India Field Report for Year 1901-2.

What Has Been Accomplished During the Past Year by the Woman’s Home and Foreign Mission Society.

OUR working year has come to a close and with it comes the report of the work done in India with all its encouragements and discouragements, its victories and failures, the things attempted and the amount accomplished.

In the report 1900-1901 we closed with two schools, our Ransom Home Orphanage with 12 children, and one English worker. In the report 1901-1902 we close with eight schools, two orphan homes and three English [and American] workers besides the other native workers which we employ. We consider with grateful hearts all the great things God hath done for us in the past year. One thing to be reported, and not the least, is the acquisition during the past year of “our own” mission Bungalow (or house). We have a bright commodious house into which God’s glorious sunshine pours every day. This has greatly added to our personal comfort and is a valuable property.

Mission Station of the Woman’s Home and Foreign Society, Guinda, India.

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INDIA FIELD REPORT
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LOCALITIES OF WORK.
Bangalore, Velacheri, Guindy, Guindy Village, Adyar and Jeldenpett.

WORKERS.
Capt. J. Spence, Honorary Manager and Treasurer of Woman's Home & Foreign Mission Society.
Miss A. G. Spence, Superintendent of Schools and Zenana work.
Miss J. M. Saunders, in charge of Girls' Orphanage.
Mr. W. I. Edwards, in charge of Boys' Orphanage.

NATIVE WORKERS.
John, headmaster Velacheri Caste School.
Pakiam, assistant mistress, Velacheri Caste school.
Joseph, headmaster Velacheri Pariah school.
Nanamony, assistant mistress Velacheri Pariah school.
Pakiam, infant teacher Velacheri Pariah school.
Chelvaragan, headmaster Bangalore Pariah school.
Suragum, assistant mistress Bangalore Pariah school.
Perumal, infant teacher Bangalore Pariah school.
Sigamony, headmaster Adyar school, Pariah and Caste.
Sigamony, wife, assistant mistress Adyar school, Pariah and Caste.
Cornelius, headmaster Jeldenpett school, Pariah and Caste.
Cornelius' wife, assistant mistress Jeldenpett school, Pariah and Caste.
Christina, Bible woman.
Mrs. Massalamony, Bible woman.
J. Samuel, preacher.
Total—English workers, 4; Native workers, 15.

SCHOOLS.
Velacheri Caste school.
Velacheri Pariah school.
Adyar Caste school.
Adyar Pariah school.
Bangalore Pariah school.
Guindy Pariah school.
Jeldenpett Pariah school.
Jeldenpett Caste school.

ORPHANAGES.
The Ransom Home number has increased from 12 to 36.
The Guindy orphanage contains the 30 famine orphans at present.
Total—boys, 40; girls, 26.

BIBLE WOMEN.
We have had two working all the year, one at Velacheri and the other at Guindy.

PREACHERS.
We have one special paid preacher, J. Samuel, but all the headmasters of all the schools do preaching twice a week.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.
We have five Sunday schools, where the Indian S. S. union lessons are taught every Sunday.

SUNDAY SERVICES.
One service for each school on Sundays.

SCHOOL WORK.
Children are prepared for government examinations and are taught English, Geography, Grammar, Hygiene, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Kindergarten, Singing, Bible History and verses.

From these statistics we find that in spite of our great regret in having to relinquish work at Tinnevelly. God has blessed us and given us work and fields for labor at Adyar and Jeldenpett. Our schools are eight in number and both our native and English workers have increased in number. In March, 1901, we hailed with much joy the coming to India of Mr. W. I. Edwards and in December of the same year Miss J. M. Saunders, whom we believe God has sent to us and who will be greatly used by Him in the coming year and in the years to follow.

