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

Say not, my soul, from whence can God relieve thy care, Remember that Omnipotence has servants everywhere. His methods are sublime, his heart profoundly kind; God never is before his time, and never is behind. — Sel.

TWO INDIA MISSIONARIES.

Our India work from the beginning has been under the charge of Capt. James Spence, who was formerly a captain in the English militia but who, when he retired from the army, took up his residence and has fully given his time to mission work in India. Our Superintendent, Miss Spence is his daughter and has ever had his valuable advice and assistance.

For about three years Capt. Spence has been urging the importance of sending a man and his wife to India to take charge of the work. He has urged many reasons for this, and frequently described the essential qualities needed in such a superintendent. He has repeatedly asked that Dr. A. W. Taylor be sent. He has urged that the man needed should be a man of mature age, good common sense and ripe judgment. He has said that in order to successfully superintend the work it would not be essential to be able to use the native language fluently, but that it was essential that the superintendent should have had experience as a Christian worker, be thoroughly consecrated to God, and have excellent judgment.

Rev. George T. Wellcome pastor of the church at Pasadena, Cal., needs little introduction to our readers. For years he has been known as a Christian minister throughout the West, from Illinois to California, has occupied many positions of honor and responsibility in our churches and conferences. He possesses every qualification demanded by Capt. Spence for the superintendence of the India work, and he certainly has two qualifications that Dr. Taylor lacks. He feels called of God to this work, (Dr. Taylor never has), and is at least ten years younger than Dr. Taylor.

He has been accepted by our Society and will go to India this fall to take charge of our work. Mrs. Wellcome will go later with her daughter, and we expect the entire family will devote their lives to India. Mrs. Wellcome is a woman of rare character. Her deep spirituality, good common sense and consecrated talents have ever made her a great help to her husband in his Christian ministry. The older daughter, Myrtle, is in a medical school fitting herself to become a medical missionary and is already accepted by our Board to be sent as a medical missionary to India as soon as she graduates. The other daughter, Ethel, is in High school preparing to become a teacher. She is a noble Christian girl of great promise. The girls will graduate in three years and then will be ready to enter the India field.

George T. Wellcome was a nephew of the late I. C. Wellcome, the founder of our India mission.

Those who have read the All Nations Monthly are aware how greatly Miss Spence needs an assistant in her arduous toil. This is more clearly evident now that we are expecting quite a number of famine girls to be delivered into our hands very soon. Miss Jessie M. Saunders of Brockton, Mass., feels called of God to give herself to India and has offered herself to the W. H. & F. M. S. as a missionary. She will probably go to India this fall if we can raise the money to pay her fare.

Brother Wellcome will come East and sail from New York, and it is very desirable that Miss Saunders accompany him to India.

For a long time the matter of Mr. Wellcome's going to India has been under prayerful consideration, the chief obstacle being that his health was not sufficient. Recently his health has much improved, and our members will be glad to read the certificate of health given him by a competent and conscientious physician.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 29, 1901.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that I have given Mr. G. T. Wellcome of Pasadena, Cal., a careful physical examination and find him in good health, sound in every way, and capable of doing any work which he may be called to do in his profession.

F. S. Barnard, M. D.

Medical Examiner for Germania Life Ins. Co. of New York.
OUR INDIA LETTERS.

From Miss Alice G. Spence.

Guindy, 4 July, 1901.

My Dear Sister Taylor:

Yours of 29 May to hand.

About Sandram—Yes, he is in the pictures but goes by the name of Savandra Raja. The former name is a contraction and I must have given you his real name next to his photograph.

The little one that died was the younger that was taken into the home, and I have sent back the other to her village and her father as they were giving us no end of trouble to let the child go and I had instruction from the police to do so.

Yes, I wish I had brought back a cargo of famine children. I am wishing for it as much as you, as it is a grand work, and the children are practically our very own and we would always have them by us until such time as they were able to work for us.

I think I can assign a child to you for the Sunday school classes in Providence, R. I., and I shall send particulars as to age, etc., next time I write as I have not admitted the child as yet.

Mr. Edwards and my father are here visiting our property, schools and work here, and I dare say you will hear all about it from Mr. Edwards sooner or later. He goes on from here to Tinnevelly.

