DEGRADATION OF WOMEN

WHEN we reflect that a hundred and fifty millions of women are enthralled in a slavery the most cruel and relentless, the most helpless and hopeless the world has ever seen, when we realize that the only rays that can penetrate that region of darkness must come from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, the Light of the World, our hearts are bowed in prayer for these our suffering sisters, and we rejoice that God not only permits, but calls us to add our little strength to assist in carrying to them the Gospel of Christ.

The facts concerning these child wives of India, their degradation, their physical suffering, and their spiritual need should be known by Christian people throughout the world. While only England can change the laws in India, abolishing child marriage as she has suttee (the burning of widows), we in America can send to our sisters in India the Gospel of the Son of God, making less intolerable their suffering here, and bringing to them a faith that saves from sin, and a hope that cheers the darkest night.

Woman's degradation both in heathen and Christian lands is a hackneyed theme. Wherever she is looked upon and treated as an inferior, whether in the “nations sitting in darkness” or in a Christian family or conference, the effect is to degrade her. In highly civilized lands the immediate effect usually is to inspire contempt and rebellion, because here rebellion is possible and sometimes successful. But where emancipation is impossible, the effect of unjust, contemptuous treatment is to deprive woman of all self respect, and bring into activity those vices which always distinguish a servile class.

Mrs. Bishop, who has spent years traveling throughout Japan, Korea, China, Western Thibet, the Malay States, Kashmir, Persia, Asiatic Turkey and India, thus describes the moral degradation of heathen women: “Of the Christian population of the world, over 500,000,000 are women. Throughout Asia the natural distrust of women is shown in their seclusion behind high walls, in separate houses, known to us as the harem and zenana. I have seen much of the inmates of all, owing to the detentions in traveling which have made me frequently their unwilling guest, and have unveiled for me the mysteries of their secluded lives.

“I have been a storm, or peril bound guest in more than fifty women’s houses, including the women’s tents of the large nomadic population of Persia. In all, the arrangements, so far as means allow, are the same. The women’s rooms are built around a yard, with no windows to the front; a room near the entrance is tenanted by eunuchs, or by an old woman who acts as custodian or spy in the husband’s interests. Such secluded women can never stir outside except in rigidly closed chairs by day, or in some cities on foot at night, properly attended along streets from which men are excluded. In many countries it is a crime or a folly to teach a woman to read; in some, a lady loses caste by employing her fingers, even in embroidery. They know nothing. They have no ideals. Dress, personal adornment and subjects connected with their sex are their sole interests.

— From Child Wives and Widows of India.
LETTERS FROM INDIA

From A. G. Spence

GUINDY, 8 December, 1902.

My Dearest Sister Taylor:

It is Wednesday night, 8 p.m. We have just finished dinner and seen all our large family settled for the night, so everything is quiet and I don't think there is any likelihood of any disturbance, so I hope I shall be able to send you a good letter. Our quiet times are few and far between and the only quiet time we do have together is at night. To-morrow is mail day but I am sure I shall not have a minute at my desk for writing. We have a very full day. The photographer is coming to take the group picture of the children at 2 p.m. From 7 to 8.30 we have our Tamil lesson. Then we will have to start off to get the month's supplies for the children and we will have just got things settled when we will have to get the children ready for their photographing ordeal. And so the days come and go and we never find them long enough; our hearts, heads and hands are full of plans and work all the time.

I hope you are getting the bags alright. We are sending them on as fast as we can. To-morrow's mail will make 700 bags we have sent in all. After this is finished I will start on the lamp mats and bead work. Just now there is lots to do with the public examinations, yearly examinations, inspections, treats, prize distributions, etc. I am sure we will not get any of the boxes before Christmas but we are going to do our best in giving the children as happy a time as possible during this Christmas tide.

