Our Orphan Girls.

The poem, "My Dinner," is republished by the request of one who has given very liberally for the support of our famine children. He says he hopes we will keep publishing it until all our women have learned it.

Study the faces of our orphan girls seen in the photograph on the last page.

Some of these are orphans whose parents starved to death, some have one or both parents living, but through sickness or lack of employment they could not get food for the children, and they came to us for a time until the parent or parents should be able again to care for them. For a few months these temporary children will have enough to eat, and learn about Jesus Christ, and we hope they will never forget what they learn in our mission. Possibly they will remain with us permanently.

Our own children, should Jesus tarry a little longer, we hope will become not only self-respecting and self-supporting, but we expect they will become converted and some will become teachers and Bible women in our mission, while others will marry only Christian men, and found Christian homes.

May we be among those to whom the King shall say: "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was an hungered and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger and ye took me in; naked and ye clothed me; I was sick and ye visited me; I was in prison and ye came unto me.

Then shall the righteous answer Him saying: 'Lord when saw we thee an hungered and fed thee? or thirsty and gave thee drink? and when saw we thee a stranger and took thee in? or naked and clothed thee?' And the King shall answer and say unto them, 'Verily I say unto thee, inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, even these least, ye did it unto me.'”


Extract from a Letter.

"If one will not give according to his means, the Lord is able to make his means according to his giving." L. F. W.

My Dinner.

By L. Kinney.

'Twas the dinner hour, I had taken my seat,
And glanced at the food intended to eat;
Not an over supply, and in quality plain,
"Yet enough, and 'tis wholesome." I thought me again;
But how scanty and poor seemed the food on my board
Compared with some tables with luxuries stored—and
I almost had cherished an envious thought
Towards those, who it seemed had a happier lot.
As I sat (in a vision, with eyes open wide),
A little maid entered and stood by my side,
Clothing was faded, and ragged, and soiled,
And too thin for the day, tho' the weather was mild;
So scrawny and pale, there she silently stood;
Yet with eyes, ah! so longing she looked at my food.
Annoyed at her presence, I bade her begone,
"Don't you see that the food is enough for but one?"
And still she remained, never speaking a word;
But another was speaking; it was Conscience heard,
"Just see that poor suffering child at your side,
"You might give her some; you can surely divide."
"Yes, I can, it is true; I suppose that I must,
Though I want it myself, shall I give her that crust?"
But before the act I proposed had been done
The child began speaking, in quavering tone;
"I am hungry," she said, and she shook as she stood,
Full three days have passed since I tasted of food.
No one will give me; I've no money to buy—
"Please give me some food or I surely will die.
Three days without food!
I said it again,
While three times each day I had plenty, tho' plain,
No, I'm not hungry now;—I'll fast one meal at least,
Just see the child eat;—It's as good as a feast.
Then I noticed the hand that reached out for food,
It was pierced with a nail, and was covered with blood!
In amazement I turned and looked at the chair,
Not the child, but my Lord and Redeemer was there,
"Yes, these least ones are mine; I send them," said He,
"What you do unto them, you have done it to Me."

—The Christian Herald and Signs of Our Times.

Explanation by Request.

The child supported in Westfield is adopted by the Sunday School and not by the Mission Society.
LETTERS FROM INDIA

From J. M. Saunders

Advent Mission, Guindy, Feb. 19, 1903

Dear Sister Taylor:

We received letters from you this week, one with the postal order for $250. We are very glad to see the money coming in this way. One of the boxes has not arrived yet. When unpacking the boxes we found letters from many of the sisters. While we haven't the time to write to them all personally we wish to thank them through you for sending us such words of cheer. It was so encouraging to see the interest that is taken and we were rejoiced to know that so many think of us and are praying for us. The Adams local did splendidly for every member wrote a letter—seven in all. We have not got them all yet, but what we have had were just lovely. I am all alone this week. Miss Spence has gone to Bangalore to look after her school. She has been suffering with toothache for some time, and she writes me that she has had out six teeth. This will detain her a little longer than she expected. All of the girls are well. We have two new ones. I will send their names and you can assign them.

I gave the girls new clothes last week. They were delighted with them. I gave the large girls that wear thavannis their choice in colors and they all took the bright yellow cheese cloth. Their dresses are red. They looked very nicely on Sunday when they wore them for the first time. Now you have seen their photos, don't you think we have a nice lot of girls? You could not help but love them. We have two, named Rachel. Well the largest one is very dull at her lessons. The other day she came to us crying and told us that she was too stupid to learn, and she was not going to eat any food for that would make her more stupid. We asked her if she had prayed over it; she said "yes, but it's no good, I cannot learn. Missy, won't you please teach me aayak [nurse] work?" She is a good girl and a very willing worker so we are going to see what we can do for her. I have been thinking of having her for my helper in looking after any that may be sick. I believe she will make a good nurse. The fine tooth combs that were sent are being used with great success. The itch is going slowly.

