THEIR LITTLE CHILDREN

R. L. PETERSON

DURING the completion of digging a well at one of our village schools the promise was made to give to each one who would come and help dig the dirt or draw the water, a meal of boiled rice and vegetable curry but no wages were to be given, as the well, when completed, was to be for the use of the people in the village, they having none of their own.

Forty-five men and women, large boys and girls came. They made two ladders of bamboos and the fibre of the palm leaf stem. These ladders extended from the top to the bottom of the well, one on either side. The men and boys took their places on the ladders, or at the bottom of the well, while the women and girls stood in line near the top, forming an endless chain, passing the baskets for the mud, and the earthen pots for the water, down one ladder and up the other, emptying each as they came up. They were not a very clean-looking lot when work had been going on a few minutes, as the water dripped from the mud in the baskets all over their heads and almost naked bodies, as they handed the pots and baskets up and down from one to another on the ladders. Yet they laughed as they worked from nine o'clock in the morning until five in the afternoon, with no stop for noon refreshments.

When the work was finished each one cleaned up as best they could and then formed in line in the schoolhouse. A generous portion of cooked rice on a leaf plate and curry in an earthen pot or cup was given to each helper. They were asked to be quiet while grace was said, and they behaved very well, seeing it was their first experience at such a procedure. After grace I asked them if they would sit down and I would eat some rice and curry and fellowship with them, to which their leader, an elderly man replied: "Please, sir, we have little children in our houses and must share with them; do not feel offended if we take this food home and eat it there."
Gladly did I give them permission and many were the expressions of gratitude as they went home to share with others what to them was a great—yes, a veritable feast!

A measure of rice was then selling at what would be a day’s wages for a man. And there would be five helpings of rice for grown up folks in one measure. A meal for five, for one day’s wages! At such a price the poorer classes must live on the cheaper grains and even starve at times when work is not to be had. At present three measures of rice are sold for a rupee. A measure is a little more than a quart, and a rupee about thirty-five cents in American figures. A day’s wages for the common villager is from ten to twelve cents. Such is the economic condition of the poorer classes among whom we labor.

Two years ago rice was one-half this price and wages the same as now. Of course they complain, who wouldn’t under such circumstances? Yet they have not lost the finer traits of character under their hard lot, as the above incident shows. And it is to help rectify these conditions that we teach their children, encourage thrift and give various help to the parents. And through it all we seek to reach their hearts with the Gospel of more abundant life here and hereafter through Jesus Christ our Lord, who invites not parents only, but also their children to where “they shall not hunger nor thirst. . . . even by the springs of water shall he guide them” (Isa. 49: 10).

Guindy, India, February, 1919.

VELACHERI NEWS
C. H. HUDSON

I wonder if you care to have a monthly letter giving you a few notes of interest regarding the work here? There may be months when such a letter will be noted for its brevity, perhaps, and to find something to write about every month that will be really interesting will require a more fertile brain than mine; but if this monthly letter proves interesting, some one will perhaps say so, and that will stimulate us to do our part and look for the little things that will be of interest to you though commonplace to us.

Things do not as a rule move very rapidly in India. The “East” is somewhat reluctant to being hustled, but it is possible to “get a move on” when occasion demands it. Being agreed on this every one has moved fairly rapidly this month. The foundation for the boys’ dormitory has been dug to a depth of three feet and filled in with concrete. The brick work will be commenced in a day or two. The bricks are now being hauled onto the site, and also the lime for mortar. In these parts we use seashells for our lime; these are collected and burned in kilns, being very rich in carbonate of lime. They make a very powerful cementing material. This mortar is rather expensive material for general use, so we use it only in the foundations and outside walls, and mud on the inside. The mud in this locality has great tensile strength, and when dry is almost as strong as the lime mortar.

