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

BULLOCK TEAM

* This photo represents the most common mode of travel throughout South India, a Bullock Bandy which is a clumsy, two-wheeled cart that is almost a load of itself. The frame of the cart is of heavy wood, the wheels also; the top is made up of bamboo boughs and covered with the mats made from the leaves of the palm tree. The driver generally sits astride the broad heavy tongue just behind the bulls where he can reach each animal, and twist their tails to hasten progress. Poor things they often look as if every joint had been unhinged by such an operation. You will notice that there are no bows to the yoke; rope is used instead of a bow. This is the most vexingly slow, uncomfortable vehicle I've yet traveled in.

W. I. Edwards.

“A sound body, a trained mind, linguistic talent and common sense, a rounded character and a loving heart, clear, firm faith, and consecrated piety—these constitute fitness for the mission work.”
TREASURER’S REPORT
From Sept. 15, to Oct. 15, 1902.

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LENA N. BRADFORD, Treasurer.

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FROM NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
Report of W. H. & F. M. S.

ONCE more we were permitted to assemble ourselves with God’s people at our Northern California Conference in Napa. We truly had a good day in the Lord.

Our meeting was opened with singing and prayer. Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Reports were given by the president and the treasurer. We next listened to the reports from the Societies, which indeed were interesting and showed that almost every society was in a wide awake condition and toiling for the Master. A motion was made and carried that the Societies assist in supporting the Gospel Wagon. Nine new members were added to the society, also a number of subscribers and renewals to All Nations Monthly. Our annual collection amounted to $10.12. This amount together with $5.50 in the treasury for home work was given towards the support of the Gospel Wagon.

On the afternoon of our Missionary day a stirring sermon was preached by Elder L. A. Wilterson of Santa Cruz. The evening praise service was led by Elder O. R. Jenkins of Chicago, was much enjoyed by all and was followed by preaching by Dr. P. B. Morgan of San Francisco.

God grant that these meetings may result in the stirring up of each society to a greater earnestness and zeal for the Master’s cause.

MRS. E. H. YOUNG, Sec’y.

REPORT OF VERSHIRE VT.

MEETING called by order of the president shows ten regular members and three honorary. We have had a gain of five new members, two have dropped out but they were both children and one new one being an honorary member, we gain sixty cents. The other new members being members of the general society makes no financial gain to the society. Childrens Day our Mission concert amounted to $5.71 cash. Pearl Seekers cards $5.00, membership fees $6.00. Money given by individuals $1.00, money left over from last year $2.28. We also packed a box as last year, only much larger. It contained 4 quilts, 3 Mother Hubbards, 19 pr. pants, 16 jackete, tablets, pencils, pens. needles, buttons, combs, towels, cards and picture books, making over $20 this year besides the box. We are truly grateful to be able to do as much as we do in so good a cause, and could do much more if the burden of supporting a meeting here fell on more than a half dozen families. We are glad to say that each year finds us giving more and more.

May God bless the work and its workers,
MRS. GLADYS H. DARLING, Sec.

THE WORLD’S CRISIS

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A SUMMER CHRISTMAS TREE
Brockton, Mass., Sept. 20, 1902.
DEAR SISTER TAYLOR:

If you will excuse a lead pencil I will try and tell you about our Christmas tree for India and how it turned out.

We did not have the interest manifested I would have liked to have seen because so many children had been away all summer and many of them only got home just in season for it. I really think the time to have this, for us any way, is before vacation as the interest then is better and the children have more money before vacation than after, the same could be said of the older ones who help in this work. Well, we had two small trees set out on the lot where we held the lawn party, and as our Sunday School children had had no picnic we combined the two events, the children and older ones brought their gifts and hung them on the tree, with their names on each present. Then they played and had a good time until toward night. Two of the children cut the presents off, named the giver, then two more packed them in a basket to be removed later for packing in the India box. Before taking them off several children spoke pieces and sang songs and the pastor offered prayer, remembering our home workers as well as our foreign. I told them as best I could something about the work our sister Jess and the workers in India are doing and also showed them a small picture Jess sent me of herself taken with picture books, 20, 1902.