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The children are working on the bead baskets we will send some soon. The names of the girls that were baptized Dec. 7th, 1902, are: Sarah Ross, or Janakie; Florence, or Velankuni; Any, or Chadashi.

The boys who were baptized the same day are: John Ross, or Selvum; Ebenizer, or Rayarathnam Phillip, or Veerersamy; Samuel, or Summel.

These children wanted to take a new name when baptized so those that had not been named by their adopted parents we gave a name. They can be changed if the parents see fit.

With much love, J. M. Saunders.

- From Alice G. Spence

Guindy, March 12, 1903.

My Dearest Sister Taylor:

I am enclosing two lists of new children which I am leaving for you to assign to those who are most impatient for children. We have been very fortunate to get these children, although the railway farces to get them here have been rather heavy. I am expecting some more children this week.

The number we have now is 106. All these children have come from Nellore and Tinnevelly. We cannot get orphans from Central India, as the government will not allow us to bring them out of that province for two years or more. But I think now that we will be able to get as many as we will want.

I have told you in a previous letter that a church has been formally and fully organized. We have had two church meetings and at our next meeting, which is fixed for April 8, we are going to draw up our charter list and will send you a copy.

Next week I will be sending you another parcel with bead baskets and paper mats.

Our Junior Orphanage has been started and I will be glad when it will be finished.

All our school grants have come in to us and they have been very good—large enough to carry on all the expenses of the Mission for one month. I am going to try my best to work the schools up so that they will almost be self-supporting.

Mr. Edwards left this morning for Koliar and buy a yoke of oxen and a cart, which are much needed for mission purposes. All the work is going on very smoothly and well. Much love to you.

Yours lovingly,

G.A. Spence.
FROM ALL NATIONS.

There are 421 dialects into which the Bible, as a whole or in part, has been translated. At the opening of the nineteenth century there were fifty versions of the Scriptures, opening the Bible to only one-eighth of the race. The Bible is now open to three-quarters of the race. The copies circulated yearly were last year 2,535,466.

The young Gaikwar of Baroda, India, who was educated in England, is the first native ruler in India to legalize the re-marriage of widows by specific enactment. Baroda, the state of which the Gaikwar is chief, shows the largest relative increase of Christians in all India for the last ten years.

Brazil is 3,000,000 square miles in extent, (nearly as large as the United States)—with 16,000,000 inhabitants. Until recently it has been almost totally unclaimed for Christ.

Thirty years ago the Scriptures in Japan were printed secretly and distributed only in the night. In 1901, Japan circulated with the greatest publicity 138,000 copies of the Scriptures.

In the recent Federation of Women's Clubs at Los Angeles, Cal., a compromise on the question of admitting colored women was made, enabling the women of any state to decide the matter for their own commonwealth.

North Africa has one Protestant missionary in 1,500 Moslems, the Sahara one in 2,500,000, the Soudan one to 45,000,000, West Africa one to 30,000, and Central Africa one to 14,000 heathen.

The Fifth Convention of the World's Student Federation was held in Soro, Denmark, August 11-16. Addresses in many languages were given by delegates representing twenty-nine lands and eighty-two thousand members.

Strikes have reached China, and at last accounts not a jinricksha in Nanking was moving.

Great Britain at the close of the Boer war found herself with nearly 100,000 men killed, wounded or sick. Of these nearly 30,000 are among the dead or permanently crippled.

Indian summer schools, that began in 1884, are this year enlarged to five that are scheduled at Pine Ridge and Flandrau, South Dakota, Hampton and Newport, Ore., and Minneapolis.

The Review of Missions gives the following statistics: "In all the world there are 55 foreign mission societies and 18,000 workers in the field. There are 1,500,000 communicants and 4,500,000 adherents. Twenty million dollars is spent annually for this work."

PREMIUM.

To each new subscriber we will send the booklet CHILD WIVES AND WIDOWS OF INDIA.

We will also send it to the one sending us the names of new subscribers. This booklet should be read by all intelligent Christians, and scattered like the seed sown by the husbandman upon the ready fields.

