subscriptions for our Monthly unless the money is sent with other money, when we acknowledge the entire amount received. As the report was crowded out last month, this report includes from May 16 to July 1 of:

California—John H. Duff, $1.00; Santa Cruz, $5.00; San Francisco, $10; Tustin W. H. & F. M. S., $5.00.

Connecticut—Jennie H. Thomas, $5.00.

Illinois—Cynthia B. Shaw, $12.50; Olive Hunting, $3.00.

Maine—Raymond, 50c.; P. J. Humphrey, $1.00; Nettie J. McAllister, $1.00; Laura Spittle, $1.00; Vapleton, $5.00; Biddeford, 12c.; John H. Kelley, $1.00; Irena S. Stafford, 50c.; Mrs. S. W. Telferub, $2.00; Old Orchard A. C. B. S., $7.50; W. H. Kennison, $2.00; Mrs. Mary A. Robbins, 50c.; Ludlow, $2.00.

Massachusetts—Lowell, Mrs. Fuzzard’s S. S. class, $5.75; M. J. Estey, $1.00; Pittsfield, $11.11; Westfield, $5.94; Salem, $5.00; Hattie A. Fuller, $1.00; Lowell, Mrs. Leseur’s class, 38c.; Wm. J. McDonald, $2.50.

Michigan—Carrie B. Atkins, $2.00.

Minnesota—Minneapolis Junior C. E., $2.00; Friends, $3.00.

North Carolina—Wilmington, Busy Fees, $1.00; Local, $1.00.

New Hampshire—James H. Downing, $2.00; Northwood Narrows, $1.00; West Claremont, $2.00; Rochester W. H. & F. M. S., $5.65.

New York—A. A. Weeks, $5.00; Mrs. Harriet Addison, 50c.; Alice Twining, $5.00; Sarah A. Eno, 50c.; Emma A. Eno, 50c.

Oregon—Baker City, $2.00; John Day, $3.75.

Rhode Island—Natick, $4.75; Mabel E. Place, $3.00; Peaceable, $6.00; Mrs. W. D. Pierce, $1.00.

Vermont—Alice B. Lyman, $5.00; Sherburne D. Hutchins, $3.00; Vershire, $5.20; Ida Fairbanks, 50c.; Cynthia Fish 75c.; Miss Carrie Weed $16; Daniel Gregory, $1.00.

Quebec—George Mitson, $1.00; T. L. Barnes, 50c.; Ora Cash, $1.00; Sam’l Clark, $2.00; Iron Hill, $5.50.

ALL NATIONS MONTHLY.

Published by the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society of the Advent Christian Denomination.

EDITOR AND BUSINESS MANAGER:
MRS. SARAH K. TAYLOR, Rockland, Maine.

Established October, 1868. Subscription price, 25 cents per year.

Entered at Post Office at Rockland, Me., as Second Class Matter, Mar. 11, 1901.

Rockland, Maine, August, 1901.

OUR LETTERS.

THIS month a considerable portion of the All Nations Monthly is devoted to correspondence. The inside of our paper is nearly filled with letters from India which our members will appreciate as most of them on receiving their All Nations read first the letters from India.

Jesudas, our Superintendent in Timnevely reports the conversion and baptism of four souls.

Brother Edwards tells of his visit to that district among the different schools and churches which are under our supervision, and Miss Spence reports a trip to Central India where she visited different orphanages and gathered much helpful information as to methods of conducting them. Captain Spence writes of two new schools in Bangalore where he resides, one of which will be transferred to us from another mission, and another which he hopes to start in his own compound.

Those who have adopted Famine Orphans will be glad to read the letter from the Christian Herald. We have waited so long to hear from our children that the beautiful plant of patience has had a rare opportunity for development in many hearts and we hope this discipline of waiting is nearly completed. When we receive the names of our famine orphans we shall immediately notify those who have adopted them.

From the Christian Herald
New York City, July 9, 1901.

Mrs. Sarah K. Taylor, Rockland, Me.