Our orphanages are about the most interesting work and the most successful, but this can be accounted for in that the children live in an altogether different atmosphere to what they have been used in regard to their moral, physical, intellectual and spiritual surroundings. Hence we have not to wonder at the change wrought in a child on first entering the orphanage and after it has been with us for three months. The dull, inert, timid, vacant expression on their faces changes and they become real healthy, frank, happy children. Their comforts and health are attended to and to all appearances they are very happy and contented. We try as much as possible to secure their confidence and very often they come to us with many requests which are always gratifying, if it is in our power to grant them, and if it is for their good. Most of them are very bright and intelligent and promise to be good men and women of the future. The famine orphans that have just been handed over to us are gradually growing into shape and discipline and have started to learn the language of the South. It has been a matter of great regret and worry both to us and to dear Mrs. Taylor that we have been so long in securing our famine orphans. This is no fault of ours. But now that we have begun getting them we shall soon have a number more. The girls orphanage in Guindy is not built up yet and it is badly needed. We have improvised a large shed, built with mud walls and a covering of coconut palms, as a temporary measure but this will not last long. We are praying for all the funds that will be needed for this and hope soon to have our orphanage built up. In the Ransom Home we had one death among the orphans last May, when a tiny little girl, Mary, died. She had been brought to us in a pitiable condition and almost starved to death. We did all in our power to save her but the mischief done by starvation had gone too far and she died and we buried her in a corner of our large garden in the Ransom Home premises. Beyond this we have not had any great sickness or death among our little ones.

The work of the Bible women is supervised

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regularly. By this means the women of India are reached in their respective homes, where the Gospel is preached to them daily. The women are always glad to hear the good news and treat us with much cordiality and respect. In one instance I had the chance of speaking to two men, husbands of the women, who were greatly interested. I gave them a Testament each. They left their homes to seek employment and often send word through their wives that they are trusting God and read their Testaments every day. These, with many such cases are the encouragements we get by the way. The street and village preachings go on as usual. The seed is sown in all places and to all men. We have some earnest listeners and heedless scoffers. Many to whom we are always preaching say they believe in God but the great barrier “caste” the curse of India holds many back who would under other circumstances come forward.

Now to turn to the school children and native workers. The latter are I think as good a set as I have had and give me satisfaction but it is hard to trust a native without constant supervision. As we teach in far off and out of the way places the advantages of education are not paramount in the minds of the natives, so we have some difficulty in getting the children to come regularly to school. But when once they start and pass the first government test then they seem inclined to stay on and see the value of the education we give them.

In all our schools new and old Testament history are taught, and scripture memorizing with chapter and verse are gone through systematically, every month.

This is all supervised and most attention is paid by me to these subjects especially. I always try to give each class in each school a lesson in scripture and verse every day. The children are naturally quick and intelligent and underneath the black skins and very often dirty faces we find the same hearts beating with the same feelings and aspirations as there are under those of our white children. Many of them, especially those in our orphanages are beginning now in their early years to seek God while He may be found and call upon Him while He is near.

Looking back on the way God has led us during the past year, we do gratefully lift up our hearts and raise our Ebenezers.

In closing this report I would not forget to thank all our dear sisters and well wishers in America for their liberal support and hearty cooperation in the work, without which very little would have been accomplished for want of funds. God bless them all is my prayer for them and may the “seed” grow rich in giving.” Also to our dear President, Mrs. S. K. Taylor I extend thanks for all her kind letters of help and encouragement at all times, and to other individual members of the society for their friendly letters and good wishes. God grant that when Jesus comes again He may find many of our children among His jewels for “of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.”

Guindy, March 19, 1902. Alice G. Spence.

LETTERS FROM INDIA

From W. I. Edwards

BANGALORE, March 17, 1902.

DEAR SISTER TAYLOR:

YOURs of February 5 is at hand. I am feeling somewhat pleased over the prospect of getting at the work for which I came to India. I expect it will take a great amount of grace to rightly discharge my duties in the orphanage at Guindy. I am glad that I may now settle down to something permanent. I go back to Tamil gladly though I am free to say that I like the Kanarese language better. Tamil is the principal language but some Telegu and Hindu­stani are spoken in Villacherie. The territory around Bangalore that we might profitably occupy stands open. Adventists ought to have it by all means. I think that I told you that Mr. Gillings is carrying on what he calls “An Aggressive Missionary Campaign” by sending out native preachers. The east half of the ten mile circle around Banga­lore is the part to which he has heretofore given the most attention. His native preachers are mostly Telegu, though some preach in Kanarese through whom Mr. Gillings has done some preaching on the west half of the circle. He seemed willing to divide the field with us if we wished, and had no objection to our starting schools wherever we saw fit.

Yours in the Master’s service.

W. I. EDWARDS.

FROM CAPTAIN SPENCE

AT the close of a letter upon business Captain Spence says: Brother Edwards left here for Madras on the first of April. He does not go direct but calls at a Methodist institution to see the industrial side of that mission. He hopes to arrive in Guindy in five or six days’ time. I shall get him to oversee the work on the orphanage. Both Mr. Edwards and Miss Saunders are what are required for our work here. I believe both will learn the language readily. Mr. Edwards’ teacher told me that he learned in two months what others took six months to learn.

