The Lord giveth the word, the women that publish the tidings are a great host.—Ps. 68:11, R. V.
A VISIT TO A NIGHT SCHOOL
C. H. Hudson

DESIRING to see how Tarampur night school was getting on we arranged to spend the night there after a day in a near-by village. The school at present is held in the teacher's house and on the "pial" in front. After waiting for some time forty Panchama (outcaste) young men arrived in a body. All of these lads are employed during the day and come together in this way to study a little at night. The teacher first of all gave them a little drill, then they took their secular lessons; and I, feeling tired spread out my cot, wondering what time they closed for it was then very late.

The last lesson was Scripture and started in with the creation. The following literal translation of stanzas recited by the teacher and repeated by the boys will give an idea of the Indian way of teaching Scripture. It is all right as long as the teacher does not let his imagination run away with him, otherwise error is apt to creep in. The serpent is represented as addressing Eve as follows: "Oh, mother, open your eyes and see, open your eyes and see the glittering fruit, oh, take and eat and you will live long. Cherry red fruit, liked even by God. Even God's angels will be enticed away by the appearance of this fruit. If you eat of this before the arrival of your husband you will be able to see God." The father of the prodigal son addresses him as follows: "Why, son, don't, don't, why are you going to the bad? I advise you to hear. Oh, hear! Don't go wandering like a dog. Don't, don't! You will be ruined!" Answer: "What does it matter to you if I do wander? Bring and give me my share." This was followed by, "Christ Receiveth Sinful Men."

When the lesson was finished I must confess to a feeling of relief and gratitude, for I thought now they will go and I can get a little sleep, but instead of going they dropped down where they were and chartered away until they themselves were ready for sleep. All of those boys between me and the fresh air! There was nothing to do but make the best of it. In the morning before daylight they were stirring and after awhile they gathered for prayer and singing. Feeling rested I was able to give them a talk after which they left for their homes and work.

The pleasing feature in regard to this school is the good knowledge of Scripture the boys have acquired during the four months it has been open; and the readiness with which certain boys offered prayer when called upon. This school is unsupported but I trust that all who read this will make it a matter of prayer. The indications are that there will be several bright out-and-out Christians here in a very short time.

JOURNEYING ON
Robert L. and Zella A. Peterson

WE would like to give you a detailed account of our visits in Japan and China, but space will not permit. Our first port was Yokohama, Japan. There as elsewhere we saw beautiful and wonderful things, as well as dirt and filth, squalor and misery. How much work there is to be done in God's vineyard, yet the laborers are so few. Pray that some one may be called from your own midst to go and help to gather in the sheaves.

We reached Japan just in time for the coronation festivals. Decorations in flowers and evergreens and flags were in evidence everyвwhere. It was also time for the great chrysanthemum displays, for which Japan is noted. One garden which we visited contained three hundred and fifty varieties of this flower. Here we took our first ricksha ride, and we felt like strangers, indeed, within a strange land, as we were drawn about by these little brown people. Our next stop was Kobe, where the scenes were almost the same. At this place we visited some beautiful waterfalls up in the mountains. The third port made in Japan was Moje. Here it rained all day, so we did not venture on shore.
The boat “coaled” here, and it was a very interesting procedure. Several carloads of coal were brought in barges to the sides of the vessel. Men and women worked together passing the coal in baskets, containing fifteen or twenty pounds each, from one to another, up the side of the ship, to others standing in line on an improvised rope ladder, and so into the coal hold. When their day’s work was done, each received thirty-five cents for his labor. Oh, the degradation of woman in these Oriental lands.

At Shanghai, China, Dr. Powell met Miss Stocks at the boat and we were permitted to have a short visit with him. We only had an hour and a half on shore, at this place. We took rickshas to go sightseeing, and the coolies lost us. It finally ended in our hiring an automobile to take us back to the boat which we would otherwise have missed. It was an exciting time, we can assure you. Miss Stocks of course, left us here to go to Nanking, and needless to say, we miss her very much. We came on to Hong Kong, the “beauty spot” of Southern China, arriving last Sunday afternoon. Tomorrow we sail on the ‘Hirano Maru’ for Colombo, Ceylon, and arrive Dec. 1. Then in a few days more we will be with the dear ones in Guindy and Vilacheri and shall be very glad, as we are anxious to be at our work. Pray that God will use us to glorify His Name and that many souls may be saved for Him.