My Dear Mrs. Taylor:

We are in receipt of your two letters and have no words to express the regret we feel that so long a delay has occurred in getting for you the names and location of the 100 orphans for whom your Society is caring. While there has been much excuse for the many delays which have occurred in our Orphan Work because of the absence of many of the missionaries who were in special charge of the orphans, and the inability of those left to cope with the situation, Dr. Klopsch felt that there should be no further delay in the matter of getting information to you concerning these orphans; therefore he wrote personally to the secretary of the Committee urging the matter very strongly. The reply to this letter cannot reach us before the 20th of this month and we are anxiously awaiting its arrival. We will communicate with you the moment it reaches us and trust that there will be a solution of all our difficulties.

We realize fully the impossibility of sustaining the interest of your Society in the work unless you have definite information for them and sympathize most heartily with you in your efforts to do so in the absence of it.

Assuring you that no time or effort will be spared to adjust the matter to the satisfaction of all, we are,

Very cordially yours,

The Christian Herald India Orphan Work.

E. BRACE FREER, Manager.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

1. That God will send some needed helpers for India.
2. That transit money may be received.
3. That means for building our orphanages may be promptly supplied.
4. That wisdom may be given to those to whom God has given charge of this work.
5. That we may have means to get the carpenter's tools, and garden tools for which Brother Edwards asks in order that he may teach our boys how to work.

Prayer is appointed to convey The blessings God designs to give.

THAYER

THAYER is a little girl in our Ransom Home. She was adopted by someone, but the name of the adopter was not recorded in our books. Will the one who adopted Thayer please notify us at once.

All matter going in the All Nations Monthly must be received as early as the 15th of the preceding month.
MRS. ELIZA J. KING.

We take pleasure this month in introducing to our members Mrs. Eliza J. King of Wilmington, No. Carolina, Superintendent of our Southern District of the United States. By nature and training Mrs. King is admirably qualified to fill the position in which she is placed. For many years she has been an earnest Christian worker, is acquainted with the southern field, is full of energy and spiritual life and possessed of unusual executive ability. Single handed she has formed four local societies in the south, three being in North Carolina and one in Florida, besides obtaining many other members to our society and subscribers to our paper. Rev. Joseph P. King, her husband, who has helped on her noble work by his sympathy and counsel, is not unknown to our people, having suffered for his faith and having published a defense of Christ's Second Advent, Saints' Inheritance, Conditional Immortality, etc.

MRS. ELIZA J. KING.

This is a large sixteen page paper published by the Advent Christian Publication Society, Boston, Mass., edited by F. L. Piper. It is devoted especially to the doctrines of Christ's Second Advent, Saints' Inheritance, Conditional Immortality, etc.

NEW AUXILIARIES

A new Auxiliary is formed at Adams, Mass. Names of officers not received.

O. H. & F. M. S.

Treasurer, Mrs. H. E. Thompson, 380 Wilson street, Fall River, Mass.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT MASS.

OFFICERS elected for coming year. President, Mrs. Lottie Marshall Smith, North Westport, Mass.; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. H. E. Thompson, 380 Wilson street, Fall River, Mass.

THE annual meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society of the Advent Christian Denomination will be held at Alton Bay, Wednesday, August 21, for the election of Treasurer and transaction of other business.

ATTENTION NEW HAMPSHIRE!

A new Auxiliary is formed at Adams, Mass. Names of officers not received.

MRS. FLORA M. BERRY-BROWN, President.

RETHA A. GLOVER, Secretary.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT MASS.

OFFICERS elected for coming year. President, Mrs. Lottie Marshall Smith, North Westport, Mass.; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. H. E. Thompson, 380 Wilson street, Fall River, Mass.

THE annual meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society of the Advent Christian Denomination will be held at Alton Bay, Wednesday, August 21, for the election of Treasurer and transaction of other business.

ATTENTION NEW HAMPSHIRE!

A new Auxiliary is formed at Adams, Mass. Names of officers not received.

MRS. FLORA M. BERRY-BROWN, President.

RETHA A. GLOVER, Secretary.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT MASS.

OFFICERS elected for coming year. President, Mrs. Lottie Marshall Smith, North Westport, Mass.; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. H. E. Thompson, 380 Wilson street, Fall River, Mass.