I have just received this letter from Mr. Ed­wards. I am glad that he has been so well re­ceived by Mr. Hollister. He will learn something by going there. Your brother in Christ,

JAMES SPENCE.

M. E. Mission House, Kolar Town, 2-4, 02

DEAR CAPTAIN SPENCE:

I ARRIVED here yesterday in time for break­fast and found a cordial welcome. I have seen the workshops and am much pleased with what I see here, and hope to learn much from Brother Hollister’s methods and account of his experience in bringing affairs into their present condition. You would be very much interested in a small two-horse power thrasher with which the raggie is thrashed here. Today we are to make a trip of sixteen miles to the two hundred acre farm. We must return from there to­morrow. I must close to be. Yours in Jesus,

W. I. EDWARDS.
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Rockland, Maine, June, 1902.

O UR MISSION STATION IN GUINDY

THE beautiful house, a picture of which appears on our first page, with adjoining buildings and grounds, was purchased for 2000 rupees, or about $666. Necessary repairs have brought the cost up to about $1000. There are four rooms in the house, and here Miss Spence and Miss Saunders have a comfortable, restful home.

Here will be erected our girls' orphanage. At the present time our famine orphans are occupying a temporary shed put up near the house. Mr. Edwards resides at the Ransom Home in Vilachery, three miles distant.

PATTERNS

Miss Saunders has sent us patterns of shirts and pants which she says are just right. We have sent these to all our locals and will be pleased to send them to any who will ask for them. Of course a postage stamp is always acceptable in such an order. The pattern is much more simple than the one received from New York which we have hitherto sent out. Girls waists are made just like the boys shirts only a little shorter. Skirts should be made very full. Mother Hubbard dresses are best for girls under twelve years of age. We do not furnish patterns for Mother Hubbards. Any pattern will do.

CORRECTION

In the report of our Annual Meeting an amendment to the By-Laws was omitted. Article IV was amended by inserting the words "or Vice Presidents" after the words "Vice President" and also by inserting the words "the number of Vice Presidents shall not exceed three, and these shall reside respectively, one in the East, one in the Pacific States, and one in the Middle West.

CHILD WIVES AND WIDOWS

We still have some of these little books left. One of our ablest preachers said "they should be published by the millions, and put in the hand of every adult Christian in America." Price 15 cents. Order of Mrs. S. K. Taylor, Rockland, Maine.

THE BEST WE HAVE

Christ claims the best. He in the far-off ages
Once claimed the firstling of the flock, the finest of the wheat,
And still he asks his own with gentlest pleading
To lay their highest hopes and brightest talents at his feet,
He'll not forget the feeblest service, humblest love;
He only asks that of our store we give to him
The best we have.

Christ give the best. He takes the hearts we offer,
And fills them with his glorious beauty, joy, and peace,
And in his service, as we're growing stronger,
The calls to grand achievements still increase,
The richest gifts for us on earth, or in the heaven above
Are hid in the heart. In Jesus we receive
The best we have.

And is our best too much? O friends, let us remember
How once our Lord poured out his soul for us,
And in the prime of his mysterious manhood
Gave up his precious life upon the cross.
The Lord of Lords, by whom the worlds were made,
Through bitter grief and tears gave us
The best he had.

—Selected.

FROM MISS SPENCE

7 April, 1902.

Dear Sister Taylor:

We have been having quite a spell of sickness both in the Ransom Home and in Guindy.

Some of the children have been down with fevers, coughs and colds, measles and small-pox — I am glad, however, to say that they are all convalescent now and most of them are quite well.

I am glad for your sake that Jess has turned out to be all that we wanted her to be. She is a sweet, dear girl. So full of love and affection, so unselfish and so thorough in all she does. We are very happy together. I praise the Lord with all my heart for sending us such a helper! She is plodding away at the language and doing well I think. The language is a very difficult one and many are often discouraged by it, but she is not.

God is blessing our work very much. It does encourage me to think how He has more than supplied all our needs and allowed us to extend our work in so many directions during the past year. I also feel He has more work for us to do. I see it already.

We can have yet one more school near us and another Bible woman to visit the Hindu and Caste women in Velacherie. Up to this we have been visiting only the Pariah women. God will open the way for these too I feel sure in His own good time. Brother Edwards will soon be in charge of the Boys' Orphanage at Guindy and then I shall feel my mind quite at peace. We expect him some time this week.