I have moved into Mrs. King's, which has been lent us till ours is ready to be occupied. I will send your message to Minnie. Yes, she is always interested in the work and is always asking for particulars of the same. She has a bonnie baby and is very comfortable and happy in her married life. I hope the photos pleased you. There were so many failures that on the whole you have not got a fair reproduction of what we should have liked to send you.

May God continue to bless and guide you in everything is the prayer of Yours very lovingly,

Alice G. Spence.

Guindy, 11 July, 1901.

My Dearest Sister Taylor:

We have now nineteen children in our Ransom Home orphanage and would have had twenty-one, had we not had trouble with the parents of two children who would have their children taken out of school; and although they were brought back by force, yet the very next opportunity Rayapen got he decamped to his grandfather. The guardian is now in a position to keep the child, and this is how all the trouble has come. Joseph, the other boy who has left the home, went home on a holiday and his brother came to tell us that they were brought back by force, yet the very next opportunity they were brought back by force, yet the very next opportunity.

I have two others to take their places so that their supporters are only paying for other children instead of the ones first assigned to them. Will you kindly tell their supporters this? Their names are Janakie (girl) and Subramony (boy). They can be given English names if they wish it. All this has worried me a good bit and after much consideration I have come to the above conclusion about them. I hope the supporters of Rayapen and Joseph will not be annoyed at the change which was wholly unexpected and unavoidable on our part. We hope to have our own Mission House finished in a month or two. I feel God is indeed helping and prospering our work out here and increasing our spheres daily.

I am very hopeful of having a very nice school in Bangalore. I am leaving soon to go and buy furniture and apparatus and to see if the teachers I have left in charge are efficient and do their work properly. I have to classify the children, for up to this they have been taught under the Collective System and I must get the school recognized by the Mysore Government. I have written about it to the Inspector of Schools and I hope to soon have it finished, for we might just as well get a grant while we can as to work without one—for by having it recognized we can judge of the teacher's efficiency on non-efficiency and see the progress in each child.

I was sorry to hear from Mr. Edwards that Miss Nickerson was not quite sure of coming out. We must not murmur nor complain if it is God's will but look to see what he would have us do under the circumstances. Mr. Edwards left for his sphere of work in Tinnevelly. I am sure we will have a good work going on there very soon for he is a thorough good earnest man and as I said before will make a splendid missionary. He has great talent, too, in mastering the language, which is a great thing. I hope the climate won't try his constitution and ruin it in the end. My father is trying Bombay for a change and I do earnestly hope that he will soon be rid of that horrid fever which prostrates him so fearfully that he is utterly incapacitated for work of any kind.

Much love to you. Dear sister. We are just going out street preaching, so good bye for the present. God bless you all abundantly is the prayer of Yours very lovingly,

Alice G. Spence.

Guindy, 14 August, 1901.

My Dearest Sister Taylor:

Yes, I am back in ur mission station again, but not in our Mission House as it is not ready for me to occupy. Work goes on here so slowly that we are not sure when we will have it all done.

I am just as anxious as you about our Girls' Orphanage. For I feel with you that enough is not done for the girls of India, and this is the reason we assign for the degraded state of the women in general. I have an idea that when once we get our Girls' Orphanage established at Guindy we shall soon be able to open a school on the premises and not confine it to our orphans only, but to the girls in the neighborhood who do not attend any school. I feel sure we will be able to have a large school when once we get the thing started. Of course this is only my proposal and I shall not move in the matter till I hear from you. I am sure that if God would have us start this work he will supply the funds. The schoolhouse would not cost much as I will have only a thatched roof and a laterite floor so as to keep the damp from rising up and affecting the health of the children.

The Palmyra leaf book which Brother Edwards sent you is peculiar to that part of the country where he is. It is not gone in for at Velacheri. At any rate I am sending you by next mail two books which I hope will interest the people, done by one of the Ransom Home boarders, Raya Rathnam, and a day scholar named Veraswamy. To these I shall add a few trifles which may also interest the people.

About our school hours. We have two sessions—8 a.m. to 11 a.m., and 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. These are the hours generally recognized in India, and I don't think they are too long. The children have a lot of recreation from 11 to 2 p.m. and after school in the evening, so I don't think they are hard worked. They like singing and drilling, and the girls also do needlework and some Kindergarten. We work in accordance with Government rules and so we cannot work longer than a
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT ANNUAL MEETING

PREAMBLE.

REALIZING our responsibility as ambassadors of Christ and that the coming of the King draweth nigh, we the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society of the Advent Christian denomination assembled in business session renew our consecration to His service and our efforts to proclaim the good news of His Kingdom at home and abroad.