THE annual meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society of the Advent Christian Denomination will be held at Alton Bay, Wednesday, August 21, for the election of Treasurer and transaction of other business.

ATTENTION NEW HAMPSHIRE!

A new Auxiliary is formed at Adams, Mass. Names of officers not received.

MRS. FLORA M. BERRY-BROWN, President.

RETHA A. GLOVER, Secretary.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT MASS.

OFFICERS elected for coming year. President, Mrs. Lottie Marshall Smith, North Westport, Mass.; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. H. E. Thompson, 380 Wilson street, Fall River, Mass.

THE annual meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society of the Advent Christian Denomination will be held at Alton Bay, Wednesday, August 21, for the election of Treasurer and transaction of other business.

ATTENTION NEW HAMPSHIRE!

A new Auxiliary is formed at Adams, Mass. Names of officers not received.

MRS. FLORA M. BERRY-BROWN, President.

RETHA A. GLOVER, Secretary.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT MASS.

OFFICERS elected for coming year. President, Mrs. Lottie Marshall Smith, North Westport, Mass.; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. H. E. Thompson, 380 Wilson street, Fall River, Mass.

THE annual meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society of the Advent Christian Denomination will be held at Alton Bay, Wednesday, August 21, for the election of Treasurer and transaction of other business.

ATTENTION NEW HAMPSHIRE!

A new Auxiliary is formed at Adams, Mass. Names of officers not received.

MRS. FLORA M. BERRY-BROWN, President.

RETHA A. GLOVER, Secretary.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT MASS.

OFFICERS elected for coming year. President, Mrs. Lottie Marshall Smith, North Westport, Mass.; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. H. E. Thompson, 380 Wilson street, Fall River, Mass.

THE annual meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society of the Advent Christian Denomination will be held at Alton Bay, Wednesday, August 21, for the election of Treasurer and transaction of other business.

ATTENTION NEW HAMPSHIRE!

A new Auxiliary is formed at Adams, Mass. Names of officers not received.

MRS. FLORA M. BERRY-BROWN, President.

RETHA A. GLOVER, Secretary.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT MASS.

OFFICERS elected for coming year. President, Mrs. Lottie Marshall Smith, North Westport, Mass.; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. H. E. Thompson, 380 Wilson street, Fall River, Mass.

THE annual meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society of the Advent Christian Denomination will be held at Alton Bay, Wednesday, August 21, for the election of Treasurer and transaction of other business.

ATTENTION NEW HAMPSHIRE!

A new Auxiliary is formed at Adams, Mass. Names of officers not received.

MRS. FLORA M. BERRY-BROWN, President.

RETHA A. GLOVER, Secretary.
can see the river close by, stretching away down the valley and the rock some six or seven miles away where they are fixing up a place to take care of a lot of Boer prisoners, and on the opposite side another rock about 3½ miles distant. The three rocks figure largely in the legends about the gods and by some it was said to me they have something to do with the Hindoo Trinity. I was told that Siva was the original from which the trinity sprang up; Brahma the creator, Vishnu the protector, and Rudra the destroyer. The Siva shrine on the summit of the central rock of the three has some significance manifested in the foregoing. One of the best views of the rock is gotten from the street some distance from it as you go to or from the station. You go in a cart hitched to a pony and it will cost you about thirty-two cents for a party of three or four persons for three hours. One of the ugliest sights you will see is a man whose lower limbs are withered and turned up with the soles of his feet almost even with his shoulders, and they appear to be fixed in that position. He comes running out after your bundle as you dash by on a full trot and runs some distance after you, hoping of course you will drop some money for him in the road. He runs on his hands and holds his body almost erect, is a horrible sight, but is evidently well fed. He takes care to shout so no one will miss seeing him. But beggars live fat in India. I am told it is their trade and they will do nothing else. We were out only a little over two hours and yet when we came to pay the bundle more was asked than we had agreed to pay. We paid what we had agreed and left the man to his own thoughts. Trichen-oppoly was the hottest place I have seen in India yet. I don’t envy the Boers their good quarters and free lodgings at this place at all.