When I hear them admitting the fact, I feel very glad. They are unable to read and are also ignorant in needlework. Many of them have learned from me, to read and make their own petticoats.

In India there are many who travel about as ascetics. Similarly there is one woman between forty and forty-eight years of age, in Nallakuppam. She used to go to a temple every morning and evening and perform prayers. Once, I went to her house and she received me very cordially. After I took a seat I sang a song and spoke about Christ to her. She told me that my teaching is all right but our forefathers have made us observe all the temple ceremonies and prayers and we cannot but do it. On another occasion, myself and Miss Jones went to the same house, she saluted us and asked us not to go without a word of prayer. We prayed and talked to her for a short time. The next time when we both met here, she said that she is anxious to see our church and mode of worship. I brought her at once to see our church. She paid great attention to the preaching and prayers and left us. When I met her again, she said that your church is very good and the mode of worship is also very good. We have some of this kind in our temple, she said, and expressed her great pleasure in attending our services. This kind of work is done not only by me but by Miss Jones also. She accompanies us in the scorching sun and speaks about Jesus to the people and answers all questions put by them. She gives her testimony, wherever she goes. I ask your prayers for the work among females and that fruits might be seen in the sowing of good seeds. I go to work at seven in the morning and return at ten o’clock and go again at three p.m. and return at six p.m. If I go to a distance of four miles, I return at 5 p.m.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM INDIA

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 17, we had a nice time at Adyar village; two or three in the cherry (outcaste village) expressed a wish to become Christians and we went to talk with them.

REPORT OF MRS. SAWYER, BIBLE WOMAN, 1914–15

I TEACH Hindu females as usual. My circuit is in ten villages, namely, Nattapappam, Mampalam, Tolpettai, Taramani, Ubisarpalayam, Pallipet, Guindy, Kaikomam, Saidapet, and Adyar. I visit eight houses every morning and evening, and speak to the inmates about Christ’s birth, resurrection and second coming. When I speak to them, I often see a changed attitude in them. Especially when they hear of the second coming of Jesus and they ask when it is going to take place. Then I open the 24th chapter of Matthew and read to them. They buy the book for three pies and take it to their husbands to read it over again to them. The next morning when they meet me they tell me that it is a fact.
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"Once more we greet the glad New Year.
With hope, and faith in God above;
From out our hearts we banish fear,
Sure of our Heavenly Father's love.

"We give Thee thanks for all the past,
We pray for strength for coming days;
And now, and then, and first, and last,
Help us to know Thy righteous ways."

As a result of Self-Denial Week, we have received at this date, only $49.80 to apply on the mortgage on the Boston Bible School. This is the least we have ever received as a result of our week of self-denial, and we feel somewhat disappointed; but as one sister has suggested, we shall keep the matter of the "mortgage fund" continually to the front; and hope ere our fiscal year ends, July 31, we shall have received a much larger sum for this purpose. One dollar a month from three hundred people would pay the mortage in full in that time. Who will be one of the three hundred?

We desire to call the attention of our readers to the fact that the treasurer's report of each month is a report of the money received for the month previous and not for the current month, for instance the report in this January, 1916, issue is for the gifts received during December, 1915. Every little while, we receive a letter stating that a gift was not reported in the list; and almost without exception the month's receipts in which the gift came have not been printed.

We are busy at work on our copy for the new issue of the Advent Christian Manual; and any local that has made a change in its officers since August, 1915, is requested to notify us of such change, at once, in order to insure a correct list of local secretaries for the Manual.