OUR WORK.

We would acknowledge the blessing and leading of our Heavenly Father every step of the way and give Him praise for the increase of work during the year. As co-laborers with Him our part is to provide for the work which has been placed in our hands, therefore

Resolved—That we pledge ourselves to the increase of membership and urge each member to gain at least one for our society during the coming year.

Resolved—That wherever possible we organize our members into local societies, which shall stimulate mission activity in all our churches.

Resolved—That we urgently recommend to each of the Sunday Schools of our denomination an effort to arouse mission interest among the children, and also urge an organization of the children into Junior mission societies.

INCORPORATION.

Having become an incorporate body we can now purchase, hold and transfer property and are therefore in a condition to do better and more permanent work at home and in foreign lands, therefore

Resolved—That we will put forth further efforts to make our work enduring and solicit donations and legacies toward this end.

OUR PAPER.

We rejoice that it has been possible this last year to make our All Nations Quarterly a Monthly.

We are grateful to our Editor for her untiring labors, and believing we can best express our gratitude by practical effort, we would emphasize the importance of keeping in touch with our work and scattering missionary news among our people, therefore we recommend

1—That every member of our organization regularly subscribe for and read our official paper.

2—That we seek to increase its circulation outside our organization.

OUR OFFICERS.

We thank God for the consecrated service of our women. They are working not for our praise but for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We recognize the unselfish devotion of time and talent given us by our President and Business Manager and hereby express our loyalty to her and the executive board, and will strive to uphold them in their work, before the throne of grace continually.

THANKS.

We heartily appreciate the courtesy of the Alton Bay Camp-meeting Association in giving us time and place for holding this meeting and extend to them our sincere thanks.

Respectfully submitted,
MABEL R. MAKEPEACE, President. LUCY H. OLMSTED, Secretary.

PRAY for more missionary mothers." The present day problem in missions is to reach the great central power in society—the mothers and homes, "with the life that is in Christ Jesus." In all the Orient and largely in all civilized lands, only a woman can break the Bread of Life to women.—Mrs. M. Smith.

RECORD OF THE INCORPORATION

OF THE WOMAN'S HOME & FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY OF THE ADVENT CHRISTIAN DENomination.

I T being decided to incorporate the society a notice according to law was published in our All Nations Monthly giving two months' notice of the meeting to be held at Rockland, Maine, June 18, 1901.

Met under call as advertised in the Monthly, to incorporate the society.

Mrs. Sarah K. Taylor was chosen chairman, Mrs. Susie B. Thompson, clerk pro temp.

Voted, unanimously, to incorporate under the laws of the State of Maine.

Elected the following officers:

Mrs. Sarah K. Taylor, President, Rockland, Me.
Mrs. A. R. Organ, Vice President, Santa Cruz, Cal.
Miss Minnie I. Gage, Secretary, Worcester, Mass.
Mrs. Susie B. Thompson, Clerk, Friendship, Me.
Mrs. Jessie Lee Thompson, Treasurer, Friendship, Me.

Adopted a code of by-laws, embodying so far as possible the old constitution.

Authorized the treasurer to purchase a book and a seal as prescribed in the by-laws.

Adjourned.

SUSIE B. THOMPSON, Clerk.

TREMTON MISSION MEETING.

THE Woman's Mission Society held a camp-meeting at Tremont, on Tuesday morning, August 2nd, our district President Sister Lottie M Smith presiding. Prayer was offered by Elder Frank Burr, Treasurer of the American Advent Mission Society. Mrs. Sherman, wife of Elder Roger Sherman spoke upon the subject of "Our Work" mostly our work in India. Among other things she said it was time to make more clothing for the children of India; that we mustn't forget that clothes wear out in India, as they do here. Sister Gladding read a paper on "Our Local" of Fall River, giving a brief history of its formation and progress. This was followed by a paper on "Ways of Earning Money Outside of Monthly dues" by Sister Washburn of Brockton. She spoke of some things the society of Brockton was doing out of which was, the making of extracts by the society and selling of the same which brought in a good profit to the society. They also make comforters and different kinds of sewing, and earn money in that way. Next was a paper read by Sister Pollie Chadwick on "Leaky Purse." She told why the purses of Christians were so often empty when God's cause was suffering for help. Scripture was quoted showing that God required of the Jews one tenth of all their income for the support of his work, and if that was so under the law, how much more under grace? God said to the Jews that if they would bring all the tithes into the storehouse He would open the windows of Heaven and pour them out a blessing that they would not be able to contain. We think perhaps that we cannot afford to give, but what is His promise? "Give and shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give unto your bosom, for with the same measure ye mete it shall be measured unto you again." Then came a paper by Sr. White of Brockton, on Modern Miracles; telling of the miracles at the present time of missionaries experiences.