The boys are very much elated over the prospect of having a home of their own in the near future, and are quite willing to exert themselves in order that the building may grow. We shall not be able to do all of the construction work on this building as we expected to do, the brick work must be given out to contract, as so many of our big boys have gone out into the world, and the little fellows who have taken their places have had little practice in this kind of work. Still they are busy on the making of the doors and window frames. This, with their regular duties, will keep them from being idle.

The building of the Booth Memorial Church is making good progress. The door and window frames have been set in the brick work, and if nothing hinders it will be ready for the roof early next month. How thankful we will be, for a place to worship, in Velacheri. For many years now we have been compelled to hold our services in the schoolroom in which the boys attend school, sleep, worship, and, during the rainy season, must needs dine as well; consequently it would seem at times as though they hardly knew what they were there for. That atmosphere which is such an important factor in turning one’s thoughts Godward is very difficult to obtain.

“All work and no play” applies equally to the Indian boy as to the American lad. Saturday last was “Old Boys’ Day.” Velacheri old boys were invited to come and spend the afternoon with us. A short service, tea and a program of sports were prepared. While very few of our old boys were able to attend, a good number responded by letter. From the report read we gathered that three of our boys had died. One was Manikam, from influenza, who was supported by Grace Porter of Bridgeport, Conn., a very noble and promising young man. Three are with the army in Mesopotamia, and others are scattered abroad working in various capacities as clerks, teachers, carpenters, printers, motor drivers and house servants. As far as we know all are filling honorable positions and all with one exception, we believe are living Christian lives. I am confident that God does bless the work of caring for the widow and the orphan, and while we are indeed thankful for the ninety and nine, join with us in praying for the one out of the fold.

While I write a little lizard runs over the paper and on my arm, making a supper from the numerous insects that are attracted by the light. I am very grateful to him for the attention and I think he knows it. I wish he would bring his friends, for the insects are numerous.
April, 1919

Our weather is unseasonably warm for this time of year. Cholera and plague are epidemic around us. Food is scarce and many are ill-nourished and of low vitality, consequently ill able to withstand the ravages of the disease. Thank God that all on our compound are provided with three meals every day, and are able to keep in good health. Thank God, also, that the war is over, and we trust that conditions will soon improve, but we long most of all for the coming of the King.

Velacheri, Jan. 29.

SOME OF THE FAMINE CONDITIONS IN INDIA

The following pen picture from an article in the Christian Herald by an eye witness, Miss Marie L. Gauthey, makes things very real:

"Let me try to describe to you the daily, I might say hourly, scenes around our bungalow, from before dawn until late at night: Before the light of day one hears coughing. It is a small group from a village five miles away. The men no longer walk upright. They totter with the aid of a stick. Their bodies are barely covered with ragged shirts, their eyes sunken, until the sockets seem as big as saucers. Their limbs are merely bones up to their hips. What have they come for? One hates to ask them what they have come for. The answer is given you in their appearance. 'Nothing to eat, we cannot work!' are their only words. These are Christians of two years' standing, who, for Christ's sake, gave up all connections with their heathen relatives and with idolatry. These have suffered much.

"Next comes another delegation: A mother, widow, she has four children. The little ones have skinny limbs and big stomachs and sunken eyes. The mother's eyes are red from crying. The widow's lot—nothing left but debts, and little ones to bring up. No work to do, no work in the fields, no work in the towns. 'What is to become of us?' she asks. 'You must help us. My husband was good to me. We were both received into the church; our children are all yours. Now give me a garment and take my shals. What would we think of paying 88 cents per gallon for rice for five people? We are thankful for the money in this issue you will realize something of how the famine is affecting our workers and Christians.

Conditions in our section of the country are not so extreme as those described above, for the famine conditions are worse in Northern and Western India; but where, oh, where are the missionaries to get funds to do all these extras outside of the regular budget? The orphans in the existing schools are already receiving a little less food than usual. The high prices demand a reduction in some way. There are no funds to be stretched out from these institutions. So one goes over all the accounts and finds no money to feed and clothe the large crowds outside. Yet they come."