Yes when we get all our orphans in I shall be able to give you the exact amount required every month for the carrying out of our work here. We will soon get everything into shape and into first class working order.

I think I have answered all your questions. Everything here is going on as nicely as possible and our new schools are increasing daily in numbers. Yours very lovingly, Alice.
MONEY RECEIVED
FROM APRIL 15 TO MAY 15

Alabama—F. Pilkington $1.00.
California—Percy Daynes $3.00, Los Angeles local $5.50, Pomona local $1.00, Los Angeles Junior $3.20, A. H. Nash $5.00, Oakland local $12.50, collection at Santa Cruz for Junior Orphanage $3.15.
Connecticut—Jennie H. Thomas $5.00, Children of Bristol $5.50, Hartford local $3.50.
Florida—Thomas Dowling $5.00.
Illinois—Harriet A. Main $75 cents.
Iowa—C. D. Cooper $1.00.
Kansas—Ida L. Lindsay $1.50.
Kentucky—Walter Bumpus $2.00.
Maine—Children at Cash Corner $1.35, Mrs. M. E. Pratt 65 cents, Mrs. D. W. Lincoln $1.75, Mrs. John Studley 50 cents, Mission Concert at Rockland $4.39, Eva L. Jordan $1.00, Susan Libby 50 cents, Sarah Sterling 50 cents, Contribution Peaks Island $1.00, Mrs. M. C. Quint 85 cents, H. B. Bowes 50 cents, Laura Spittle 50 cents, Norris S. Greenwood $1.00, J. E. Jordan $1.00, Rev. O. S. French $1.00, Dover local $5.00, Mrs. E. M. West $1.75, Mrs. A. H. Kearney $1.00, Mr. Tenny $1.00.
Massachusetts—Children of Acushnet $4.91, Augustus White $5.09, F. A. Falkner $1.00, Brockton local $10.00, Somerville local $3.50, Somerville Juniors $1.70, New Bedford local $13.30, Pittsfield local $38.93, Pittsfield local for China 75 cents, Springfield local $20.00, Adams local $93.30, Westfield local $8.81, Mrs. S. S. Sprague $5.00, Frank A. Waters $1.00.
Michigan—Fannie M. Fitch $7.50, Flossie Rush 10 cents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Ryder $5.00, George Roberts $1.00.
Minnesota—Levi Bowen $5.00, Mrs. W. G. Thompson $2.00.
New Hampshire—R. C. Jackman $1.00, L. P. Hart $2.00, Manchester local $10.00, Betsey G. Elliott 75 cents, Hampton local $3.50, S. Dover $5.00, A. D. Hardy $1.00.
Nebraska—Mrs. William Gibson 50 cents.
New York—Mrs. E. Hall $2.00, Ellen C. Shondy $1.00, Delia E. Martine $5.00, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Weeks $5.00, C. P. Shephard $1.00, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Stevens $4.00, Alice Twinning $5.00.
North Carolina—Wilmington local $2.00, Busy Bee Society $1.00, Two Little Light Bearers 40 cents, Christian Aid Society $1.00.
Oregon—John Day local $3.75, Portland local $11.50.
Rhode Island—Laura A. Douglass 50 cents, Mabel E. Place $1.00, Mrs. B. S. Hazard $1.00.
South Carolina—Eula Shirley $1.00.
Vermont—S. D. Hutchins $45.00, Children of Bristol $5.00, Mrs. F. L. Richardson 55 cents, Josie Richardson 20 cents, Elsie Ormes $2.85, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bugbee $5.00, Matilda Jones 50 cents.
Virginia—Mrs. R. E. Stephenson $4.60.
Wisconsin—Mission Band, Evansville $15.00, Muriel Haviland $11.25, Rev. B. N. Mergs $1.00.

TREASURER’S REPORT
FROM APRIL 15, TO MAY 15, 1902.

RECEIPTS
Balance on hand April 15, $146 25
Cash received from all sources, 425 52
Total receipts, $571 77

EXPENDITURES
Sent to India for last month’s expenses, $140 00
Sent to India for this month’s expenses, 290 00
Business Manager one month salary, 8 33
Bookkeeper and office clerk five weeks, 25 00
For printing and mailing papers for April and May, 37 81
Express on boxes to India and cuts for paper, 16 70
Stamps and stationery, 7 17
Engravings for paper, 11 40
For sundries, 2 70
A. M. Society for China, 75
Sent to J. A. Cargile for missions in the South, 11 00
Total expenditures, $570 86
Balance in treasury, 91

LEN A N. BRADFORD, Treasurer.