All told it made quite a large box full. I hope they will get there for Christmas.

Your sister in the Master's service,

CARRIE E. SCOTT.

MISSIONS: RESOLUTIONS

BY AMOS R. WELLS

IN the famous three verses by Paul, the great missionary utters three sentences which are at the foundation of the propagation of Christianity. “I am not ashamed of the Gospel,” he says, “since it is the power of God for salvation.” “I am debtor,” he says, “to all men. And I am ready,” he says, “to preach this Gospel anywhere, even as far as Rome.” I am not ashamed. I am debtor. I am ready. That is the missionary platform.

Every true Christian will glory in his name, “Christian.” He will want to write upon his forehead, “I am Christ’s.” He will exult in the triumphs of Christian civilization. When a Chinese in Peking or a Malagasy in Antananarivo or an Armenian in Harpoot lays down his life rather than deny his Lord, all Christians everywhere walk the straighter. We are part of the crusaders, the reformers, the saviors, of all these Christian centuries. Every hospital is partly ours, and every school and parliament. Ashamed of Christ? Sooner shall nobles be ashamed of their patents and kings of their crowns.

But every delight is a debt. The world’s word is “get,” but the Christian’s is “give.” Three sisters in Edinboro—a teacher, a milliner, a domestic—felt the missionary impulse. Two stayed at home and earned money to support their sister in Africa. A Scotch blacksmith received the touch of this divine ardor, and went to set up his forge among the savages. Three railway men in England learned the great secret, and are now firing engines and preaching the Gospel in South Africa. Thousands of men and women like these, discovering that they are debtors, have set out to pay their debts. And that has meant modern missions.

But not every Christian, nor, indeed, every hundredth Christian is to go to Africa, Asia or the frontier. The missionary call is oftener to stay at home. “I want to be a foreign missionary,” said a woman in a New York tenement. “But who are on the floor above you?” asked a wise friend. “Russian Jews.” “And on the floor below?” “Armenians.” “And next door?” “Italians.” “Around the corner?” “Chinese.” “So that you have four opportunities to be a foreign missionary in this block.”

The essential thing is to be ready. That was Paul’s third and greatest word: “I am ready.” Ready for China or Springfield, ready to-morrow or to-day, ready for massacre or the kitchen sink. One of the missionary societies has for its emblem an ox standing between an altar and a plough, with the eloquent motto, “Ready for either.” That is the Christian’s attitude. To be ready means a loosening of worldly ties. It means lightening of property as you might say, so many who work in this block.

The most of which was donated. The older ones brought their gifts and hung them on the tree, with their names on each present. Then they played and had a good time until toward night. Two of the children cut the presents off, named the giver, then two more packed them in a basket to be removed later for packing in the India box. Before taking them off several children spoke pieces and sang songs and the pastor offered prayer, remembering our home workers as well as our foreign. I told them as best I could something about the work our sister Jess and the workers in India are doing and also showed them a small picture Jess sent me of herself taken with picture books, 20, 1902.
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Rockland, Maine, November, 1902.