Bro. A. C. Johnson, Secretary of the American Advent Mission Society gave us a short talk on his experience, his discouragements in the past and his hope for the future, not the least of which was, that now there was such a body of Christian women who were striving by their prayers to push forward the work of missions. He said he should be encouraged to push forward, doing all he could to work for the Master till he comes. With remarks from Brothers Burr and Thompson closed our first missionary meeting at the camp-meeting at Tremont, which we thought very interesting and which had a very good attendance.

ELIZA G. GLADDING.
An Extra Effort.

To send two missionaries to India will cost about $1000. This should be raised if possible outside of our fees. What can you do? Can you make a donation? Can you get an honorary member to our society? Can you have a special mission meeting and take a collection and pledges? We have over two thousand members. If each would double her or his fee the money would all be raised. Some can not do this, others can do more. Let us hear from all. We want $500 raised or pledged before the first of November. Please respond at once.

Our Vice President, Mrs. A. R. Organ, writes:

"Will the money which was subscribed for your trip to India, now be used towards sending Bro. Wellcome and the young woman you spoke of (should they go)? Some can not do this, others can do more. It is for the work of the Lord and not for the individual, and should be used where most needed. What is your plan for raising the rest of the money?"

The money referred to will be used toward paying the fares to India of our new missionaries, unless the donors object. Many have already transferred their gift to the present transit fund.

Miss Jessie M. Saunders.

Miss Saunders is not a novice in faith or Christian work, but has been for many years an efficient laborer in different lines of Christian activity.

Her former pastor, C. R. Crosett speaks very highly of her Christian character and ability, and her present pastor thus commends her.

Brockton, Mass., September 18, 1901.

Dear Sister Taylor:

I have known Sr. Saunders for years and have been intimately associated with her as pastor, of her home church for a year. She is a faithful, intelligent Christian girl and has the utmost confidence and respect of all the brothers and sisters in the church.

I know of no person that I could more cheerfully commend than Sr. Saunders. Her especial interest in mission work is well known in this locality, and her going to the foreign field will doubtless be the means of awakening a greater interest in this work that lay so near the Master's heart. I feel that you will make no mistake in sending her.

Very sincerely yours,

L. G. Reynolds.

We append a list of questions which we sent to Miss Saunders' pastor, with his replies:

EXAMINATION.

1. How long have you known Miss Jessie M. Saunders?
2. What is your estimate of her Christian character? I believe her to be a genuine consecrated Christian.
3. What is your estimate of her knowledge of the Bible? She has a good understanding of the history, geography and general teaching of the Scriptures.
4. What is your estimate of her views of Bible doctrines? She believes all the cardinal doctrines of evangelical Christianity, and is a thorough Adventist.
5. Do you think she has a genuine love for souls, leading to earnest efforts for their salvation? She has ever shown an interest in the work of her home church for the salvation of the perishing.
6. Do you think she has sound judgment and practical common sense? These are the strong points in her character.
7. Do you think she has ability to learn? She learns very readily.
8. Do you think she has aptness to teach? Has been very successful as a Sunday School and Normal class teacher.
9. Do you think she has a patient, painstaking nature? Do not know; she appears to be thorough.
10. Do you think she has energy and executive ability? She is especially good on these lines.
11. Do you think she can lead others, or be led, as circumstances may make it best and right? She is of firm disposition and naturally inclined to lead, but I have always found her willing to consult with those in office above her and to heed their suggestions.
12. Has she average good health and physical strength? As far as I know she has.
13. Has she done Christian work, and of what kind? Yes, she has taught in the Sunday school, is now superintendent, beside being active in general Church work.
14. For how long a time, and with what success? For several years. She makes a very successful Superintendent.

Letter F. Reynolds.

One Way to Help.

Dear Sister Taylor in reading Helpful Hints to Workers I find that two dollars will furnish book and teacher for a child in India, for one year. I set my daughter to work making paper picture throws which she sold at five cents a bunch, eight in a bunch. This might be the means of some other children doing the same and thereby helping the cause of the Lord in mission work.