REPORT OF R. I. ANNUAL MEETING

ACCORDING to notice given, the first annual meeting of the W. H. & F. M. S. of Rhode Island and East. Connecticut was held at Providence, R. I., March 27, the President, Mrs. Bertha S. Hazard presiding.

After the opening exercises, reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and approved. From April 1, 1901, to March 27, 1902, total amount forwarded for dues, subscription, gifts and sales, $168.13.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Bertha S. Hazard, 160 Wendall St., Providence, R. I.; vice-president, Mrs. Ida Cook, East Greenwich, R. I.; secretary, Miss Mabel E. Place, 39 Constitution St., Providence, R. I.

A draft of a constitution for a state organization was read but no action was taken thereon.

We were much pleased to have with us Sister Sarah K. Taylor (who was called to a near by town by the death of a relative), and to listen as she told us of our work in India, its present condition and outlook for the future, and showed us some of the things made by the children in our schools. Six new active members and six new subscribers were some of the immediate results of our first annual.

LEN A N. BRADFORD, Treasurer.

NOTICE TO MASSACHUSETTS

W ILL the secretary's of Boston, New Bedford, Brockton and Fairhaven send full addresses of local officers to Mrs. C. M. Lang, 7 Gardner St., Cambridgeport, Mass.
FROM MASSACHUSETTS


The months have flown swiftly one after another, and the Massachusetts W. H. & F. Mission Society finds itself celebrating her third anniversary. As a healthy child should, she is growing a steady, natural growth that be-speaks a promising future.

Our annual conference is a settled fact and a most helpful feature of our work. This April we gathered in Worcester, the guests of the Worcester local, on the day following our State Conference, and a right cordial welcome they gave us to the heart of the Commonwealth.

There were twenty-one votes cast, but the attendance was much larger and we were cheered by the presence of some of the pastors of the state. All the state officers were present, and we pleased to note that traveling expenses, programmes, etc., were met from the state treasury this year. The conference voted that the locals pay ten cents per member for state work the coming year, and we hope to gain a fund for organizing.

All the districts were represented, three by their presidents and one by the secretary. Nine of the locals sent delegates and the others were heard from by reports, save two, recently organized. We have eighteen in all. From a misunderstanding of the blanks sent out the secretary was unable to make a complete report of membership and work done. Here are a few facts gathered from the various reports. Over $400 was sent through our state treasury for foreign work; five locals have as many subscribers to the Monthly as members; Worcester and Springfield contributed almost the same amount for both Home and Foreign work. Springfield $114.50, Worcester $104.45, for foreign and for home each $37; Lawrence gave $33.60 for the Foreign work and Boston, the largest amount, $45; Brockton’s enthusiasm and talent for finance was most interesting. They are on time as usual and are fully reported in the May number. Springfield has held the largest number of meetings, 33. This wide awake local came with samples of their hardwork, that showed how their contributions can be so large. Pittsfield has been aiming to have strong devotional meetings, still they have sewed in their homes for the needy and the India orphans. One of the new locals, that of North Adams, has fifteen members and stands first in contributing to the state work, sending a free-will offering of $4.00 and holding ten meetings during the year. Clinton has the same membership with four honoraries and has held eleven meetings. New Bedford another local recently organized, reports 15 members, 7 honoraries and 20 subscribers to the paper. North Westport another new comer has already held 7 meetings and forwarded $10 for the foreign work. Athol with only 7 members sent in $15 for the foreign field.

These locals stand first numerically. Springfield 52; Brockton 48; Fall River 43. Brockton has 17 honoraries, Fall River 10, Springfield 8; Somerville, Salem and Marblehead are a trio with a membership of 10, 12 and 13 respectively and they have been working bravely all the year. Marblehead’s foreign work doubling the home and Salem giving share and share alike to each.

It was voted to undertake the support of Miss Saunders for the coming year. Last year she served us as vice-president at large; this year she is to be our missionary in distant India. We are proud of her promotion. A letter from her was read and it seemed next to having her with us. The secretary was ordered to send the greetings of the conference to Sr. Saunders.

Attention, sisters! Massachusetts is to have Sr. Saunders portrait for sale, the proceeds going towards her support. Send your orders to our secretary in advance, for we know you all want one. They will be on sale at our large camp-meetings.