Conditions in our section of the country are not so extreme as those described above, for the famine conditions are worse in Northern and Western India; but by carefully reading the missionaries' articles in this issue you will realize something of how the famine is affecting our workers and Christians. What would we think of paying 88 cents per gallon for kerosene oil, or a day's wages for a serving of rice for five people? We are thankful for the money that has been sent for famine relief, and we must continue to send extra each month until conditions are better.
In this issue will be found an article, "Teaching English," from the pen of Miss Marie O'Loughlin, who has had charge of our school at Guindy for the past fifteen months. In a recent letter one of the missionaries wrote: "Miss O'Loughlin is not one whit less interested in the success of our work here than the missionaries are." We feel that we have been very fortunate in securing the services of this well qualified teacher, and hope that we may often have an article from her pen for publication.

Evidently our readers felt that Bro. Hudson should have a Ford, for $180 has been sent in toward the $250 needed, and we are confident there are seven more who will give ten dollars each, or enough who will give smaller amounts, to make up the balance. If you cannot send $10, send what you can. Every dollar counts.

Several times recently letters have been sent to the office to be forwarded to our missionaries, as the writers were not sure of the correct address. We are always glad to forward these letters, but feel that the addresses of our missionaries should be known to all our readers; therefore, we have placed them on page four, below the names of the executive board, and they will appear there each month in the future.

It looks now as though we might be able to send a box to India via the Atlantic in September; and as it has been four years since we sent one from the East, it should be a good one. If any of the locals have garments on hand, or cloth to make the same, be sure and send them to 5 Whiting St. before Sept. 1. Thread, cloth, garments, school supplies, Sunday-school cards, picture rolls, needles, canned goods and soap are among the things most needed. A letter from one of the missionaries, asking for two mercerized tablecloths, two and one-fourth yards in length, and two dozen mercerized napkins to be sent and charged to her account, will give us an idea of what would make suitable gifts for the missionaries.

There is a suggestion from Morrisville, Vt., local which could be made use of by other locals. "For several years our society has arranged a picnic dinner at our house (G. L. Prior's) on March meeting day. Today fifty-five were served and we received $5 for the famine fund in freewill offerings. It means work, but we all enjoy it."

Is It Too Small?

Our readers will notice that this issue is printed in smaller type than usual. The reason for the change is that we are thus enabled to give more reading matter. However, if the readers find it too small to read easily, please write us about it, and we will change to the larger type again.

Massachusetts Eastern District Meeting

The semi-annual meeting of Massachusetts Eastern District will be held with the local at Marblehead in the Marblehead Advent Christian Hall, Wednesday afternoon, April 30, commencing at 2 o'clock. A fine program is being prepared and a good attendance is expected.

Flora G. Churchill, Pres.

Thanksgiving and Petitioning List

We are thankful:
For the three new societies reported this month.
For the good progress reported on the church and Bible school buildings at Velacherie.
For the famine relief gifts.
For the $180 for Bro. Hudson's Ford.
For the good income for the month.
For the fact that none of our missionaries were stricken in the cholera epidemic.

Let us pray:
That 500 souls may be gathered for the Master during the year.
That the balance for the Ford may speedily be received.
That the missionaries and workers may have sufficient to meet all their needs.
That we may have a good income for April.
That food conditions may improve in India.
NEW ENGLAND SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
HOME DEPARTMENT

IN our January and February issues we mentioned the need of twelve pairs of sash curtains, thirty-five inches in length when finished. This month we are pleased to report that six pairs have been promised. May we not hear from other locals or individuals who will give one or more pairs of the remaining six needed?