BAPTISM

Now to the important part of my letter. I want to tell you all about our first baptismal service held at Velacheri last Sunday, December 7th. We had ten candidates for baptism. Two were teachers from the A. M. school, Egmore and the rest (eight) were our own children. We left Guindy at 7.30 a.m. Most of the girls walked but some went in a bullock cart and home in the carriage, while Miss S. and I went on wheels. We had a very full day. The photographer is coming to take the group picture of the children at 2 p.m. From 7 to 8.30 we have our Tamil lesson. Then we will have to start off to get the month's supplies for the children and we will have just got things settled when we will have to get the children ready for their photographing ordeal. And so the days come and go and we never find them long enough; our hearts, heads and hands are full of plans and work all the time.

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After the baptism we had communion, the newly baptised children joining us. This too, was quite an impressive service. We had altogether twenty-six at communion that day. We did not get home till nearly 12 o'clock in the day. Pray for these children please.

Last Tuesday we had our first church meeting at which was read the articles of faith of the Advent church. A committee of three was appointed to bring in a constitution and by-laws at our next meeting to be held next Saturday. After this meeting we hope that the church will be regularly organized and officers elected. We are having the articles of faith translated into Tamil. When all this has been done we will send you a full report which we hope will be very soon.

Good night. Am too tired to write any more. God bless you. Love from us both.

A. G. Spence.

From W. I. Edwards

VILLECHERRY, INDIA, Nov. 27, '02.

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

Yours of Oct. 24 came to hand in due time last Monday. We are of course looking forward to the formation of a church and are looking to the Lord to lead in the matter. We expect to have a baptismal service here one week from the coming Lord's day. I hope to baptize some of the boys here and the A. M. native preacher, from Egmore, Madras, and his wife.

Yes; I have heard from the Southern Ill. Conference and received the Credentials from the Conference Secretary and a copy of the resolutions also. I am thankful to receive them. In addition since the "Campmeeting" I have received a personal donation from the Mendota A. C. Sunday school, and from the L. W. S. of same place. Eld. Pollard sent same to me, with a long letter which I was glad to receive. Thank God for his kindness.

Just at present it appears that I shall have to wait a while to buy my horse for all the good ones I've seen so far are too high priced for the size of my purse. But I shall keep on the look out for one, for I feel the need of one very much. I am trying to push my Tamil more now that the overseeing improvements has stopped. Have been for some time trying to locate a suitable site for a cemetery; but up to the present have not succeeded. The land we have been looking at for some time proves to be too low for a good cemetery. It is entirely too wet. It is quite cool here now, 75 degrees F to 78 degrees. The ground here is somewhat low so we are bound to delay starting some seed beds on account of the earth being too wet and cold.

The Missionary Conference comes off in Madras the coming month. I hope to attend and get help on the industrial problem to be solved by the Missions in India.

Yours in the Master's service till He comes,

W. I. Edwards.
INTRODUCTION

IT gives us pleasure to introduce to our readers the two mothers in Israel whose work for our India boxes was reported in our December paper. Both these ladies are eighty-seven years old, both have been with us in our work from its beginning, helping from year to year with fees and prayers, and counsel, and last year although feeble and nearly blind, both pieced quilts for our orphans in India.

Mrs. Esther Staples is a native of Raymond, Maine, where for many years she, together with her godly husband, Nathaniel Staples, made a Christian home, where preachers of all denominations were ever welcome, where her hands ever ministered to the wants of the needy, and from whence have come into the Adventist denomination a noble family of boys and girls who are loyal adherents to the faith of their parents, and valuable workers in the church of God. Edward M. and John Staples of Haverhill, and Quimby Staples of Lynn, Mass., Mrs. Minerva Jordan of Raymond, and Mrs. Ellen Sawyer of Mechanic Falls, Maine, are the living children who are perpetuating the Christian influence and living faith and good works of these God-fearing, truth-loving parents. Some of her children have fallen asleep, but their children are with us, active members of Adventist churches. “Her children rise up and call her blessed,” and all who know her love and honor her for what she is and what she has done.