OUR INDIA SUPPLIES

The loving hearts and willing hands that have provided the necessary articles for our India boxes, have not only sent comfort to our children and cheer to our missionaries, but have saved our treasury a great expense. We have to provide clothing and bedding for our children, food, medicine and shelter. Every child needs from eight to twelve garments each year, as the single cotton garment is all they wear, and it soon wears out. Each child needs a quilt or blanket to keep them warm during the long winter nights. Native Christian women and little girls wear skirts with plain hems of the skirt materials. Some women wear a single wrapping of from 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 yards in width, as such will serve for thavans and vaisties. Some women wear a single Mother Hubbard dress, as the most of our girls are too young to wear skirts with plain hems of the skirt materials. A Hindu woman actually needs but two garments—a skirt and a veil. To make the skirt, take five yards of print, gingham, flannelette, or any closely woven cotton goods; and sew the two ends together. A Hindu woman actually needs but two garments—a skirt and a veil. To make the skirt, take five yards of print, gingham, flannelette, or any closely woven cotton goods; and sew the two ends together. Along one edge of 30-inch print add eight inches of Turkey red, dark blue, or any contrasting color of cotton goods. Turn down a hem one and a half inches wide, and run a stout drawing string. To the bottom add a three-inch bias strip of the same material as used at the top. Turn up a two-inch hem, leaving one inch of the bias-strip as additional length. The veil should be a plain color of white, red, dark blue, or any of the bright colors produced in cheese cloth. It may be any sort of thick or thin cotton material, stout unbleached muslin, cheese cloth, remnants of dress lining, old muslin or lace curtains; anything of the kind, only it must be three yards long and one and one-fourth yards wide. Thousands of hard working men would wear around their shoulders such a thavani of stout white muslin in lieu of a jacket, and it would serve them as wrapping at night. Native Christian women and little girls wear skirts with plain hems of the skirt materials at top and bottom, and many such could be made.

All manner of sheets, blankets and quilts are greatly needed. When these are made of cotton material they should be three yards in length, and from 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 yards in width, as such will answer for day as well as night wear. The small amount that many a young girl spends within a month for candy would suffice to buy material for a veil and skirt for some poor Hindu woman. The garments are so simply made that even a child could accomplish the work, and if she were also to mark her name on the border it might be whispered in many a prayer of blessing by the wearer. "Some women wear a single wrapping of from five to seven yards."

We shall every year send some women's garments for our large girls, but we shall mostly send Mother Hubbard dresses, as the most of our girls are under twelve years of age. Any pattern will do, but we will gladly send patterns to those who wish them.

BRIGHT COLORS

Make the garments of as bright print as you can get, red preferred, but make them plainly without ruffles or lace or hamburg or any extra adornment. Should your piece of cloth be scant you can piece it down with another color. In that case a ruffle or flounce would not come amiss, although not necessary as a plain straight piece could be added with less work, which would be fully as satisfactory.

A blue cross on the margin signifies that your subscription has expired. We hope you will renew it this month.
THANKS

NOT long since we wrote to a good brother thanking him for a liberal donation to this work, and in a kind reply he reminded us that the work was not our work which he was helping, but that the work belonged to God, and God had given it to him as much as to us. That letter was a great comfort to us. We hope all whom we thank for kind co-operation in this (to us) great work in India feel as did this generous Christian man. The work belongs to God, and He calls us every one to take hold of it and labor together with Him, being grateful to Him for giving us the work, and for bringing us into united fellowship and co-operative labor in His great harvest field.

SEEDS AND TOOLS.

THE land belonging to our orphanage is very valuable for mission purposes. Upon this land we hope to raise vegetables enough to nearly supply our orphanage, besides grains, coconuts and other fruits. We can thus furnish employment for our boys not only providing the wholesome restraint of industry, but teaching them the business of agriculture which will be of great value to them in future years. To carry on this business both seeds and tools are necessary. These we have purchased as we could. But there are many farmers and others who could give us seeds and would be glad to do so.

WHO WILL GIVE SEEDS?

Will kind friends who read this, and can do so, please do up a small package of corn or beans or squash seeds or watermelon seeds or any garden seeds, and mail to Mrs. C. H. Bradford, 123 Moreland St., Boston, who has charge of packing our boxes for India.

TOOLS.

Who will give a garden tool or a carpenter's tool? These singly are not very expensive, but when we have to purchase several the amount counts up. The tools we send to India this month cost us $34.16, and twice as many more are needed. We do hope our brothers will help us in this.

NEW LOCAL.

NORTH CAROLINA—Hornet, President, Mrs. Jane Giessen, Pioneer Mills; Secretary, Mrs. McDonald Wilson, Hornet.