The gifts received by the matron since last report have been two boxes containing groceries, canned goods, celery, butter, etc., from the Sharon, Ct., A. C. Church; eight quarts mince meat, A. J. Lang; two pounds soda, Louise H. Kinsman. For all of which the thanks of the home are extended. We have also learned that the carefully packed barrel received in December from Middleboro was the gift of the A. C. Church of that place, and that the careful packer was the pastor.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE RHODE ISLAND AND EASTERN CONNECTICUT LOCALS

THE seventeenth annual meeting of the W. H. & F. M. Society was held in the A. C. Church, Providence, March 27, 1919. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Bertha Bemis, at 1.30 p.m. After singing and the reading of a Psalm by the president, prayer was offered by Mrs. William Durfee of Oaklawn. The president gave us as the motto for our locals the coming year, "Wait on the Lord." The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and accepted. Reports of five locals and one Y. W. A. were read and accepted.

The treasurer, Miss Pierce, gave a report of what had been raised in R. I. and E. Conn. the past year, amounting to over one thousand dollars. The president extended greetings to the new local organized in Putnam, to which the local secretary, Mrs. Ada Nichols, responded. Mrs. Clarence Hewitt read a report of the Terampur School, which is supported by the R. I. and Eastern Conn. societies. Miss Jessie Nichols offered prayer for the school. A letter from Miss Jess Saunders of India was read by the secretary. The chair appointed as tellers Mrs. Nettie Holland of Rocky Brook, and Mrs. Lula Sherman of Lafayette. The following officers were then elected: President, Mrs. Bertha S. H. Bemis; vice-president, Mrs. Edna B. Smith; secretary, Mrs. Hannah M. Thomas; treasurer, Miss Gussie M. Pierce; superintendent, Y. W. A. and Junior work, Miss Gussie M. Pierce. Voted to adjourn.

Meeting called to order by the president at 3.15. After singing, Mrs. Hewitt of Providence read the Scripture, followed by prayer by Miss Dennis. Mrs. Gritman of Providence sang a solo, and the speaker of the afternoon, Mrs. Edna B. Smith of Lafayette, was introduced. Her subject was "Three Lessons from the Story of Jesus Traveling Through Samaria." First, the place Jesus gave in his ministry to individual work. Second, Jesus gives a right view of God's truth to one whose religious ideas were confused. Third, Jesus gives the vision of the harvest field.

After the address and singing, pledges were taken for the support of the school at Terampur. The president said she used to think she should apologize when asking for money for missions; now she felt the people ought to thank her for affording them the opportunity to give. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Bemis, benediction by Rev. H. W. Hewitt of Providence.

(MRS.) HANNAH M. THOMAS, Sec.

A PLEASANT GATHERING

THE W. H. and F. M. Society of Worcester, Mass., were entertained by Mrs. W. K. Brooks, at her home, afternoon and evening of February 28, about seventy being present. A business meeting in the afternoon presided over by the president, Mrs. E. J. Lothrop, attended to the routine business of the society.

A chop suey supper was served with the assistance of the Young Woman's Auxiliary. Special guests were Dr. and Mrs. Charles Powell, from Chao Hsien, China. The evening program was in charge of Mr. E. W. Ward and opened with singing "Faith of Our Fathers," followed by Scripture reading Philippians 4, with comments by S. W. Lincoln. Pray was offered by the pastor, Rev. I. M. Blanchard, followed by reading from current events by W. K. Brooks, his subject being "Plains to Flood China with Liquor." Miles Blanchard spoke about the many different nationalities in the United States.

The address given by Dr. Charles Powell, on "How They Live in China," was listened to with great interest. The meeting closed with a selection given by a male quartet, after which an informal good time was enjoyed.

MARY A. SIBLEY, Sec.

TEACHING ENGLISH

MARIE O'LOUGHLIN

TEACHING English to Indian children is not always an inspiring occupation. But when one has a class of children of the type we have here in Madras, most of them just as curious and eager as they can be to learn the language which they, even among the very small ones, look upon as a magic key which will unlock the door into a world larger and wider and more beautiful than their own, why, the joy of teaching them how to use this key sweeps away every difficulty.