Mrs. Huldah Rackliff was born in Albion, Maine, July 4, 1815, where she has always resided. She, as well as Sister Staples has been a firm believer in the Adventist doctrines since 1843, and has reared in that faith her family of whom she has two sons living. She has ever been one of those wise women of whom it is said: “The law of kindness is on her tongue. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.”

Such lives as our sisters leave behind them should be and will be a stimulus to other lives indefinitely. Only God can estimate the good such women do.

GROWING OLD

Softly, oh, softly, the years have swept by thee,
Touching thee lightly with tenderest care.
Sorrow and death they have often brought nigh thee,
Yet they have left thee but beauty to wear—
Growing old gracefully,
Gracefully fair.

Far from the storms that are lashing the ocean,
Nearer each day to the pleasant home light,
Far from the waves that are big with commotion,
Under full sail and the harbor in sight—
Growing old gracefully,
Cheerful and bright.

Fast all die winds that were adverse and chilling,
Fast all the islands that lured thee to rest,
Fast all the currents that lured thee, unwilling,
Far from thy course to the land of the blest—
Growing old gracefully,
Peaceful and blest.

Never a feeling of envy or sorrow
When the bright faces of children are seen,
LAST year we laid before our members subjects for prayer, and afterward recounted God's gracious answers. This year has opened with many blessings for which praise is due to God.

1. The baptism of eight of our children. Some two or three years ago these children came to us, wicked, filthy, hungry, nearly or quite naked, with vermin, and sores, and ignorance, and wretchedness beyond description, being worshippers of idols, with no knowledge of God, or purity or truth. They were fed, washed, and combed and dressed, and loved and cared for, and in this Christian home soon learned to believe in Jesus Christ. Since conversion they have been carefully taught and trained in Christian living, and have shown such evidence of a changed heart and intelligent understanding of God's word that they have now been baptized and will be received into church fellowship.

2. Our baptism is completed. Because of the scarcity of water and the distance of all streams, it was necessary that this baptistry be built before we could have a baptism and after many delays and considerable expense it has been done.

3. Every bill has been paid. Although in November and December our expenses were comparatively heavy we proved the promise of God in Phil. 4:19.

Let every auxiliary society appoint a prayer meeting, and let every member of our Mission Society offer special Thanksgiving to God for the first fruit of our mission in India, and for all the success and prosperity which have been vouchsafed to us.

SUBJECTS OF PRAYER

One comforting evidence of the blessing of God upon our mission is the hold it has upon the hearts of its helpers. It is not only the general officers, and the state officers, and the local officers that bear this work upon their hearts, but many who have no care or supervision of the work are interested in every detail, and by prayer and advice, by distributing papers, by telling others about the work in India, by getting new members to our mission society and subscribers to our All Nations, by sending contributions, and in numerous other ways are carrying forward this important work God has placed in our hands. To such we do not need to name separately the matters demanding wisdom in management and money to sustain them. Such helpers read with deep interest every article and letter in our paper, and present at the throne of grace those subjects which need divine help.

Among these are our girl's Orphanage in India, and the formation of a church there, our Headquarters at Alton Bay, the Interstate Conference after the Mid-Winter Convention in Boston and the transfer of the A. C. Publication Society in Boston. We wish to ask prayers continually for the children in our orphanages. Also we must pray for the scholars in our day schools of which we have about three hundred. [Four hundred children in all.] About fifty of these are the sons of Brahmin Priests and should these become soundly converted and instructed in the Christian faith would wield a powerful influence for Christianity in a few years should time continue. Pray for these Brahmin boys. We do not need to ask you to pray for our missionaries and teachers, our preachers and Bible-women. In conclusion we will say "Pray for us."
LORD. SPEAK TO ME.

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In loving echoes of Thy tone;
As thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children, lost and lone.
O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
The wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
Thy hungry ones with manna sweet.
O strengthen me, that while I stand
Firm on the Rock, and strong in Thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand
To wrestle with the troubled sea.
O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depth of many a heart.
O give thine own sweet rest to me,
That I may speak with soothing power
A word in season, as from Thee,
To weary ones in needful hour.
O fill me with Thy fulness, Lord,
Until my very heart overflows
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.
O use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as thou wilt, and when, and where;
Until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.
—Frances R. Havergal.