As will be seen by the treasurer's report the receipts for December were very small; this means that we shall need an extra amount for January, in order to keep up with our expenses. If those, who have unpaid pledges, shares in Miss Keeney's or Mr. and Mrs. Peterson's support,—or other definite work which they are supporting, will help at this time by sending in a part if not the whole of their pledges, we shall come out all right.

We have been pleased to receive, for the past two months, donations from individuals, locals, and Sunday-schools for the Advent Christian Home and Orphanage. And it has been a real treat to send, at the close of the month, a good, substantial check to the treasurer as a result. We trust that these gifts will continue to increase, and our locals feel more and more that this is a branch of the home work to be regularly helped.

Some of our Sunday-schools have heeded the request for a collection to be taken each month, that has five Sundays, on the fifth Sunday for this work. If your Sunday-school has not done so in the past why not begin this month, and thus take a forward step for 1916?

Friday, Jan. 21, a United Day of Prayer for Missions will be held in the chapel of the Old South Church, Copley Square, Boston, under the auspices of the Interdenominational Committee of Home Missions and the Jubilee Continuation Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies. The morning session will open at ten and the afternoon session at one. We hope all our ladies in the vicinity of Boston, who can do so will plan to attend, for these are seasons of blessing.

BOSTON BIBLE SCHOOL HOME

Since the December report the following gifts have been received at the Home:

Comforter, Hampton, N. H., local; clothes bars, Hartford, Conn., local; three rugs, Dry Brook and Bedell, N. Y., local; box of cranberries, W. E. W. Vaughan; bed linen, Whitman, Mass., local; comforter, Waterbury, Conn., local; box of cranberries, W. E. W. Vaughan; holders, Mrs. L. O. Fowler and Miss Maud Sparks; mincemeat, Mrs. M. A. Foss; canned fruit, Lakeport, N. H., local; potatoes, apples, corn, peas, beets, raisins, prunes, sugar and rice from Melrose Highlands local. For all these supplies the thanks, of those who have the Home in charge, are extended to the donors.

We desire to call especial attention to the supplies that came from Melrose Highlands. When they had the Christmas tree for their Sunday-school, an invitation was given for all those who desired to bring a donation for the Boston Bible School Home, and many responded...
as will be seen by the list of things donated. We are sure that all who did so realized afresh, the truthfulness of the saying, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The things most needed at the home at the present time, are medium sized huck towels. Two or three dozen of these would be none too many to replenish our supply which are almost worn out.

THANKSGIVING AND PETITIONING LIST

"Prayer is the tide for which the vessels wait Ere they can come to port."

In this first thanksgiving list for the year 1916, we have endeavored to select the five most important things we have to be thankful for in connection with our work for 1915. But it has not been an easy task and doubtless there will be those, among our readers, who will not agree with our selection. Truly we have many things to be thankful for all of which are important, and we may show our thankfulness for these many blessings by a more consecrated life to His service.

We are thankful:

That our missionaries, Miss Saunders and Miss Keeney are regaining their health.

That we have been able to send to the field, in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. Peterson, what we have so long desired, a man to have charge of our evangelistic work; and a qualified teacher to have charge of our school work.

That we have lengthened our ropes during the past year, and are having a share in the support of the Advent Christian Home and Orphanage, at Dowling Park, Florida, and have also opened work in two more villages in India.

That, despite the financial stress of the past year, our receipts have been sufficient to meet our regular expenses, pay the transit of our new missionaries and that we are able to enter upon the year 1916 with all bills paid.

That our workers, both in India and at home, have found a higher spiritual plane, and that the tokens are favorable for a rich harvest of souls in our mission.

Let us pray:

That, each of us, individually, may realize the truthfulness of the quotation at the beginning of this list, and swell "the tide" constantly with our prayers.

That we may catch a vision of what the Lord would have us to do, and then do our very best to realize that vision.

That those who have the planning of the work, whether in the general, the state or the local societies, may be led of God in all that they undertake.

That sufficient funds may come in for January to meet the expenses of the month.

That there may be an outpouring of God's Spirit, on our India field, that will lead many who are almost persuaded to yield themselves fully to the Master.