Mrs. M. Bishop.

New Locals.

Maine—Raymond, Miss Annie W. Leach, Raymond, President; Miss Jennie Latham, Mountain, Secretary. Norway, Mrs. L. Jennie Brown, President; Mrs. Annie Walker-Brown, Secretary.

Vermont—The officers at Morrisville are Miss Carrie Weed, President; Miss Grace Prior, Sec'y-Treasurer.

Errata.

On page 3 in the report of the Tremont Mission Meeting leave out "camp" in the first line.

In the record of the Incorporation insert Field before Secretary in the list of officers.


ALL NATIONS MONTHLY

MRS. BERTHA SPRAUGE HAZARD.

Bertha Sprague Hazard, president of the Rhode Island Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society, was born in Rhode Island in 1859. Connecticut became her home soon after, and her early life was spent in that state. She was converted at the age of thirteen at campmeeting in Coventry Centre, R. I., and was baptized three years later. At present she is a member of the A. C. Church in Providence. She

remembers attending, one or two years, the children's meetings of Sister Sarah K. Taylor at the above mentioned campmeeting.

For several years the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has found in her an earnest worker. She has been president of a local union for eleven years, and for the second time is serving as president of the Second District of the Rhode Island W. C. T. U. She has always been interested in young people; was the first president of the Providence Loyal Workers Society: for many years has been a Sunday school teacher, some of the time having classes of girls; and conducted at one time a band of the Loyal Temperance Legion.

ANNUAL REPORT OF RHODE ISLAND.

President, Mrs. Bertha Sprague Hazard; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Mabel E. Place. This district comprises Rhode Island and Eastern Connecticut. Being our first report, more than one year's work will be included.

We have, perhaps, the honor of having in our state the oldest Woman's Mission society in our denomination, for in the Rocky Brook, R. I., Church a Woman's Mission society was organized by Sister M. McKinsty, August 17, 1887. Since the organization of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society they have become interested in our work in India, and during the year they have given $5.00, made 16 suits and 8 shirts, and arranged patch-work for India. They also have done much to help their home church and Sunday school. The Sunday school has recently adopted an India child. They have four subscribers to "All Nations Monthly."

The Natick Society has given beside dues etc., $2.00 for the India work; and last year sent for the India box a cut of sheeting, a rug, two bed quilts, many pieces of different kinds of cloth, a large number of picture-cards, books, toys, etc. One of the sisters, Mrs. Haynes, has adopted a child.

The Pawtucket local, since its organization in November, 1900, has been doing good work for the home church which is in need of its help. Mrs. Russell, one of the sisters, has adopted a child.

Some of the sisters in the North Scituate, R. I., Church gave last year cloth for garments for the India Children to the amount of $3.25. Children in Putnam, Conn., gave this year 64¢ for garments for the orphans in India. Individual members of the W. H. & F. M. Society and friends in Providence gave this year $4.38 for garments for our India orphans; 11 yards of cloth was donated in addition; 13 garments were made up. $42.50 was contributed from Providence last year for the rescue of famine orphans. A Girls' Mission society has been organized in Providence which is auxiliary to the W. H. & F. M. Society. Garments have been made and a child in India adopted.

We have four Cradle Corner Helpers. Our work has been presented at conferences and Greene campmeeting by the president. Other money has probably been sent from our state which has not been reported to the state treasurer.

Mabel E. Place, Sec'y-Treasurer.

MONEY EXPENDED FOR MISSIONS FROM JULY, 1900, TO JULY, 1901.

Connecticut State Mission Work................................. 79 51
American Advent Mission Society.............................. 27 56
China (through A. A. M.)................................. 21 40
Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society (excluding clothing for India)................................. 29 75
India Famine Fund (through W. H. & F. M. S.)........ 22 00

$180 12

Mrs. Laura Way, Sec'y.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE WOMAN’S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY OF THE ADVENT CHRISTIAN DENOMINATION.

The convention and annual business meeting of the Woman’s Home and Foreign Mission Society of the Advent Christian denomination was held at Alton Bay, N. H., August 21st 1901.

President in chair.

Meeting opened by Scripture and prayer by Mrs. M. J. Clark, delegate from California.

An affectionate greeting, containing appropriate Scripture quotations, was received, and read, from the Vice President, Mrs. A. R. Organ.