CONVENTION.

Plans are formulating to hold an inter-state conference of the W. H. & F. M. Society on the Friday following the Midwinter Prophetic Convention in Boston, the date of which has not yet been ascertained. Notices will be sent to the presidents of the eastern states for each local in her state with particulars. Watch the Crisis for definite notice. Let every woman interested arrange to be at the convention and tarry for this mission conference. MABEL R. MAKEPEACE.

Mrs. Makepeace, who has charge of this convention, is getting up a fine program, and we hope every one who can will plan to attend this convention which will probably be held the day after the convention closes. We hope to have with us one or more returned missionaries from India.—Ed.

A CONVENIENCE

As our general treasurer lives with Mrs. Taylor, and their desks are side by side, an envelope addressed to either may contain communications to the other, thus saving the postage of our faithful helpers who wish to write separately to both.

STATE TREASURERS

Where the state is organized and there is a state treasurer, will the local societies in that state send the dues to the state treasurer. All other societies will send dues to our general treasurer.

HEADQUARTERS

Previously acknowledged, $100.00
Worcester local, Mass., 3.00
Secretary of Worcester local, Mass., 1.00
President of H. Woodman, Manager, 144 Hanover St., Boston, Mass.
President of Somerville local, Mass., 2.00
President of Pittsfield local, Mass., 3.00

PARCELS FOR INDIA.

We expect to send cases to India twice a year, in October, and in April. Let all sending packages for India before March first send them to Mrs. C. H. Bradford, 113 Moreland St., Boston, Mass. After that send them to 160 Warren St., Boston, Mass., plainly marked for "India Box."

F. B. W. F. M. S.

From the Maine Free Baptist Mission Society a year of marked success and rich blessing is reported—five new auxiliaries have been organized, with an increase of 143 members. An apportionment of $2,000 has been met, with $66.08 additional for incidental fund. No large gifts have been received—the largest offering being $5.00.

As examples of greater interest they cite two Quarterly meetings, one of which in 1901 raised $39.94, and during the past year has paid $120.53. Another has increased its receipts from $77.23 to $143.40.

CHOICE PREMIUM.

For a short time, to anyone sending a new subscription for the Young Pilgrim, with 35 cents, I will send a fine 15 cent ribbon bookmark, with beautiful verses. The subscription must be other than your own, but may be sent as a present. In such case, please so state. Address, mentioning this offer, Uncle Pilgrim, 14 Mason St., Worcester, Mass.

A CREED.

"My life from His life;
His life for my life;
His life in my life;
His life for another's life;
This life for eternal life."

Put a seal upon your lips and forget what you have done. After you have been kind, after love has poured forth into the world and done its beautiful work, go back into the shade again and say nothing about it. Love hides even from itself.

PROFESSOR DRUMMOND.

AFRICA—A missionary fund was raised some years ago in memory of General Gordon, who was killed in Africa. When the Anglo-Egyptian expedition up the Nile has opened the way, the Church Missionary Society of England will begin work at Khartoom if men will offer themselves for the service. The first move will probably be in the direction of a medical mission sent out from Egypt.

THE WORLD'S CRISIS

THIS is a large sixteen page paper published by the Advent Christian Publication Society, Boston, Mass., edited by F. L. Piper. It is devoted especially to the doctrines of Christ's Second Advent, Saints' Inheritance, Conditional Immortality, etc.