REPORT OF ANNUAL SALE OF OUR THREE MISSION SOCIETIES AT SO. VERNON, VT.

Dec. 15, 1915

Our sale was held just after a heavy snow storm but was well attended and the articles sold amounted to $38.00. It required hard work to prepare and arrange for it, but all interested were helpful and zealous and best of all gratified by the result. This enables us to meet our obligations and a little besides.

Mrs. A. B. Gould, Sec. W. H. F. M.

Mrs. Allie Johnson, Sec. J. W. A.

Miss Gertrude Miller, Sec. Juniors.

THE CHRISTIAN HOME

Jesus Christ was no ascetic. No Christian man has any right to attempt to create saintliness of character by hiding himself from the activities of everyday life. I must live in my home, but that home must have upon it the stamp of the heavens. I must mix among my friends, but my contact with my friends is to be that which will draw them toward God. I very well remember when I was married my father came into my home. We showed him into every room, and then, in his own peculiar way, he said to me:

"Yes, it is very nice; but no one will know walking through here whether you belong to God or the devil."

I went through and looked at the rooms again, and I thought, "He is quite right," and we made up our minds straightway that there should be no room in our house henceforward that had not some message—a picture, a text, or book—for every comer which should tell them that we, at any rate, would serve the King.

It is our privilege to take the home in which we live, all the recreations which we have, and turn them into opportunities for recognizing godliness.—G. Campbell Morgan.

TEACHER’S REPORT

Of Adyar School Supported By Northern Gal.

I PRAISE the Almighty Father, whose kind care towards this school, for many years in this place. Although many difficulties had concerning the school every year, all were removed by His mighty power and His name has been glorified more and more. Children
who attend this school are coming at a distance of a mile. There is a vast casurina plantation at a mile extend round the school, and year by year its growth increased and makes the children hard to come to school, making fear in their mind, which is a great obstacle for regular attendance, especially young children. So in order to avoid their fear every morning I go to their places and bring them along with me. This is my regular duty always. At nine o'clock school commences with prayers and secular and religious lessons are taught according to the curriculum by two teachers, of whom, I am in charge of three classes namely, second, third and fourth classes and the assistant first and the infant classes. Every Sunday morning services and Sunday-school were held in the school according to the scheme given by the International Sunday-school Committee which is highly pleased. Now I am glad to say there is a great change among the school children in their house, these children neither observed the ceremony nor put caste marks on their fore-head, when the celebration takes place, which made the parents angry, sometimes, compelled them, to do; and also Lord's Prayer when they go to bed. There is another instance also occurred last year. There is a temple near the cherry, about a furlong distance from the school. People used to go to that temple often to worship. When they were worshipping, asked their children to prostrate before it, they denied, and mocked at them which made the parents angry, and a report came to me saying, 'Sir, is it for Bible reading we send our children to your school? Neglecting our God? See they mocked at it and denied to worship and moreover by reading your Bible our God has run away from our houses,' was their complaint. In order to avoid their superstition, I visited their houses often after the school hour and had a talk over that subject taking an example from the Bible and made their belief strong on Saviour Jesus Christ. Some received me gladly and some did not. After Miss J. M. Saunders left for America Rev. C. H. Hudson was appointed as a manager over school, who visited us often and encouraged us for its growth. Beginning this year prizes were awarded for regular attendance and special prizes who passed in religious exam by Miss Jones. Every day after the school hour I visited cherry. Some gladly received the word of God. Especially males heard the Gospel and the females were stubborn. By this means one male became a Christian and another is also ready, but his wife being stubborn, matter was postponed till her conversion. He was brought before the Church Board and confessed Christ the Saviour of the world. Moreover a fisherman in another village belonged to high class, came to me often during the night time, as Nicodemus came to Christ heard the Word of God, who became sick and when he was on death bed he confessed his sins, and asked me to pray for him. After his recovery by the grace of God, and his promise that he would take baptism within two months, I have given him a Gospel of Matthew. He reads it and my prayer always is especially that he should become the child of God. May God enlighten the people who are in darkness in that village. Pray for me and for my work.