I enjoy my lessons most with the babies. The kindergarten room is separate from the other school.
building, and as I walk across the playground I can see little faces crowding excitedly to the windows, and as hurriedly removing themselves as they see me coming, and a loud whisper goes round, "English teacher vrrurugirai (is coming)." A shrill "Good morning, madam," greets my entrance, and as I meet their bright eyes and eager, expectant looks I often feel humbled down to the very ground at the sense of my responsibility and my utter unworthiness.

A new child's presence is generally made conspicuous by an uncertain whimper, especially if she happens to be a little village girl who has not been to school and has seldom seen a white face before. But it is not long before she shyly puts her hand into mine or surreptitiously touches my dress with her hand. It takes very little to win the love of most of our little Indian children.

I wish you could hear them holding forth on a picture I have hung up on the blackboard! "Children, what do you see in this picture?" I ask. "I see a little boy." "I see a big dog." "I see a—a—nalkali" (English word "chair" forgotten). There is a stir of excitement among those who remember and disdainfully superior glances are cast at the forgetful one, while little brown hands wiggle and wave in the air. "Sironomic, what is this?" "That ish a—cher" (with great emphasis). "Not cher, Sironomic, chair." Sironomic gravely proceeds to the other extreme and pronounces it "chay-er" this time. I have to stop and laugh at the earnest little faces, as with indrawn breath which they suddenly emit with a sound resembling the fizzing of aerated waters, they endeavor to pronounce the word which is the source of so much "pushsum" (trouble).

One day I had a talk with all the children and teachers about the great world war. I spoke in English, while the headmaster, Mr. Ponneeswani, translated. Knowing that I could not attempt much with the babies, I contented myself with getting them to repeat the name "bologathy chundee" (world war). This they did four or five times, and then I asked Lillie, a six-year-old, what the war was called. Lillie stood up and declaimed at the top of her voice, "moologhay cheddie," which in English means chillie plant. After the laughter had subsided, inquiry elicited that Lillie's garden plot contained nothing but chillie plants, which she tended with great assiduity, as she thinks chillies taste quite good in curry. The slight similarity in the pronunciation of the two Tamil names had convinced her that we were evidently talking of her beloved plants.

Bakiam (Happiness) stands up to recite, "Down by the river, where the clear pools shine." She is a dainty little maiden with silver anklets on her feet, and she swings to and fro as she softly chants, "Down by the ree-ver, where dear fools shine."

Anbai (Ruth), our child widow, is fifteen years old, and looks more. Dorcal is seven and looks less. Anbai is in the second standard and Dorcal in the third. I ask the third standard girls to put questions, in English, to the second standard girls. Of course, Dorcal, who, I believe, has a big bump of humor somewhere in her little round head, feels she must ask Anbai, and there they stand—Dignity and Impudence. Dorcal looks right up into Anbai's face and asks her, "Anbai, what is this?" (pointing to a picture on the wall). Anbai looks down from her superior height and answers, "That is a pischer." Poor Anbai is very deaf, due to a severe attack of smallpox in her poor, neglected childhood, and consequently she has much difficulty in pronouncing some words, even in Tamil. But oh! how she does want to learn and advance herself, and we are striving to encourage her in this, because with mental enlightenment usually comes a desire for spiritual advance, which ought to be a sufficiently convincing answer to those here in India who very often criticise the missionary for educating the Indian.

Anbai has also had the lobes of her ears pierced, probably when she was quite a baby, and circular wheel-shaped ornaments (which have since been removed) fitted into the holes, with the result that the rims of her lobes hang down almost to her shoulders now. This is a great trial to poor Anbai, who, being deaf is thereby rendered even more sensitive, and of course it is impossible for us always to shield her from the merciless comment and pointing finger of thoughtless childhood, for children are children all the world over. But sometimes Anbai finds sweet compensation for her disfigurement. The "Chinnah dhorai" smiled at her. Perhaps her ears pleased him. The "Chinnah dhorai" is no less a personage than Master John Lawrence Peterson, and he crows and coos and gurgles at most of the girls, being the sociable and friendly baby he is. But Anbai's heart beats high with pleasure when she meets his smile. He does not make fun and her ears have pleased him, for he smiled at her, and so Anbai shakes her head and dangles her ears in front of him and is comforted, for is she not learning the lesson of losing herself in the service for others?