Terms—$1.50 per year. Sample copy free. Address Chas. H. Woodman, Manager, 144 Hanover St., Boston, Mass.
WOMAN'S MISSION SOCIETIES

There is the argument of the loyal denominational adherent who fears that the opulence of the woman's treasuries is gained at the expense of the general Boards. It would be easy, were there time to show that this objection is not borne out by fact; that the churches with the most active women's circles are also those having the largest per capita contributions. The objection in fact falls by its own weight. It proves too much; since it impeaches the loyalty and good sense of two-thirds the membership of the Protestant church. An occasional woman may see no further than her dollar to the woman's circle. Her dollar, however, represents one hundred cents addition to mission funds, as without the unremitting pressure of the woman's organization she would give nothing. But the membership of the women's societies is for the most part made up of those who love the gospel of our Lord, and who will measure their gifts by no lower standards than their loyalty and faith.

We want no woman's gospel, but we remember that the first commission on the resurrection morning was to Mary Magdalene, "Go tell." We seek to usurp no function not our own; but we remember that the Kingdom of Heaven is likened not only to the shepherd seeking the lost sheep in the wilderness, but also to the woman sweeping the house for the lost coin. And so we believe that there is the outlook for a great work and abundant for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies.

We believe this for two reasons:

First. Women's Societies are Needed to Develop Higher Christianity at Home—Institutions, like men, are immortal till their work is done; and the work of the Women's Foreign Mission Societies for the women of our home churches is just beginning. Alas! how few of the Christian women of America have yet beheld the world's wide multitude sitting hungry in desert places, and heard the Master say, 'They need not depart, give ye them to eat.' Alas! how many of them are responsive only to the gospel for the individual and dead to the glad tidings which shall be to all people. A thousand organizations for the broadened work on the fringe of life's garment, and only one to weave the seamless robe of Jesus' universal Kingshood! Hardly more do the heathen need the gospel of salvation than do we Christian women need to rise to a higher, broader, diviner conception of the meaning of that gospel. Until all Christian women have learned that the Cross of Christ is not to be sung about nor wept over, nor smothered in flowers, but set up in the midst of our pleasures; that our Lord never commanded us to cling to that cross but to carry it, the work of the missionary circle will not be done, nor its warfare accomplished.

Second. She is Needed on the Foreign Field—There is work to be done on the foreign field which can only be done for women and by women. The work of evangelization, of organization, of founding governments, of transcribing languages, of creating industries can be done largely by men. There is another work altogether different, without which all these activities will be thwarted and defeated, that must be done by women, through women, for the world. Our Lord gave it to us in a picture when He said, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal until the whole was leavened." The final citadel of heathenism is in the home, and that fortress must be taken by women. It seems such slow work, this gathering of children into Kindergartens, this friendly contact with little groups of mothers, this teaching of needle work, this living one's own home life through long, lonely years that seem to count for nothing. It is women's work, my sisters, the patient hiding of the leaven in the lump until the whole is leavened. And there is no one agency which has such power to hasten the triumph of the Kingdom of our Lord as this hidden work committed into the hands of women. A thousand trained nurses to incarnate the tender compassion of Jesus, a thousand women physicians to carry into closed homes the gospel of healing, a thousand kindergarten teachers to gather the children into the arms of Christ, a thousand zenana visitors to carry fresh life into stagnant hearts, a thousand missionary mothers to set up the white fragrance of their home in the darkness,—these are our forces, these the reinforcement that shall take the stronghold of error and darkness. I am not undervaluing the other great evangelizing forces of which it is not my province to speak. I am only trying to show that among them all there is none greater than this lovely task which none but women can do.

For these two reasons then, because we have a mission to the women in our home churches, and because there is a distinctive work to be done by women in the field, we believe in the future of the Women's Foreign Mission Societies.—Outlook for the Future of Woman's Mission Societies by Mrs. W. A. Montgomery.

"GIVE US YOUR CHRIST!!"*

Mrs. O. W. Scott in Woman's Missionary Friend. I've heard of a land that is far away,
A beautiful Eastern land;
Whose rivers and valleys are fair indeed,
Whose mountains are noble and grand,
Whose sky above is bright and pure,
Spice-laden its breezes blow,
But they only waft to my listening ear
A cry that is full of woe.