Yours obediently,

C. A. Sirominy.

CHUTTAN'S PLAN, PLUCK, AND VICTORY

Bishop Frank W. Warne

THERE is nothing more depressing in missionary life than the awful blight on childhood. Here is a story, told by Rev. J. T. Robertson, of Bulandshahr, of how one boy got his chance and won out.

"He was only the son of an outcaste sweeper, the product of a thousand generations of oppression, but somehow he had awakened to the possibility that, sweeper though he was, it might be possible for him to learn, so he began to attend school. This school was our school for Christian children of sweeper Christians at Khurja. The school meets for two hours daily, when the people have leave from work. Even the children have to work, so keen is the struggle for daily bread. The children come up from their scavenger work, eat something, and go to school. When the time is up they go to work again.

"Chuttan did as the rest for months. As he was a non-Christian boy, no one seemed to know much about him except that his parents were rather opposed to Christianity. This went on for over six months, all the while Chuttan making good progress for one studying under such adverse conditions. One night, while eating his food, he astonished the home by saying, 'You may do as you like with me, but I am going to be a Christian.' Upon hearing this, the father tried to exorcise the evil spirit by a severe thrashing, for such he verily believed had taken possession of his son. When a Hindustani parent thrashes for such a purpose, he is merciless. This did not cast out the spirit, so they next tried starvation. This not working, they turned Chuttan out-of-doors, hoping that the consequent suffering would do the work. But as he was a wage-earner, even if on a small scale, Chuttan went on with his work, eating and sleeping as he could, but all the time regularly attending school.

"After a time this condition of things came to the ear of the Indian preacher. He told Chuttan that he might sleep in the school. (This being one of the few places where we have a schoolhouse.) The parents did not relent, so after many months the Padri Sahib baptized Chuttan, giving him the name of Charlie Chuttan. He was now made a ward of the Christian community, which for a sweeper community was not poor. In turn, each family gave this outcaste son of an outcaste his food.
“As time passed on his mother's heart, after the wont of mothers' hearts the wide world round, began to relent, and she too had him in for food. But so low did she deem him to have fallen by becoming a Christian, that low caste though she was, she gave him his food apart. Time wore on, and when she found that being a Christian had not made her son one whit less lovable, she gave him permission to sleep at home. Here by a consistent loving life, he so disarmed opposition that his parents began to study him. So consistent was the life he lived, that before he had been living at home a full year, the momentous decision was made by the family that since being a Christian made such obedience, they would all become Christians. One Sunday night in 1912, when I was there, the family surprised the Christians by all coming to church, headed by Charlie. The father declared their intention of receiving baptism, and so they were put under instruction in the Holy Scriptures, Tamil reading, writing and arithmetic made such obedience, they would all become Christians. One Sunday night in 1912, when I was there, the family surprised the Christians by all coming to church, headed by Charlie. The father declared their intention of receiving baptism, and so they were put under instruction in the Holy Scriptures, Tamil reading, writing and arithmetic made such obedience, they would all become Christians. One Sunday night in 1912, when I was there, the family surprised the Christians by all coming to church, headed by Charlie. The father declared their intention of receiving baptism, and so they were put under instruction in the Holy Scriptures, Tamil reading, writing and arithmetic.

There are thousands of such boys who could be taken to a boarding school if they had a patron.—Selected.

REPORT OF ZENANA WORK DONE BY
Mrs. S. Muttaswami

I WAS employed as a zenana teacher on the 15th of Aug., 1914. During these nine months I have worked in three places—Guindy, Adyar and Velacheri. In Guindy I worked one month, in Adyar two and a half months, and Vilacheri I have worked these six months. I began to keep record of work only from the first of October, 1914.

While in Adyar, ten pupils, old and young, were receiving regular instruction in the Holy Scriptures, Tamil reading, writing and arithmetic and a little ordinary sewing, and the average number of hearers every day was fifteen. This does not include those ten pupils mentioned above.