Our little book, Child Wives and Widows of India, is all sold, and there has come a call from outside our denomination for several hundred copies. We are printing a large edition which we shall sell for 10 cents a copy. We will send twenty copies to one address for $1.00. Postage 15 cents additional.

Lord over all, as th' the years
We plant with joy, or sow with tears
Help us to serve, 'mid praise or blame
"For love of Christ and in His name."
—Mary A. Lathbury.

FROM DIFFERENT NATIONS

THE ISLANDS—The present population of the Samoan group is estimated at 35,000, 5,000 of whom are Roman Catholics, 5,000 Wesleyans, and 25,000 adherents of the London society.

So great was the call for teachers that the mission early set apart two of its missionaries to establish a seminary at Malua, on the Manua group of islands. This seminary has become most famous throughout all Polynesia, for it has raised up no less than 1,200 men and 700 women, the great mass of whom have become preachers and teachers.

This institution has cost the London society very little money, since the students have cultivated the land and secured their own support. It is said that every village in Samoa where there are Christian adherents is supplied with a pastor who has spent four years in the Malua institution. Not only has Samoa been evangelized by the students from this seminary, but these students have always been willing to go to distant islands. Thus they have labored in the New Hebrides and in New Guinea. There are now in New Guinea thirty married Samoan teachers, while sixty missionaries have gone from this group to the different islands of the Pacific. During the recent intertribal strife it is said that the people have maintained their contributions for work in heathen lands, besides supporting their own pastors.—The Missionary Herald.

Stone buildings in Fiji are rare, but nowhere in the South Seas is there a building made up of such rare stones as are imbedded in the thick walls of the church at Bau. Tools for breaking stones to be found great slabs that were for ages ground into shape by the action of waves on the neighboring reefs; stones that were once gods; stones gathered from the ruins of ancient heathen temples; stones taken from old fortifications, over which men once fought and bled and died; grime, hard stones that for ages absorbed the tears and blood of generations of men who walked this green earth without God and without hope, in the world. To-day within the bare walls of this strange edifice stands, where it has stood for many a year, a rough boulder of grey rock that was once the killing stone against which scores of poor victims of lust and murder have been dashed to death to make a feast for the lords of Bau. This grim memorial of darker days has been turned into a baptismal font from which many hundreds of men and women and children have been baptized into the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.—Wesleyan Missionary Notices.

The Church Missionary Society makes these statements, which well set forth the marvelous development of missions which this country has witnessed: A hundred years ago the founders of the society were unable to find a single English missionary whom they could send to carry the Gospel invitation, and it seemed as if the doors of access to the heathen and Mohammedan world were hermetically sealed. Now, thank God, the open doors abound on every hand, and the missionaries who have gone out from Great Britain and Ireland in the society's ranks, though far too few are numbered in thousands. The two thousand and three missionary non-counting wives, sailed in March last. The one thousand and sixty-one who sailed in 1880, so that since 1880, 1,000 and 600, have labored in the New Hebrides and in New Guinea. There are now in New Guinea thirty married Samoan teachers, while two of its missionaries to establish a seminary at Malua, on the Manua group of islands.

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LETTERS FROM INDIA

From Capt. James Spence
2 Coles Road, Bangalore, India,
Aug. 28, 1902.

My Dear Sister Taylor:

I am in receipt of your Monthly which tells of you, and from that I am glad to infer that you are well and that the Women's Home and Foreign Mission Society is prospering favorably under you. I am just now, 2.30 a.m., having a wakeful time. I have been trying to sleep, for an hour but have failed. So I thought I would improve the time by having a pen and ink talk with you. You will be glad to learn that a way is opening out for us to get the other orphans.

When Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were going on their vacation they put up with Alice and Jess, so I wrote to Mr. Thompson and asked him to give his candid opinion as to what he thought of our property, our work and workers. I send you his reply. It is short but to the point. I wanted the opinion of an outsider and here it is.

Bangalore, India, July 21, 1902.