"Give us your Christ, give us your Christ!"
These are the words I hear,
Like the toll of a bell far out of sight,
Whose echo is sadly clear.
There are temples high in that land afar,
With priceless treasuries stored;
There countless idols, blind and dumb,
By countless souls adored;
But who can fathom the dark despair
Of the multitudes unblest,
As they vainly seek for rest?

"Give us your Christ, give us your Christ!"
These are the words I hear,
Like the toll of a bell far out of sight,
Whose echo is sadly clear.

*These words were spoken by a heathen woman when she learned the secret of Christianity.
CHEERING WORDS

A MONG the kind letters bringing cheer to our hearts, is one response from a brother who offered to adopt one of our famine orphans, but was disappointed in not having one assigned to him. We sent letters to all these friends for whom we had no permanent child asking if they would support a temporary child until a permanent child could be assigned to them, as we have many little ones that our good missionaries are caring for who are not wholly given up to us. We have had many kind responses to our letters, and we publish this one to cheer the hearts of all the members of our Executive and Advisory Boards, as well as of all those who love and pray for this work.

SISTER TAYLOR:

Dear Friend:—When your letter came so fully charged with love and good will and other good qualities which I have not time to mention, I felt very an: ious to write you at once and assure you we were very well satisfied with your management, with the situation of things in India, and also at home. We have the utmost confidence in your ability for the work you are so kindly carrying on. We hope you and the missionaries will feel at rest with regard to our orphan, as it matters not whether it is temporary or otherwise. We are only sorry we can not do a great deal more.

We have had three stormy Sundays in succession and have had no Sunday school. We should have sent you the contribution from the S. S. before had it not been as above stated.

We often think about the dear missionaries,—how much they are doing for the poor children and how much self-denial they are undergoing for the Master. We can only pray often that the Lord of the vineyard will send more to help carry forward His work.

It seems to us, surrounded as we are with every phase of unbelief, that the good Lord is only waiting to gather in His sheep from other folds in the East, as efforts seem almost fruitless in this part of the vineyard.

We are sure the Lord will say to those who have labored so faithfully in the work of the East, "Well done." This must be a great support to the weary ones in their faithful work.

I think we can never fully realize the full import of that final approval of our Blessed Lord until we come there. We appreciate the divine approval now, and many times it lifts us above our trials and sorrows to have the witness of the Holy Spirit so sweetly promised in the divine record. Truly they that labor enters into rest, (of faith.) I hope you will be free from anxiety about us and the money sent. We are well pleased with the results.

Sincerely, thy brother in Christ,  

TREASURER'S REPORT

From Dec. 15, 1902, to Jan. 15, 1903.

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand Dec. 15,  

Cash received from fees and contributions,  

$3 87

$367 40

Sales,  

Subscriptions,  

$10 77

$41 39

Total receipts,  

$423 43

EXPENDITURES

Sent to India, $290 00

Business Manager one month salary, $8 33

Bookkeeper and office clerk four weeks salary,  

Printing "Child Wives,"  

Printing All Nations Monthly,  

Printing cards and letter heads,  

Postage stamps,  

Postal cards,  

Transfer fund by the Low Hampton local, N. Y.,  

J. Clayton Cowles for simple house to sell,  

Sundries,  

$419 38

Balance in treasury,  

4 95

$423 43

LENA N. BRADFORD, Treasurer.

MONEY RECEIVED

California—Mrs Frances R. Gould $50.00, Mrs. T. A. Kelley $50.00, Mrs. A. C. Young 75 cents, a sister 50 cents, Los Alamitos local $5.00, Dr. A. E. Colerick $4.50.

Connecticut,—Jennie W. Thomas $5.75, Hartford local $4.50, E. L. Miller 50 cents, Emily Tourelotie $10.00.

Florida—Ladies Aid, Gainesville $1.00.

Illinois—Mrs. O. R. Monson $2.00, S. E. Gleason 50 cents.

Indian Territory—Mrs. H. C. Way $1.00.

Iowa—C. D. Cooper $2.00.