While here in Vilacheri the number of pupils who have been receiving regular instructions as in Adyar is fifteen and the average number of hearers other than the pupils is twenty-three every day.

I have been working both among the high caste people and among the Panchamas or Pariahs. Both of them receive me very kindly. They hear the word of God without any reluctance and prejudice. They are very fond of hearing Christian songs.

Can we, whose souls are lighted
By wisdom from on high,
Can we to men benighted
The lamp of life deny?
Salvation! Oh, salvation!
The joyful sound proclaim,
Till earth's remotest nation
Has learned Messiah's name.

SEARCHERS

1. Where did forty boys sleep on the schoolroom floor?
2. Who were lost by the Chinese coolies?
3. Where can the sun be seen to set and the moon to rise almost simultaneously?
4. How did a boy get interested in a "job" he disliked?
5. Who said, "You may do as you like with me, but I am going to be a Christian"?

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts for December, 1915
California—Mrs. Joseph Wolfenstetter, $2; Mrs. E. T. Welch, $2; Mrs. A. E. Pinkham, $2; Mrs. O. J. Thatcher, $2; Oakland local, $5.50; Napa local, $10.25; Mrs. F. H. Walker, $2; San Francisco local, $7.50; San Diego local, $10; Los Angeles local, $30; Southern California, $25.
Connecticut and Western Massachusetts—East Norwalk tithing class, $3.21; E. Knox, $5; New Milford local, $7.10; Danbury tithing class, $6.50; Bristol Church, $5; Westfield local, $5.00; Samuel Bannell, $10; Martha J. Bannell, $5; Wallingford Dorcas Society, $2; Hartford local, $13.75; M. Adeline Tiffany, $10; Mrs. F. A. Burnham, $5.
Florida—E. M. Lake, $1; Mrs. A. E. Ives, $5.04.
Iowa—Hazel Grove S. S., $10; a friend, $15.
Kansas—Martha Lovelace, 75 cts.
Maine—Oxford local, $1; M. E. Stanley, $3; Advent Christian Church, Sabbath, $4.25; Anburn L. W., $13; A. G. and M. Z. Cook, $2; W. H. Gould, $1; Mrs. Chas. Jackson, $1; Mrs. Kermi Hanks, $1; Mary F. Crane, $1; a friend, $1; Portland local, $3; Mrs. Lizzie Archbald, $1; O. R. Jones, $4; B. P. Emery, 75 cts.
Massachusetts—Mary A. Hubert, $1.75; H. E. Thompson, $5; A. F. A. Waters, $1.30; Luella Dunham, 5 cts.; Mrs. banker, $2; Bostom local, $15; Melrose Highlands Juniors, $6.10; Full River local, $2; C. W. Burlingame, $5; Naomi B. Pinkul, $2; Melrose Highlands local, 50 cts.; Mrs. Hattie Young, $2; Melrose Highlands S. S., $2.33; Clayton T. Spooner, $1; Class No. 3; Boston S. S., $3.36; Ursila M. Marshall, $5; Lynn Church, $2.90; No. Carver local, $5.50; North Carver Juniors, $1.50; Middleboro local, $1.50; Augustus White, $10; Lawrence Woman's Mission Society, $10; Whitman local, $6.75; Class No. 8, Boston S. S., $1; Rose Tenney, $1; Alice Howarth, 75 cts.; Elder Alba Bellows, $4.
New Brunswick—Woodstock local, $15.
New Hampshire—Northwood Narrows S. S., $6.58; Northwood Narrows local, $1.50; Thomas Hall, $1; Northwood Narrows Y. P. A., $2.75; W. M. Watson, $1; Dover Church, $2; Hampton Church, $10.04; Dover local, $2.
New York—Schenectady local, $1; Mrs. E. M. Van Dyke, $1; Miss Ella Scott, $1; Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Hernandez, $2.50.
Ontario—Mrs. G. R. Day, $1; Toronto local, $5.
Oregon and Eastern Washington—Hood River local, $5.
Pennsylvania—Rev. and Mrs. Barr Eggleston, $5; Quebec and Northern Vermont—Mrs. B. L. MacRitchie, $3; Newbury Church, $5; Newbury Junior Mission Society, $3.
Rhode Island and Eastern Conn.—Hattie B. Fox, $5; Providence local, $1; Peacedale Mission Society, $3; Fannie Colwell Hazard, 25 cts.; Sprague Whipple Hazard, 25 cts.; Mrs. Phoebe J. Burch, 75 cts.
Saskatchewan—H. H. Snow, $10.
Vermont—Rutland S. S., $7.50; South Vernon Junior Mission Society, $7.50; South Vernon Y. W. A., $7; South Vernon local, $15.
Wisconsin—Baraboo Church, $6; General Western Loyal Workers, $20; Rent, $24.55; All Nations' subscriptions, $14.40; sales, $21.72. Total receipts for month, $567.95.
Maudie M. Chadsey, Treasurer.
"A PROFESSIONAL YARD CLEANER"