My Dear Brother Thompson,

I thank you heartily for your interest in our mission. Would you oblige me with a few lines as to your opinion of our work. Just tell your honest convictions as to our work, good, bad or indifferent and I will send it as outside evidence of the work we have done and are doing.

You see the folks in America have trusted me with their money and I have never been able to get an outside opinion as to how I spent their money.

I gave 2000 rupees for the Mission House and have spent about 800 rupees for repairs. I paid 600 rupees for the Villacherrie property and spent about 600 rupees in repairs. Is the property worth this? What is your opinion of the work and workers? I believe you went to Villacherrie while you were at Guindy. Now, like a dear good brother, let me have a few lines giving your estimate of the property and the work that is being carried on. Don't be afraid to blame if anything or anybody is blameworthy.

You have had a vast experience and I ask for your unbiased opinion.

Mrs. Spence joins me in our Christian regards to yourself and Mrs. Thompson.

Yours affectionately in the Lord,

J. T. Spence.

Bapatha, July 23, 1902.

Dear Captain Spence:

You asked me to write you candidly about your work. If I didn't know you so well, I'd say: "No, thank you, I don't want to lose a friend!" But I think our friendship is strengthened, not broken, by a frank criticism.

1. I think the property in Guindy is cheap and the situation and everything is very favorable for good, aggressive and progressive mission work. Your plant, however, is not sufficient. You ought to build a Gospel Hall near the road.

2. I don't like the other place [Villachery] so well. It may be cheap but I think it is like a light hidden under a bushel.

3. As to work and workers, I believe God has sent his chosen ones and given them a grand opportunity. What is needed now is to feed the babes in Christ with the Gospel. Preach the main truths of God's word.

This in short is what I think. May God give you a rich harvest of souls. Please give our kindest regards to Mrs. Spence. We are very well after our rest on the hills.

Cordially yours,

Geo. N. Thomssen.

I am glad to know all the folks are well in Madras and that they are the better for their trip to the hills. I am thankful to say that the malaria is not nearly so bad with me but it has left me quite disinclined for work of any kind. I hope I shall get over this feeling.

Of course you know my bicycle has come, but I have not been on it half a dozen times. Brother Edwards finds his very useful. It has saved you a heavy carriage bill.

My children are going to make their mother a present of a Jinricksha, that is, a two wheeled carriage that is moved by a Cooly. And I am thinking of putting Mrs. Spence in charge of your school, just charging you the Cooly hire.

You will be glad to know that I have been able to have another building for the school at a reduced rent. I now pay 6 rupees instead of 13-8, and the present building is quite as suitable as the old one for our school.

With kindest regards to Brother Taylor,

I am yours affectionately,

James Spence.

A DIFFERENCE

There are some of things that I cannot understand. One is this that people can stand it to lose a large sum, and cannot stand it to give the same large sum. I once asked a man for $25,000 for a college. He said it was utterly impossible. Two weeks later he, by an accident, lost $250,000 a round quarter of a million. When I met him and offered him my sympathy, he said, "Our house is a very strong one, and it will not affect us." I asked another for $60,000, and his wife said it would beggar them. He told a friend one year afterwards that he wished he had given it to me, for, as I talked, he thought of the money it would take if he did do it, and that he had put it elsewhere, and lost it all and more than an equal sum, to get it out; but he would not feel it much! A farmer is shocked to be talked to about giving $100, but his best horse will die, and nobody sees that it makes any difference. I cannot understand this thing. Will not those people please give us their testimony whether it does make any difference in the bank whether money is checked out to pay gifts or to pay losses?"—G. P. Hugo.

MESSIAH'S ADVOCATE

A WEEKLY paper published at Oakland, Cal., every Wednesday, edited by W. R. Young, heralding the coming of our Lord, and exhorting to holy living. Eight four-column pages. Subscription, $1.50; to new subscribers $1.00.
I wrote to you last mail but I doubt very much your ever getting my letter on account of the terrible railway disaster to the mail of the 11th inst. One of the bridges had been washed away by heavy floods and the whole train was wrecked in the bed of a river. The casualties are not known for certain but there have been fifty-nine dead bodies taken out of the debris. Forty-five people were rescued. It has been the most heavy deathrate the Madras railway has experienced for the last forty years.