Remarks by Rev. Mrs. Clark.

Mrs. Mabel R. Makepeace and Miss Lucy A. Olmstead were appointed as Committee on Resolutions.

The minutes of the annual meeting of 1900 were read and approved.

The Secretary’s report of business done by the Executive Board was read and approved.

The constitution for the Incorporate W. H. & F. M. S. read and approved.

Remarks by Mrs. Pinkham, delegate from California.

Roll call of states.

Voted to adjourn until one o’clock on the following day at the same place.

22nd. Meeting opened by prayer.

Reading of Recording Secretary’s report finished and report accepted.

The Treasurer’s report was read and adopted.

Reading of letter from the Treasurer, Mrs. Jessie Lee Thompson.

Miss Lucy H. Olmstead of Manchester, N. H., was appointed General Junior Superintendent.

Mrs. Eliza J. King of Wilmington, N. C., was appointed Superintendent of the southern district of the United States.

Voted—to accept the resignation of Jessie L. Thompson, Treasurer.

Miss Lena N. Bradford of Rockland, Maine, was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Treasurer.


TREASURER’S REPORT.

FROM JULY 1, 1900, TO AUGUST 13, 1901.

Receipts.

Balance on hand July 1st, 1900 ........................................ $1,074 67
Cash received from all sources ........................................ 5,638 39
Total receipts ............................................................. $6,713 06

Expenditures.

Cash sent to India ..................................................... $4,100 00
Paid to W. L. Edwards .................................................. 400 00
Paid to A. A. M. Society for China .................................. 201 60
Paid to out going missionaries ....................................... 160 20
Paid for printing and mailing papers ................................... 647 72
Paid for traveling expenses of officers .............................. 322 98
Paid for stationery and postage ..................................... 74 73
Paid for clerk and stenographer ...................................... 99 00
Paid for supplies for India ........................................... 87 30
Paid for editor and manager .......................................... 150 00
Paid for safe ............................................................ 42 00
Paid W. A. Burch, for tracts .......................................... 30 00
Paid for mimeograph ................................................... 15 00
Paid for sundries ....................................................... 35 25

Balance in treasury ..................................................... $5,365 80

REPORT OF FIELD SECRETARY.

We wish to offer a tribute of praise to our Heavenly Father for the wonderful growth of our work during this past year. Surely God Himself has been our leader and director. We as his children have endeavored to follow His divine leadings.

Just a glimpse of the work in the United States. We had sixty locals last year; now we have ninety-five. Our Southern District has one in Florida, one in Georgia and three in North Carolina; the Middle West has one in Illinois, the largest we have, Chicago, three in Minnesota and three in Wisconsin; one in Washington and several new ones in New England. In California every church has a local. I wish we might say that of our Eastern States and hope we can approach that in the near future.

In Portland, Oregon, every man, woman and child belonging to the church is a member of the mission society. The Executive board sent our President to California, which resulted in arousing great interest in our work throughout the West where she visited and the formation of a number of locals, for which we are thankful.

Let us pray much, and ask God for strength and Divine wisdom to push the work forward, according to His purpose, that the result may be the saving of many precious souls.

Minnie I. Gage, Field Sec’y.

The magnitude of the task, not only of conquest, but re-conquest, which lies before the Christian Church, is one that demands our most serious consideration. To bring five hundred millions of our fellow-women to a knowledge of a Savior is the work especially given to women.—Isabella Bird Bishop.
limited time. I think the climate has a great deal to do with the
tired expression of some of the children. We have very trying
weather here sometimes and though one may be surrounded
with every luxury and comfort, yet there is a feeling of lassitude
and depression which is caused solely by the climate. So tell
our dear sisters that our school children are not worked too
much and that they get enough of recreation. I will send you
my photo next mail, as I have no spare one by me but shall
order one from Bangalore.

We have had some serious trouble with one of our workers, Sol­
omon. He is supposed to have purchased some stolen property
and this has caused a lot of trouble and worry indeed. My
father had to come down as things looked very serious and the
reports we got were so conflicting and perplexing. We have
suspended him until we find him to be "not guilty." The person
who bought the property (a table) from was of a very questionable
character and he should have refrained from doing so. I am so
sorry for all the trouble this has caused for he was a good
worker. We had to suspend him for the sake of the reputation
of our mission here. Oh, what discouragements one meets with
in mission work! The Devil is always ready to attack the weakest
point. I hope it will all soon be settled in his favor. This
affair has had such an effect on me that I seem to have been
made years older by it. Pray, dear sister, for me and for all our
workers that they may keep a conscience void of offense to God
and man and that they may never bring shame on the cross and
cause of Christ. Every mission has this trouble with their work­
ers and we cannot expect to be exempted. I shall write and tell
you how it is all settled and how we have managed it. I was
very glad to have a man (John) ready to put in Solomon's place.