May 22.

Capt. and Mrs. Spence and I went to Whitefield, twenty-two miles away by rail to call on some missionary friends there and it cost us for the round trip each seven cents. We traveled third class and I had an enjoyable outing. The friends were Mr. Strickson, a strict Baptist, and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin, Wesleyans. While there Mr. Strickson took Mr. Irvin, Capt. Spence and me around to see an old man who promises to give two pigs to each European who marries a Whitefield East Indian girl. We did not find him at home, but he is able to fulfill his offer as often as the conditions are complied with. Then after the ten o’clock breakfast they took us all over to call on a Mr. Eat, M. D., who is an East Indian and has a large family of good looking daughters. We enjoyed looking at his well and the chance of getting the pigs. Some one else offers to send them along as soon as convenient.

We should like also some cuttings of the California Black Fig. The varieties of fig here are poor, very. A good budding knife and some money for him in the road. The varieties of fig here are poor, very. A good budding knife and a good pruning knife would be useful later on.

Mr. Eat, M. D. I. M. S., who is an East Indian and has a large family of good looking daughters. We enjoyed looking at his well kept mango orchard, the best I have seen, and an hour or so visit to his family. Mr. Eat is a “Life in Christ” man says Capt. Spence. Mr. Strickson, who is an unmarried man like myself, spared a bit over the matrimonial chances apparent at this home and the chance of getting the pigs. Some one else offers to increase the dower by giving two ducks. What do you think of it? But I must quit my foolishness and write what Capt. Spence directed me to. He has been writing about bicycles and says you wish to know what are the specifications of the machines needed. [Description of wheel and saddle here given.] I would like it if you would send out a good hand saw, square, hatchet and spading fork, also a good spade and several nursery dibbles, a garden rake and hoe and a wheel hoe would be of service too. I feel there is a good chance to begin work down at Bethany in the Tinnevelly district. I might be mistaken, but humbly trust not. From what I learn of the condition of affairs there I am convinced there is. I hope I haven’t made you feel that we are asking too much by asking for the wheels and saddles. We believe they are needed and humbly trust that we are only asking for that which will be serviceable. I will write my brother about the bicycles the coming week as there is not time now to get it into today’s mail. I must close now.

May 30.

I don’t see why the boys in schools and orphanages especially could not raise most of the vegetables consumed by the mission. I am sure they can. Capt. Spence says send the seeds by the American Express Company through their agents at Madras, Oaks & Co. The seeds needed are:

Sweet corn or garden corn—Stewell’s Evergreen, Shoe Peg, Early Sweet D. M. Ferry, or Early Ford Hook.

Peas—American Wonder.

Tomatoes—Ford Hook first, Ponderosa, Trophy, Truckees Favorite.

Squash—Ford Squash, and also White Crook Neck Chershaw, Essex Hybrid.

Watermelon—Kleckleys Sweets, Ironclad, some yellow meated variety or other.

Mus. Melon—Improved Nutmeg.

Beets—Blood Turnips, Improved, Best Improved Sugar Beets.

Field Corn—Best Yellow Field Corn, Best White Field Corn.

My list of things may appear long but I believe it is for the best interests of the mission work to get them, and trust you will send them along as soon as convenient.

I would also be pleased, if it is best, to have Bro. Wm. Henderson, of Colton, Cal., who doubtless remembers me since Bro. Bowman baptized me in his weir at East Highlands, Cal., get together some good Muscat, Sultana and Mission grape cuttings to be sent out here as soon as it is convenient to do so. I would like also some cuttings of the California Black Fig. The varieties of fig here are poor, very. A good budding knife and a good pruning knife would be useful later on.