Last year the Springfield local opened a stand and transacted business for our society at the Springfield camp-ground. They are planning to rent a cottage and have headquarters this year. The Southern district arranged and carried out a programme to present our work at a public service during the Tremont camp meeting.

Aside from business, our conference was full of good things. The devotional service led by Sr. Pike of Pittsfield was very helpful. A paper written by Sr. St. John of Brooklyn, loaned us by the Western local gave us practical thoughts of our opportunities. Mrs. Lothrop spoke on “The Best Missionary Meeting” and the Symposium “Why I am Interested in Missions” brought forth tender, inspiring testimonies.

We were grateful for the presence and help of Br. Wm. A. Burch, a member of the American Advent Mission Board. His singing and an address on “Prayer and Missions” was a fitting close to our day. We have reason to praise God for the Spirit-filled men and women who are praying and working for the salvation of men everywhere, till He comes.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Mabel R. Makepeace, Indian Orchard; vice-president at large, Mrs. Wm. A. Burch, Worcester; secretary, Mrs. C. M. Lang, 7 Gardner St., Cambridgeport; treasurer, Mrs. Emma L. Hall, 10 Chandler St., Salem; auditor, Mrs. Roger Sherman, 13 Chandler St., Salem. MABEL REYNOLDS MAKEPEACE.

REPORT FROM BRISTOL, VT.

Report of the Woman’s Mission Society of the A. C. Church for the year 1901. Members 24; new members 6; number of meetings held, 11; amount of money raised $26.20; sent to the W. H. & F. M. Society $9.00 for dues and transit fund. Sent 13 suits and 17 shirts also $500 to buy cloth to India and have done some mission work at home. Nine numbers of the “All Nations Monthly” are taken.

MISSION EXCHANGE

Mrs. Fannie M. Fitch of Three Rivers, Mich., has a Mission Exchange where she receives and sells all kinds of things, the proceeds being wholly devoted to mission work. She embroiders a pretty collar for which she will gladly receive orders at 25 cents.
LETTERS FROM INDIA

From Jessie M. Saunders

DEAR SISTER MAKEPEACE:

I have got nicely settled here and thought perhaps you would be interested to know how I am getting along and how the work is here. I am delighted with the work and what has been accomplished. Truly the Lord has blessed, and is blessing now. We are constantly receiving invitations from different villages where they want schools, but we have to move slowly on account of funds. Since the new year came in we have opened five new schools. You will readily understand why they are so anxious to have these schools when I tell you that the government does not in any way provide for the education of the children. All the privilege they have are what is furnished by the different missions. These are supposed to teach the regular branches of study but they have the privilege of teaching the Scripture for one hour and a half daily and this is done faithfully. The children are obliged to memorize a certain number of verses every term. To encourage them to do this they are promised a prize, and on the whole they are very willing to learn and take a great interest in their studies. We have two very bright boys in the Ransom Home. They are both studying English, have got so that they can read short sentences. We have very good children. They obey better than can really be expected considering that they have been picked up from so many different places. We had three new ones sent to us last week, the first instalment of the one hundred famine orphans that we have been expecting so long. They seem to like here very much, apparently are very happy. The only drawback is that they all speak “Telugu.” There is only one boy that can speak “Tamil,” he has to act as interpreter. We are in hopes to have teachers for them in a few days that can speak both Tamil and Telugu, then they will be taught the Tamil language. If they find it as hard to learn as I do I am satisfied that I have now says he wants me to be able to talk in two months time. I hope I may but it looks doubtful to me. I do not know that I am much of a judge for Miss Spence tells me that I am getting along nicely, this of course is encouraging to me. The weather is beginning to get a little warmer. To-day has been the warmest day that I have had, it must have been somewhere in the nineties. I do not mind the heat much yet, do not suppose I ought to boast for the worst is to come, but my courage is good and so is my health. I have not as yet found any of the hard things to endure that so many told me I should. I firmly believe that God will take care of me. I am here for work and hope (under divine direction) to accomplish much. I am so glad that we have such a loving Father that is ever willing to supply the needs of his children. Some of our boys and girls are growing fast and will have to have much larger garments. I am sending Sister Taylor a pattern for the jackets and boys pants. I hope she will have some cut and sent to the locals. Some of the garments that have been sent I am afraid we cannot use at all they were so narrow across the back. They were not made by the right pattern or they would be all right. Our youngest child is about three years old, a little girl. We have dressed her in Mother Hubbard dresses that were sent in the box. I wish that we might have a good many of these for they are much nicer for the little girls than a skirt and jacket. We could have all of the girls under twelve wear them. We hope that our girl’s orphanage can be erected soon. I believe that it will. Somehow the Lord has opened the way to supply our every need so far, that our faith ought not to wane now.