Yours lovingly,

Alice G. Spence.

From W. I. Edwards.

Bethany, Pannkilum P. O.

Dear Sister Taylor:

You will doubtless wish to know something about my stop
in Madura on my way down from Bangalore to Bethany.
One morning I hired a pony jutka and a guide to make the
rounds of the principal places of interest there. First
we went to the great Hindoo temple. It covers about 13
acres, I am told. It is surrounded by a wall about 25 feet high
and lies four square. There are four great towers built up from
the walls—one at the north wall, one at the east wall, one at the
south wall and one at the west wall. These four great towers
are, I judge, about 125 feet high, of equal size but of differ­
ent dimensions. They are covered all over with carvings
or images of different sizes and designs with a combination of
monkey, man, dragon, pea-fowl, cow and cobra, etc., some
showing a rather clumsy skill; but for the most part they show
fine workmanship. Some of the carvings are very elaborate.
The four great towers are at the middle of the walls on each sev­
eral side. There are eight smaller towers irregularly placed within
the temple area. They are of varying sizes and designs. I did
not get a close view of them, but two were pointed out to me
that are called the Golden Towers. They, these two, are evi­
dently towers built for the god and goddess.

We entered through the east gate, through the base of the
east great tower. The first entrance in the base of the great
eastern tower is called the hall of the Eight Luxmy. (Lux, luxis?)
The first is said to be the first son of the god Schiva. It has a
head like an elephant, eight hands and the body of a man, and
rides on a Pandy goat that is called Bullava Dava. The second
is the second son of Schiva which has six heads and twelve
hands and rides a peacock. Next we visited the dingy hall of
Menscharchu who was prime minister of Therumalmaiok, the
last king of Madura. There were a few rather large, well formed
images carved on pillars set in the walls. Next in order is an iron
arch called Theruvarche with its one hundred lamps, an iron
frame that can be seen from the street through the east gate and
the two halls just mentioned when the little lamps are lit at
night, one of the spectacles to entice the natives to enter
with the throng and then by force of circumstances to take
part in devotion to some of their deities. The Sacred
Golden Lily tank is the next object of interest. From the
stone pavement on which you approach it there is a flight of
nine steps down to the water, and I was told that many more
are visible when the water is very low. Some men and women
were bathing when I was there. The tank is about 150 by 120
feet in dimensions. On the north and east walls of the court
around the tank are portrayed the "miracles of the sixty-four
favorites" in a series of paintings almost endless in number.
After passing under the south porch to the west porch we
came to the Chamber of Queen Mungarna, with the queen
and her retinue painted on the ceiling. The queen's face is painted
black, while her attendants have very light faces.

Next we passed through the "Sacred Parrot Hall." There
were several noisy parrots in cages hanging just in reach over­
head. One of the priests reached up to a big white parrot and
scratched its head. When he went away from the cage the
parrot ruffled up the tuft of feathers on its head, stretched out
its neck and looking straight at me said, "Avun yar!" (Who is
that man?), causing some laughter among the crowd of hun­
dreds around. Joining this "Sacred Parrot Hall" is the entrance
to the temple shrine of the goddess Minonix who is said to visit
her shrine once yearly in August. I asked to enter but was not
allowed the privilege.

Joining the "Sacred Parrot Hall" is a shrine of the Son of
Schiva, along with which are a number of pillars with rather
hideous looking statuary. Each pillar has a large statue cut out
with it. Pillar, statue and rock are all one piece of stone, once
white, the pillars now dingy and the statues deep greyish black
because of the constant oiling that they are honored with.
The Hindoos anoint themselves, or rather take oil baths for their
health, and so they must treat their gods likewise. Before we
went away from this place a small procession formed with the
screeching of a Hindoo bell, muzzled flagolet and the beating
of a small, curiously constructed drum, which by the way makes
a noise much out of proportion to its size and creates quite a din
The procession marched in to the entrance of the temple. Oc­
casionally you would see an old man clasp his hands together in
a reverent manner and incline his head a moment, muttering
something; but nothing else was to be seen that would indicate
any spirit of devotion, even while the din was going on. After
a hasty glance at a painting representing Mr. and Mrs. Schiva,
we pressed on to see the Sacred Monkey Ana Mon which has a
large monkey mouth with human temples, eyes and body rather
large and over-developed in the lower limbs. We next saw an
uninviting shrine of Schiva. The "hall of the 100 pillars" is not
very interesting, except that a nalla pantha (a good snake, a
cobra) is said to come there sometimes. In this hall there is a
stone peacock almost as large as a man.