Mr. N. Grosh, Toledo, Ohio, have the best I know of. The native manner of washing is very hard on clothes and I think a risky business on sanitary grounds. So a good wrapper, clothes wrapper, and a small box of Ivory soap would be of use too. I purpose getting a boy to teach to wash and iron, cook and do all odd jobs necessary about the house and premises for me. A couple of good planes should be added to the list of tools wanted. I also would be very much pleased to have a good supply of H. L. H. tracts, especially the Anti-infidel library. “Plain Truths for Plain People;” “A Warning Word on Infidelity;” “Primitive Christianity;” “Is the Bible a True Book?;” “Christianity and Science;” “The Witness of Skeptics to the Bible;” “Who made the New Testament?;” “A Famous Young Man;” “The Testimony of History;” and “Was Moses Mistaken?” are those that I should like to have in English to give to young men who are enquiring about the truth. I could have placed a number well on my way out here. My few copies of Plain Truths did not last me to the Mediterranean. For myself I should like a copy of “The Doctrines of the Acts of the Apostles” and more for distribution if you think best. Scientific and gospel temperance tracts also are very much needed here among the English speaking people.

I very much fear I shall not be able to write every week, but will do the best I can. Writing is the very hardest work for me. It takes the best part of a whole day to do what I do now in the writing line and I even take time in the night to write. The Tamil, when studied rightly, takes a great deal of writing, too. Outside of my trip to Bethany and the one to Whitefield I have kept strictly at house and put in my time on my studies. Sometimes Captain and I get out for an early morning walk together. And now that Mr. Nash has loaned me his wheel while he is at Bombay I get a short ride for my health occasionally, or on business. I want to see Bangalore and the Gardens, ...
testimony, indirect of course, to the good Jesudas school is doing here. From here we passed on through another village to Otrunpatty. The teacher at this place, Mr. Samuel, had just returned from vacation. Some of the scholars were gathered into the school room from the neighboring villages. I returned to Bethany that day. I walked most of the way on this trip and then after a rest of an hour or two went with Mr. Jesudas to a neighboring village for evangelistic services. Talked to the people at Bethany that evening again. Must close this now to get it in the post. Your son in the Master's service.

W. I. EDWARDS.

P. S. Will continue this next week. W. I. E.

2 COLES ROAD, BANGALORE, INDIA, May 21, 1901.

DEAR SISTER TAYLOR:

Y

OUR very welcome letter of the 22d ult. came to hand yesterday a. m.; photos, too. It is very kind of you to take so much thought on my account, but don't allow yourself any apprehensive thoughts about my health. I am confident that the Lord brought me to India for a purpose; and I believe He will teach me how to preserve my health until that purpose is accomplished if I persevere in striving to find out what He wills me to do and honestly go about it. I will try to do the writing you wish each month and write occasionally for Our Hope.

Now to continue my narrative I could not finish last mail day. After almost every service I had a long talk with some of the people on religious subjects, and from their questions I gather they really study their Bibles. It was mostly the school teachers and preachers who stayed to talk and ask questions. What I said was most of it translated into Tamil for those who could not understand English. So Saturday I did not get to bed until late and reached Kadambur just one hour too late to catch the train at the station all day, I got into Tuticoran at night where I took another service at 12.30 ni.; then, at 4.30, we, quite a band of us, left Bethany at about 4.15 to 4.30, saw the Numchief for Tuticorin where we were to meet the Lord's work. This place is a school for evangelistic services. The teacher here, Mr. Samuel, had just returned from vacation. I stayed here until Monday and then returned to Bethany that evening again. Must close this now to get it in the post. Your son in the Master's service.

W. I. EDWARDS.

P. S. Will continue this next week. W. I. E.

2 COLES ROAD, BANGALORE, INDIA, May 21, 1901.

DEAR SISTER TAYLOR:

Y
CHILDREN IN INDIA.

Far, far away in India,
Thousands of children live,
Who have no pious parents
Who them instruction give
About the great Jehovah,
Who reigns above the sky;
Or of that blessed Saviour,
Who did on Calvary die.

But, oh! the sad condition
These little ones are in:
Young children by their parents
Are thrown in Ganges stream;
To please the gods they worship,
Who're made of wood and stone;
Believing they will save them
And for their sins atone.

And now, dear little children,
Who better far do know,
Say, will you not do something
To save these souls from woe?
O, yes, you'll say; we're willing
To aid with heart and hand,
To send the blessed gospel
To every heathen land.

L. H. O.