Just give us the time to get the orphans. India is such a slow place. The slowness of everything depresses and worries me considerably. We have not started the Girls' Orphanage yet as we feel that God wants us to buy instead of to build. (1) It would be a great saving of time, (2) it would give our girls a home immediately, (3) it would not cost so much if we could buy the next house and grounds instead of building a new orphanage. We are waiting on God daily to see what is His mind and will about the matter and He will soon show His Hand. The next house might be got for $1000, at least we could make this offer if you approve of the plan. It will cost $2000 to $3000 to build a new substantial orphanage on our ground whereas we might get a whole house and grounds for half the money.

Jess has been ill for two weeks with sore eyes, but she is quite well now. All our 42 girls have had them and Jess has had to tend to them every day so it is no wonder she contracted it.

We have just received a child widow and a widow from the famine district. The child widow is 16 years old. She was married when she was seven years old and when she was 13 years old her husband deserted her and has not been heard of since that time.

I am glad you liked our letters. If there is anything you would like us to write about, just say so and I shall always try to give you some information on it. There are so many things to take one's time and attention here that we really have not the time to think about such things. Sometimes we are on the go the whole day long from 6:30 in the morning when we leave our rooms to 8 p.m. at night. The little trifles take up all the time.

About the Toda women. Yes, they live in these dark dens as I call them. The only ventilation that when the door is shut is a tiny opening about 4 square inches and this they hold us is quite enough. They look well and strong because of the beautiful climate in which they have been born and bred. They never leave their homes. The men go to the shandy and buy whatever is needed in the way of food, etc. The men wear a cloth for six or eight months continually and when they think it is sufficiently dirty they pass it on to the women who wear it till it can hold together no longer from age and dirt. This is, I think, dreadful. The artists or photographers who have to go to the Todamund or village if they want pictures of them. They are very greedy for money and the moment they see a white face they say "Yanam Kodu" which means "give us a present of money." The children too do the same.

Just now we are having a bad time with sore eyes. It is the season for eye flies. They are just as large as a tiny black bead. They come in swarms and fly about in great numbers before one's eyes. If one happens to get into the eye and remains there it is a sure thing that it will give sore eyes. As I write I have to fan them away, with one hand while I write with the other. They are most annoying little creatures. The poor little children, I do pity because they have to suffer so much by these sore eyes. Almost every child gets them in India, especially the natives.

A G S.
**Children's Page**

**HOW ONE LITTLE GIRL HELPED**

Floßie is a little girl six years old, living on a farm. Like other children she loves to hear her mamma read about her little sisters in other lands. One day after her mamma had read to her, from the "All Nations Monthly," about our famine orphans in India, and that our mission society were to send a box to them, filled with the things they needed, she was so interested that she went to some of her neighbors and told them about it and asked them to please give her a quilt. She was given three quilts; but this did not satisfy her, she wanted to send something herself. But how could she earn any money? Then she thought of the bashes laden with huckleberries. Here was a way; she could pick and sell berries. So she industriously set herself about this task and gathered five quarts and sold them for forty cents; a hard day's work for a little girl, wasn't it? And with this money she bought towels and soap to send to the orphanage in India.

Now don't you think Flossie's way is a good one to show how much she was interested?

Have any of you read the little poem, "Which Loved Mother Best?" If you have you remember it was the child who did the things that mother wished them to do that loved her the most. And if we love Jesus we will want to do the things he wants us to do; and Jesus said his "Gospel must be preached to all nations," and if we cannot go and preach we will want to help those who have gone, just as Flossie did.

I think we may all help, if ever so small, by telling our friends about our little sisters there. And then we can collect pennies in the little bags which Miss Bradford will send you, for the building of a home for our dark skinned children. I hope many girls and boys will take up this work.