The shrine with the images called the "nine planets" is inter­
esting if one had the time to stop and hear all they have to say
about them. There is a battery close by with an objectionable
odor. The bats hang like a black cloud to a rough portion of
the temple ceiling and keep a disagreeable squeaking as they
fly from place to place. A glance at the "god watching the
sacred bull" and we pass on to view the Sacred Bull Shrine. I under­
stood the guide to say the shrine and all of the structure of the
Sacred bull was carved out of one block of white granite.

[To be continued in next issue]
Abednego.

**OUR ORPHANS.**

These four children are in our Ransom Home, and are wearing the garments we sent them.

Abednego and Meshack are brothers. Both are bright, noble boys. Danapel is a good singer and distinguished for learning his Bible verses well. Thayer is a dear little girl who is very ambitious to learn and do her best.

It is for children like these that our American children are going to build an orphanage in India.

**A LITTLE HELPER.**

**MISS L. H. OLMSTED,**

**COTTAGEVILLE, S. C., August 1901.**

**DEAR FRIEND:**

You sent my father one of your cards and he gave it to me and I filled it on the next day. My father's name is Eld. H. H. Durant. I am the baby and am only 8 years old. If you have any more cards please send me another, as I think I can fill another. Hoping you will be able to get enough money to build the home for the poor orphan children as I am so sorry for them.

Your true friend, **HARRY D.**

With the letter was a dollar, which proved that Harry was a true friend not only to me but also to the poor little children in India. Of course I sent him another card just as quickly as I could and should be glad to do the same for everyone who fills a card. Please be sure to send the card you have filled with your name on it as I wish to number them in the order they are filled. Who will send the next one? **L. H. O.**

**A CHILD'S PRAYER.**

To one of our camp-meetings this summer the following prayer was offered by one of the little girls present:

"Send somebody to tell the folks in India not to throw away their little girls, and please give us children some money to buy them some clothes and help somebody to tell them about Jesus."

**DRAW LITTLE LIVES UNTO GOD**

Give out sunshine, give out light,
Leave a trail of glory bright,
Help the little children grow
Into beauty here below,
Guide the faltering footsteps right.
Give out sunshine, give out light.

Love and gladden, love and cheer,
Uproot weeds and briers here,
Plant the seeds of virtue true,
Quicken little souls anew,
Unto "Father" draw them near,
Love and gladden, love and cheer.

Love unfailing, day by day,
Must bear fruit along life's way,
Lead soul's upward, hearts unfold,
Earnest lives, hence, seek to mold,
Weaving gold within the gray,
On thy journey, day by day.

—Selected.

**HOW RHODE ISLAND CHILDREN HELP**

LITTLE Flossie S., four years old, seeing the picture of the India famine children, childlike, asked her mother to tell her about them. She listened attentively, then slipping away procured her little bank which contained all her possessions, and emptying it in her mother's lap asked her to send it to help them. So the twenty-five cents has gone to bless some little one in the dark regions of India.

Grace H., another little girl, when a mission collection was to be taken in the church where she went with her mother, was very anxious to give something. She hadn't any pennies but she had a cat she was fond of and the love to help was so great that she sold her cat and gave the money for mission work.

**A CHEERING LETTER.**

SISTER TAYLOR:

Inclosed you will find check for two dollars, that I earned in making and selling paper picture throws. I am seven years old and can't do much, but the Lord will bless the little.

E. F. B., Fall River, Mass.

**LITTLE LIGHT BEARERS.**

EtHELYN U. Boy, Manchester, N. H., January 11, 1897.
John Patterson (Oriele, Milton, N. H., April 13, 1901.
Flossie Spencer, No. Schuette, R. I., 1897.
Ruth H. Crocker, Providence, R. I., July 7, 1900.