Maine—A friend 25 cents, Mrs. J. P. Kelly $5.00, A. W. T. $15.00, Elton Timberlake $1.00, Mr. Gillander $1.00, Mr. Smith 25 cents, Cumberland Mills local $1.00, Carrie P. Tuck $1.00, N. S. Tuck $1.00, E. M. Skinner 75 cents, Salutios local $1.00, H. E. Day $5.00, E. F. Stanley $5.00, Susan Trefethen 75 cents, Lorana Watkins $1.00, 4 orge Siedman $1.10, Jessie E. Jordan $2.00, Mechanic Falls local $4.00, A. C. Sunday School, Birthday Offering, Bridgton $3.66, O. R. Jones $1.00, L. J. Brown $1.00, Old Orchard local $15.00, Edith M. Thompson $1.00, a gift 25 cents, Bridgton local $5.00, Mrs. R. R. York $1.00, Lottie Staples $1.00, S. F. Kilborn $1.00, M. E. Kilborn $1.00.

Massachusetts—Frank A. Waters $1.00, Lawrence local $1.00, Ursalind A. Nickerson $6.00, R. N. Orton $2.00, N. Robert $1.00, Augustus White $10.45, Elizabeth E. Webber $3.00, Brockton local $2.00, Somerville local $2.00, Pittsfield local $2.00, Mrs. Wm. Davis $1.25, C. M. Bradbury $1.00.

Michigan—Mrs. A. Very McIntyre $4.00, Fannie M. Fitch $2.50.

Minnesota—Levi Bowen $8.00, a friend $1.00.

New Hampshire—Mrs. E. K. Knox $2.00, Mrs. W. B. Hobbs $1.00, Betsey G. Elliott $1.00, Manchester local $1.00, Mrs. L. P. Hart $3.00, Mrs. C. L. Slager $3.00, Northwood Narrows local $5.00, Mrs. L. A. Thompson 75 cents, A. D. Hardy 50 cents.

New Jersey—Carrie A. Martin $1.00.

New York—Sarah A. Eno 75 cents, Brooklyn local $16.50, Low Hampton local $1.50, Mrs. T. H. Barnes 75 cents, Mrs. J. C. St. John $8.00.

Oregon—John Day local $13.75.

Pennsylvania—Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Swift $8.00.

Province Quebec—Mary O. Vaudy $2.00, Danville local $2.50, A. C. Sunday School, South Barton $3.00.

Rhode Island—Escoheag local $7.00, a gift from a friend $3.00, Bertha Hazard $1.00, Mamie A. Place 50 cents, Ellen M. Green 50 cents, John Wilson 25 cents, Mary Cherry 50 cents, Idella Young 50 cents, William A. Munroe $1.00, Lillian M. Reynolds $1.00.

Vermont—A friend $2.00, Rutland local $8.50, Mrs. Tina West 50 cents, Emily J. Imman $5.00, Bristol local $2.50.

Wisconsin—Sparta local $4.50.

For Junior Orphanage $78.94; sales $107.71; subscriptions $40.39; total receipts $419.45.
Children's Page

“TWO CENTS A WEEK AND A PRAYER.”

“Two cents a week and a prayer,”
A tiny gift may be,
But it helps to do a wonderful work
For our sisters across the sea.

“Two cents a week and a prayer,”
From our abundant store;
It never was missed, for its place was filled
By a Father’s gift of more.

“Two cents a week and a prayer,”
’Twas the prayer, perhaps, after all,
That the work was done and a blessing bought,
The gift was so very small.

“Two cents a week and a prayer,”
Freely and heartily given;
The treasures of earth will all melt away—
This is treasure laid up in heaven.

“Two cents a week and a prayer,”
A tiny gift may be,
But it helps to do a wonderful work
For our sisters across the sea.