WHEN Dick came home from the Sunbeam Band one bright Sunday afternoon, he was "grumpy," as his sister Marie expressed it.

His face was all twisted up into a frown instead of a smile, and he looked anything but a sunbeam.

"Why, dear me, what's the matter with Dick?" his mother exclaimed when she saw him.

"Matter enough! Just look what Miss Nora gave us to put our money in," said Dick, showing her a tiny United States mail box to drop stray pennies in. "And where are any pennies to come from, I'd like to know; I'm in school all day, and then I can't do anything like girls can—sell candy and stuff like that. I'll just drop out of the Sunbeam Band, that's all."

Mama looked serious, for indeed Dick had tried to earn extra pennies and had found it hard. There seemed few things for a boy of his age to do. And yet it would never do for him to leave the Sunbeam Band. What grief it would cause Miss Nora, who was so patient and kind.

"I have one little job I would like done, but it isn't one you like to do," his mother said at last. "My back yard needs a general cleaning. Will you clean it for me?"

Now if there was anything that Dick hated to do it was to clean a yard. Nothing seemed so tiresome as to go about raking up piles of trash and picking up pieces of paper.

He was about to say that he didn't think he would have time for a job of that kind, when something Miss Nora had said that afternoon came to him.

"You may not find a pleasant way every time to earn the money for missions. But you should do it all the same."

"I'll do it, mother," Dick said, hastily; as if he were afraid he would change his mind.

"Why not be a professional yard cleaner, making a sort of business of it on Saturdays; hang up a sign to let people know you are willing to do that sort of work?" suggested his mother.

Now Dick liked this. He liked business-like ways, and the idea of a sign reading, "Dick Ellis, Professional Yard Cleaner," pleased him. He would get it up in his best style, and he had a little wagon that would make the work easier.

By the next Saturday the sign hung bravely on the side of the yard and many passers-by stopped to read and smiled as they went on.

"I thought Dick was too much of a dandy to clean anyone's yard, even his mother's," one neighbor said. "I'll call on him to put mine to rights next week."

And she did, and so did several others. In fact, Dick had to employ a helper very soon; it seemed that yard cleaning was not a popular occupation by any means.

Dick looked very important with his overalls on and his tools slung over his shoulder. He found time to do little jobs now and then after school, and the outdoor air was good for him—much better than sitting about the fire reading a book, as he had done so many afternoons.

And how interested he became each week in counting up his savings! He had never before realized how pennies soon make dimes and that work of any kind if well done is pleasant.

The whole street on which he lived took on a different appearance. Tin cans were rarely seen in the back yard and house-keepers began to plan for more vines and flowers when springtime came, since Dick promised to put the flower beds in order.

"How did we ever get along in our town without a 'professional yard cleaner'?") one lady said to him one day; "every town needs one."

And Dick was pleased, for he had solved the problem of earning all his mission money, and learned that to be busy in useful employment is to be happy and contented, whatever the work may be.—Little Christian.

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