B. S. HAZARD.

**HOW SEVERAL LITTLE GIRLS HELPED**

Miss Lena Bradford, Rockland, Maine.

Dear Miss Bradford,—This letter is in regard to money collected in one of our Little Mission bags, for the India orphanage, by my Sunday School class.

I promised my girls that if each one would try to earn the money which she brought, in some way, I would write a letter to send to the orphanage in India.

We had the bags in July and the result is as follows:

Marion Morrison earned money by her mamma. Charlotte Mooney washed dishes, pared apples and helped her mamma in various ways.

Emma Drew sold rags, helped her mamma and cared for a neighbor's baby.

Lillian Milberry sold rags and helped her mamma in various ways.

Bertha Mitchell cared for a neighbor's baby, cared for a neighbor's plants and did errands for her papa. The result is $2.25 for the orphanage and my little girls have enjoyed the thought that they really were doing something themselves, to help little children less fortunate than themselves.

Very sincerely yours,

OLIVE E. BERRY.

**PRAY FOR THE PENNIES**

It was a bright Spring evening when little Polly stole softly into her father's room with shoeless feet, her golden hair falling lightly over her white night-gown, for it was bed time, and she had come to say "good night."

"Father," said the little one, raising her blue eyes to his kind face, "father, may I say my prayers beside you, for mother is too ill for me to go to her tonight."

"Yes, pet," he answered tenderly.

And reverently the child knelt down beside him and prayed her evening prayer, adding at the close, with a special earnestness, "God bless my two pennies."

"What can the child mean?" thought the father in surprise; and when the little white-robed figure was gone he went and asked her mother if she knew what their little daughter meant.

"Oh, yes" said the lady, "Polly has prayed that prayer since she put her pennies into the plate at the last missionary meeting."

Have you ever prayed to God for a blessing on the pennies you have put in the missionary box?

**MISSIONARY MUSIC**

"Have you ever brought a penny To the missionary box, A penny that you might have spent Like other little folks? And when it fell among the rest, Have you ever heard a ring Like a pleasant sound of welcome That the other pennies bring?"

This is missionary music, And it has a pleasant sound; For pennies make a shilling, And shillings make a pound; And many pounds together The gospel news will send, Which tells the heathen children That the Saviour is their friend."

**PRAY FOR THE PENNIES**

**FOR GIRLS' JUNIOR ORPHANAGE**

California—Oakland local $1.15, Esther Smith $3.00.

Maine—Mission Earners of Friendship 55 cents.

Massachusetts—Sunday School class Pittsfield $1.50, Mrs. Roger Sherman $1.00, Miss Olive E. Berry's S. S. class $2.25, Miss Mildred Lewis' S. S. class $2.15.

New Hampshire—Blanche Aldrich $1.00, Beatrice Aldrich $1.17, Maude Blount $1.00, Florence Murray $1.07, Eva Merrill $1.00, Everett Wells $1.13, Roy Batchelder $1.00, Sugar Hill Sunday School $2.03.

Quebec—Collected by children at Magog camp meeting $4.37.

Collected by Pearl Seekers' Cards—Lula Carrier $1.00, Ethel Plouffe $1.00, Betty McKenna 72 cents, Lena Buzel 71 cents, Willie McKenna 82 cents, Horace Chadsey 36 cents, Leonard Auger 20 cents, Homer and Willie Webster 15 cents, Myrtle Rouse 10 cents, Willie McCaulder 6 cents, Christie Powers 5 cents, Annie Rice 5 cents.

Rhode Island—Charles R. Ballou 20 cents, Flossie Spencer 40 cents.

**ANSWER TO MISS SAUNDERS ENIGMA**

1.—Grape.
2.—Iaurus.
3.—Honor.
4.—Giraffe.
5.—Idols.

Girls Junior Orphanage India.

**OUR CRADLE CORNER**

For some time our Cradle Corner has been empty. Do you not know of some little one whose mamma, or some friend, will make him or her a Light Bearer? Twenty cents a year makes any child under five years old a member of our Cradle Corner.