Miss Spence is a very energetic worker and understands her work well. We are very fortunate in having such an efficient worker in our mission field, and Mr. Edwards is also a very staunch Christian, far above the average. He expects soon to come and take charge of the boys. We are building great hopes on his ability on agricultural lines. He is to teach the boys all these things.

JESSIE M. SAUNDERS.

DEAR SISTER TAYLOR:

OUR letter is received this week. We were pleased to hear such a good report for January. I expect that all of the things that are necessary in the work will be supplied as the Lord opens the way. “Rome was not built in a day” and I do not think that we can have all that we wish for at present. I realize the money is needed and the workers also but everything in God’s time. Our three children that are at the hospital with the smallpox are doing nicely. We went over to see them Monday night. They do not like staying there very well, I do not think I should. We send or take them something nearly every day and when they went we gave each of the girls a doll and the boy a picture book. They are all three very bright. G. Ruth, the oldest girl, is exceptionally smart, she can sew very well. We are anxious for them to come home but the doctor told us they would have to stay a month. The smallpox is raging in Vilacherrie but we have had no cases in our school yet and I do not think we will for we had all of the children vaccinated at the same time that I was. Alice was vaccinated two weeks ago but it did not take very well. I think it was because the old vaccination had not run out. We have employed a teacher and his wife for the orphans that came, they both speak Telugu as well as Tamil, so we can teach the children very nicely. The oldest girl among these last orphans is a girl about 14 years old. Her left side is partly paralyzed, she walks quite lame, and her hand is crippled so she cannot sew very well, but she is anxious to learn and is a real good girl. All of the children appear to be very happy. The one we call baby is only about three years old. She has two sisters, and their father came with them. He does coolie work, is a Christian man and a faithful worker. We expect Mr. Edwards soon to take charge of the boys work. This will be quite a relief to Alice. The boxes came yesterday. Everything was in good condition.

J. M. SAUNDERS.
JUNIOR ORPHANAGE

The Pearl Seekers’ Cards have earned over $175.00 toward building the Girls’ Home in India and I hope that there are some more yet received so that we may have $200 from them. But most of the children have sent in their cards, so we have decided to give little bags to the Junior Societies for collecting more of the money needed to build the Orphanage. These bags are made by the children in our mission schools in India and are very cunning, with the most ingenious cord and tassels for drawing up the bag. Some of the Junior Societies already have them and the rest will receive theirs very soon. The money will be sent to Miss L. H. Olmsted, 56 Hollywood St., Worcester, Mass., before October 1st and at that time everyone who has earned a certain amount for the bag will be entitled to a bag to keep as a souvenir.

Further instructions and suggestions will be found on the Children’s Page each month. L. H. O.

FAMINE ORPHANS EATING THEIR FIRST MEAL IN GUINDY

This is a picture of our Famine Orphans eating their first meal in Guindy. The man in European clothes is Silas who helped to gather some of them. The man in the center is Ambrose who came with the children. The one on the right hand of Ambrose is the man who came to Guindy with his three children. He is now working for us and his three children are in the orphanage. They are now sleeping in a shed covered with palm leaves, but when the wet season comes they will need a better house.

FROM MISS SPENCE

Miss Spence writes: “How splendidly the children have done in raising so much money for the Junior Orphanage. They must have worked very hard to have achieved such success. Give them my love please and tell them if I were in their midst I would vote three hearty cheers for the Pearl Seeker Workers.”

SCATTER IN SPRINGTIME

“Scatter in springtime a handful of seeds, And gather in summer a lapful of flowers;” This is the song of the birds in the bower, This is the song of the wind in the reeds: “Scatter in springtime a handful of seeds, And gather in summer a lapful of flowers.”

CRADLE ROLL OF LITTLE LIGHT BEARERS

“O the myriads of sweet Little Light-Bearers, Shining far and near, May the light you bear In this world of care Grow brighter year by year!”

LIDA JAMES, Wilmington, N. C., December 5, 1899.
OLIVE KING, Wilmington, N. C., March 27, 1901.