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JOTTINGS FROM GUINDY

J M. SAUNDERS

THE mails are coming from England every week now (this was written Feb. 24), and it certainly does seem good to have a regular mail from home again.

Kerosene oil costs $3.50 for four gallons, and is hard to obtain at that price. Mr. Peterson has secured a permit from the district magistrate which enables him to buy and sell, and this has helped us to secure what we need. The price of rice is going up every month.

Bombay is having a bad siege of cholera. As many as thirty-one deaths in one day have been reported. That city seems to be fated; it has just come through the "flu" with a terrible death toll.
HOW DOES MASSACHUSETTS STAND ON MISS SAUNDERS’ SALARY

The above question has been asked several times lately, and as the fiscal year for Massachusetts ends May 31, and none of the workers wish to have it close with Miss Saunders’ salary unpaid, we are giving the figures in this issue. Her salary is $400 a year, $327.95 has been received, leaving $72.05 to come in before the end of May.

NEW LOCAL
Edinboro, Pa.—President, Mrs. Elwin Perry; vice-president, Mrs. Carson Goodrich; secretary, Mrs. E. B. Hayes; treasurer, Mrs. Fred LeSuer.

TREASURER’S REPORT
RECEIPTS FOR MARCH, 1919
California—Mrs. Homer A. King, $5; Pilgrim S. S., Oakland, for H. W. Bowman, scholarship, $12; Total, $62.65; Los Angeles Church, $25; Sister Bowman, $1; A. H. Davis, $5; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kerlin, $5; Pasadena local, $16; Los Angeles Junior Mission Society, $3.60; Emily A. Brundage, $33.50; First Church, as follows: J. W. Evans, $12; J. N. Endecott, $12; C. E. Wilson, $5; total, $29. Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Davis, $15; G. S., $5.
Connecticut and Western Massachusetts—From Bridgeport, for Mrs. G. S. Lyons, $1, dues 50 cts. total, $1.50; Mrs. Geo. H. Stone, $5; East Norwalk tithing class, $16.87; Theresa Hoyt, $2; Jennie Birchard, $1.50; Mrs. D. G. Byars, $5; Harriet A. Weaver, $10; E. M. G., $10; Mae Kiblin, $2; C. Bond, $5; Wallingford local, $250; Springfield local, $35.
Florida—V. F. Simmons, $3; Gainsville local, $15.
Maine—Mrs. R. J. Bickford, $1.50; Mary F. Crane, $2; C. E. Jackson, $5; Auburn Church, $10.10; Eld. J. F. Olothey, $6; Mabel A. Mitchell, $1; Angie Tubbs, 65 cts.; Fira Tubbs, $2; Belle Jordan, 50 cts.; Portland local, $17; Retta A. Glover, $6; W. R. Butters, $6; Ruth A. Norton, $1; Crouseville Church, $37.49; Auburn L. W.’s, $10; Auburn local, $6.
Massachusetts—Mrs. S. A. Piper, 50 cts.; Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Caldwell, $10; Nellie M. Caldwell, $5; Fall River local, $13; Elder and Mrs. E. W. Smith, $1; Emmett Carter, $1; Worcester local, $41; North Carver local, $13; Brockton local, $29.50; Lowell local, $8; Lulu Woodman, $5; Plymouth local, $5; Stillman Sampson, $3; a friend, $6; Boston local, $18; Mrs. A. M. Thompson, $5; Grace L. Reynolds, $6; Patience Sanford, $10; T. H. Smith, $5.25; Mishaw class, Somerville S. S., $3.75; Lynn local, $7.52; Henry H. Robbins, $5; R. F. C., $2; Class 5, Boston S. S., $1.12; Boston S. S., $15; Mrs. M. F. Peters, $1; Eva L. Osborne, 65 cents; A. J. Walker, $10; Margaret M. Greenlaw, $10; Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Robbins, $10; The