—Heathen Woman’s Friend

PRECIOUS GIFTS

(Write for All Nations, Monthly)

Who gave, two thousand years ago,
His only Son, that we might know
The saving grace He came to show?
Gave His own life to save the lost?
That the work was done and a blessing bought,
“Two cents a week and a prayer,”
And all our great Prince of Peace
Poured out His blood to purge our dross,
But it helps to do a wonderful work
For our sisters across the sea.

FOR JUNIOR ORPHANAGE

California—C. Ellis $1.00, A. C. Sunday School, Los Angeles $11.25, E. Myrtle Welcombe $3.50, A. C. Sunday School, Colton $6.00, M. A. Davis $1.00.

Florida—Sunday School Mission rally, Gainesville $2.30, For Junior Orphanage $1.00.

Maine—Edith M. West $1.00, Freddie T. Hartford 5 cents, Clara Chesley 75 cents, Helen Chesley 25 cents, Lawrence Parker 50 cents, a gift, Sabattus 60 cents, Johanna Nilsson $1.00, George T. Stedman $1.00, George Weeks $1.00.

Massachusetts—Sunday School, Acushnet $6.20.

New Hampshire—E. F. Dow $1.00, Myrtle M. Dwight, John W. Leavitt, Isabel S. Leavitt $2.00, Alice L. Berry $1.00, C. S. Grover $1.00.


Rhode Island—Sadie T. Remington 50 cents, Lillian M. Reynolds $1.00.

Vermont—Alice N. Lyman $1.00.

Wisconsin—George, Helen, Bernice, Ethel Letts $2.00, Chester Hutchins 50 cents.

Total $884; previously acknowledged $513.20; total amount $592.14.

HOW THE COLTON CHILDREN HELPED

The Secretary of the Colton Sunday school sends six dollars with this letter. This six dollars is from the Sunday school of the Colton church, for the girls orphanage in India. The children, instead of receiving presents at Christmas, voted to prove the words of the Lord Jesus, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” So they brought their offerings on Christmas day and were simply given a bag of candy.

P. DAVIES.

HE WAS NOT AFRAID

Every now and then there come to us from far-away lands, where Christianity is making its way, tales of wonderful courage and loyalty on the part of those who have taken Christ as their leader; tales that should prove helpful and inspiring to us, even though we do not have to fight for our faith against hostile countrymen. Such a story is told in a recent letter from China to the “Methodist Review of Missions.”

A Chinese boy who had been converted to Christianity was one day crossing a deep and dangerous river. The two boatmen, whose business it was to transfer passengers from one shore to the other, were followers of the old faith. Knowing that their passenger had accepted the teachings of Christ, they determined to make him worship a huge wooden idol that stood on one bank of the stream. He refused. They threatened him, but he still stood firm. Then they seized him in a strong grasp, and knocked his head against the sides of the boat until it bled. Every time they did so they told him that he must worship the idol. But he answered them fearlessly; “I will not do it. Every time you say idol, I will say Jesus.”

Then they threatened to throw him overboard, and told him that he would surely be drowned, as the current was very swift. But he answered that he would be protected. Enraged at his obstinacy, they at last carried their threat into execution, and then paddled away. But the lad had been seen from the shore, and preparations were at once made to rescue him. When at last he was taken from the water, and laid, all dripping, upon the bank, he was unconscious. For some time his rescuers worked over him, trying to restore him to consciousness. After a time he opened his eyes. Not being fully restored, however, he thought he was still with the boatmen, and showed his unshaken loyalty to his faith by exclaiming faintly, “Every time you say idol, I will say Jesus.”

—Selected.

“Help one another, the snowflakes said,
As they cuddled down in their fleecy beds,
“One of us here would not be felt,
One of us here would quickly melt,
But I’ll help you and you’ll help me,
And what a big white drift we’ll see.”

THE WORLD A GARDEN.

The world is a garden,
Children the flowers,
Smiles are the sunshine,
Tears are the showers,
Frowns are the weeds
That should never find room
In a well tended garden
Covered with bloom.

CRADLE CORNER

CHARLES FREDERIC WRIGHT, born Feb. 12, 1902.