Lois Associates, Somerville S. S., $10; New Bedford, $26.50; New Bedford Church, $4.39; Anna F. Dewsnup, $5; Naomi Caldwell, $4; Melrose Highlands S. S., $10; Melrose Highlands L. W.’s, $15; Melrose Highlands Church, $19.54; Melrose Highlands local, $2; M. L. Cunningham, $10; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hobill, $50 Liberty bond; West Wareham Y. W. A., $4.50; Somerville local, $50; Fiskdale local, $2.50; Willing Workers, Ansonia S. S., $3.75; Archbishop S. S., $1.65; Mrs. M. Chadsey, $10; Laura E. Alley, $2; treasurer of Southern District, $2.08; F. A. Waters, $1; a friend, $5.
Minnesota—Annandale S. S., $12.60.
Missouri—A friend, $2.
New Brunswick—Woodstock local, as follows: Mrs. Louise Harmon, $8; local treasury, $12; total, $15.
New Hampshire—Grace E. Emerson, $10; Loudon Ridge S. S., $7; Junior class, Lakeport S. S., $3.75; Portsmouth L. W.’s, $9; Meredith S. S., $2.11; a friend, $10; Dow and Sweetser, $5; Mrs. E. Henshaw, $10; Northwood Narrows S. S., $2.50; East Rochester Missionary Society, $10; “True Blues,” Portsmouth S. S., $5; Portsmouth local, $18.50; Portsmouth Y. W. A., $5; J. N. Endecott, $15; Rocko war stamps, $10; A. Kirby, $1; Bethel Advent Christian S. S., Manchester, $11.25; Manchester local as follows: local treasury, $10; Eld. L. J. Curter, $12.50; total, $22.50; William Marshall, $2; Mrs. Ernest Carpenter, 50 cts.; Pittsfield S. S., $2.22; Meredith S. S., $3.09; Mrs. N. L. Faulkingham, $1.
New York—Emma P. Greenlaw, $5; Hoosick local, $6; E. M. Van Dyke, $2; Mrs. G. E. Graham, $1; Schenectady local, $1; Esther A. Bogart, $5; Rochester S. S., $15; Stockholm S. S., $2.50.
North Carolina—W. M. Cummings, $15.
Ohio—F. E. Benson, $7.50.
Ontario—Toronto local, $5; Toronto Boys’ Mission Club, $5.
Oregon and Eastern Washington—Roxana Loring, $5.65; Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Bulins, $6.
Quebec and Northern Vermont—Ina P. Hartshorn, $10; St. Johnsbury local, 20 cts.; Morrisville local, $5; Mrs. H. Vaudry, $5; Newbury-Free Christian Church, $3.75; Mrs. G. H. Sharon, $1; Beebe local, $9.
Rhode Island and Eastern Connecticut—Florence Jewell, $1; Mary E. Muir, $5; Putnam local, $15.50; Escoheag local, $9; Celia F. Langworthy, $2; Mrs. Frank Spencer, 65 cts.; E. M. Spencer, $15; Rocky Brook local, $3; Florence Moulton, $5; Mary Drew, $1; Mrs. E. C. Drew, $1; Mrs. B. D. Sweet, $2; Mrs. A. Cobb, $1; Elder and Mrs. Durfee, $2; Addie Fox, $1; Providence local, $15; Providence Y. W. A., 25 cts.
South Carolina—Nina Mae Kelly’s nite box, $1; Luther A. Moore, $1.65.
Vermont—Brattleboro local, $7.50; Mr. and Mrs. Orza Boyce, $25; Waterbury local, $9.50; Brattleboro Y. W. A., $3; Emily J. Inman, $2; Elder and Mrs. E. W. Iyer, $3.
Western Washington and British Columbia—Mrs. E. Bissell, 30 cts.; Dr. George E. Boynton, $200.
Wisconsin—Magnolia Church, $1.25.
Rent, $56.25; sales, $88.80; and General Helpers Union, $18; refund on transit, $30.60; ALL NATIONS subscriptions, $78.78; total receipts, $1666.
S. O. S. AND FAMINE RELIEF FUND
Previously reported ........................................ $1,371.07
Received during March .................................. 188.99
Total received ........................................... $1,551.06
Maud M. Chadsey, Treas.

CONDITIONAL GIFTS

Our society is ready and glad to receive any such gifts. That is, if anyone has $100 or more, which they wish the mission society to have after their decease, instead of leaving it to the society in their will, they give the society the money now, receive a good rate of interest on it during their lifetime, and upon their decease the money becomes the property of the mission society without any delay or expense for administration. Several have already made such gifts; and we shall be glad to correspond with anyone who may desire to do so, or who desires more information regarding the plan.

April, 1919

ALL NATIONS MONTHLY
MIRACLES OF GRACE

ELDER E. E. ROGERS

Have you seen the water lily
On the surface of the lake,
Pure as morning dew of summer,
White as winter's snowy flake?

Whence doth come the growth of lily?
Ah! my brother, you should know
That the pure and white-robed lily
Springs from slimy depths below.

Let this be for you a lesson,
If for Jesus you would win
Some despised, forsaken outcast
From the depths of shame and sin.

Down in to the lowest slum-depths
Do not hesitate to go,
Where the Christ has gone before you
With a love you ought to know.

Grace can change the vilest sinner,
Grace can deepest stain efface;
We can have the modern wonder—
Mighty miracles of grace:
We must not despair of any,
While the Saviour waits to save;
Jesus saves from sin, and Jesus
Ransoms also from the grave.

HELPFUL HINTS FROM THE Y. W. A.'S

A SPECIAL feature of the annual meeting of the Lynn (Mass.) Y. W. A. was the supper preceding our business session. Each member, after the committee had planned the menu, were told to bring something, and a charge of twenty cents for the supper was made. In this way we made a neat sum to add to our treasury.

The Boston (Mass.) Y. W. A. had a “Dollar Nite” recently. One month before the meeting each member was asked to earn a dollar for the work to be brought at the next monthly meeting, accompanied by the story of how it was earned in rhyme. The Treasurer reports $24 as the amount received, and the stories of how this was earned furnished a splendid entertainment for the evening.

The new Y. W. A. at Portsmouth, N. H., have been busy making candy, and report some $14 gained; and a sweet, sticky time making it.

The Live Oak (Fla.) Y. W. A. recently entertained about some thirty-five of their friends at the home of Bro. and Sister Bixler, and enjoyed a pleasant and profitable hour.

The Worcester (Mass.) Y. W. A., having been asked to take charge of the Loyal Workers' meeting on a recent Sunday evening, invited the President of the general society to speak regarding the famine conditions in India; and as a result received a generous collection for the famine fund.

TEACHING THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

ZELLA A. PETERSON

A FEW Sundays ago we had for our Sunday-school lesson, the story of Joseph forgiving his brothers. In reviewing we thought to plant the seed of “forgiveness” in the hearts of these little Indian children, a lesson very hard for them to learn. We gave, as we thought, a “practical” illustration, with what results you may decide for yourselves.

"If one of the children should, for instance, call one of you a bad name, would it be right for you to pull her hair in return?" "No, Ama." "Why?"

"Because it would give her a headache, Ama," one of the little ones piped up, in all seriousness.

NEW SOCIETIES

Y. W. A., Brattleboro, Vt.—Mrs. George DeWitt, secretary-treasurer.

NEW JUNIOR SOCIETY

Los Angeles, Cal.—President, Elizabeth Peachy; vice-president, Frankie Wilkes; secretary, Elsie Thompson; treasurer, Franklin Alexander.

CRADLE ROLL

Allen Gurney Osborne, Oct. 12, 1918, West Medway, Mass.