Price 10 cents; 20 copies for $1; postage 15 cents additional.
We rescued a hundred famine orphans in two years. We expect their pictures will be taken. Our mission was considerable, but far less than it was expected. The cost of getting them to the government will not allow these children to be re-educated. This lady is a widow and asks that her name be withheld, and says she does not intend to continue her offer. She sends us $200 toward our Famine Girl’s Orphanage providing the rest of the $2000 necessary should be raised within three months, writes that she shall not continue her offer. She asks that her name be withheld, and says she would be known as one who believes the king’s business requires haste. This lady is a widow and not wealthy, but she does consider missionary work in her own denomination, supporting several orphanages in the mission stations belonging to that church, and she is deeply interested in the work which we are doing in India and wishes to help us. We have now two months in which to raise $570. Not only is the $200 she offers conditional, but $70 more is dependent upon our keeping more than $1000 in our orphanage. Within three months from the time the offer was made. As we sent out the offer the first of April the time will expire July first. Will the offer be continued? No. If I pledge now, and can pay my pledge in October, or any time later than July 1st, will that count? Yes. A friend will cash all pledges made before June 15th. How soon must the money be sent in order to get the $200 offered conditionally toward our orphanage? Within three months from the time the offer was made. As we sent out the offer the first of April the time will expire July first. Will the offer be continued? No. If I pledge now, and can pay my pledge in October, or any time later than July 1st, will that count? Yes. A friend will cash all pledges made before June 15th. What has been done with the money given by the Christian Herald? Our missionaries have been obliged to draw from that in order to carry on our regular work. To support our regular work, that is eight schools, three missionaries, fifteen native workers, and ninety children, costs from $300 to $350 a month. Some months we have not received enough to cover the monthly expenses, and at such times we have had to draw upon the money on hand which was given to us by the Christian Herald. Is any of that left? Yes, a small sum, but we do not know how much. Will that be allowed to count in the $2000 to be raised? We hope so, but we do not yet know.

Questions:

We are always glad to answer questions, and so many have come in during the past months that we gladly give space to them in Our Nations. How soon must the money be sent in order to get the $200 offered conditionally toward our orphanage? Within three months from the time the offer was made. As we sent out the offer the first of April the time will expire July first. Will the offer be continued? No. If I pledge now, and can pay my pledge in October, or any time later than July 1st, will that count? Yes. A friend will cash all pledges made before June 15th. What has been done with the money given by the Christian Herald? Our missionaries have been obliged to draw from that in order to carry on our regular work. To support our regular work, that is, eight schools, three missionaries, fifteen native workers, and ninety children, costs from $300 to $350 a month. Some months we have not received enough to cover the monthly expenses, and at such times we have had to draw upon the money on hand which was given to us by the Christian Herald. Is any of that left? Yes, a small sum, but we do not know how much. Will that be allowed to count in the $2000 to be raised? We hope so, but we do not yet know.

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Headquarters.

Previously acknowledged, $115.50; Abbie M. Cox, 25c; Alice L. Taylor, $1; Boston local Mass., $1.

New Orphans.

Twenty-four more orphans have just been received into our orphanage in India. There are seventeen boys and seven girls. These are entirely given up to us, and we have assigned them to the adoptants. More are expected daily, and we expect very soon that a child will be assigned to every one who has expressed a wish to care for one of these helpless and needy orphans. These orphans did not come from Central India where we rescued a hundred famine orphans, as the government will not allow these children to be removed for two years. The cost of getting them to our mission was considerable, but far less than it would be to pay board in Central India for two years. We expect their pictures will be taken and sent to us as soon as our hard working missionaries can get time to attend to it.

No Continuation.

Mrs. X., the noble lady who said she would give $200 toward our Famine Girl’s Orphanage providing the rest of the $2000 necessary should be raised within three months, writes that she shall not continue her offer. She asks that her name be withheld, and says she would be known as one who believes the king’s business requires haste. This lady is a widow and not wealthy, but she does considerable mission work in her own denomination, supporting several orphanages in the mission stations belonging to that church, and she is deeply interested in the work which we are doing in India and wishes to help us. We have now two months in which to raise $570. Not only is the $200 she offers conditional, but $70 more is dependent upon our raising that amount within two months. Surely we can do this. Let all pray much over this matter.

Don’t, Please.

Please do not send packages for India to Chelsea or Cambridge, or anywhere except to 160 Warren St., Boston, Mass. If sent elsewhere they have to be expressed to Boston, at an extra expense, besides the care and bother and danger of losing them.
FROM INDIA.

This letter was received April 20th, after every other page of our paper was in type.

MY DEAR SISTER TAYLOR:

We received two letters from you to-day, one with the money order for $465.00. Our hearts were made glad as we read them and we just praised the Lord for answering prayer. I do believe that our people are getting more and more interested in mission work. I realize, too, that somebody has to keep talking and working hard to get them aroused. Has not Bro. Malone's home coming helped in getting the people aroused? I wish I could write you a nice long and interesting letter this week, but there seems nothing special to write about. We do not leave our own compound very often now, we are so busy all of the time, so all we see and hear is just among our own. Yesterday I was feeling very tired and when I went to my mid-day service with the servants I did not feel much like talking. But God blessed me there. I was talking to them of Jesus' return, and told them that I believed it was near, and Mary, our cook, asked how we knew that Jesus was coming soon. I told her the disciples asked Jesus himself about the same question and Jesus was coming soon. I told her the disciples asked Jesus himself about the same question and I would read to her what his answer was. And so I read from Matt., 24th chapter of the wars, earthquakes, famines and pestilences. These are the things that they know the most about. When I had finished she said, "Well, Missy, how are we to know these things? We have been taught to worship Gods of wood and stone and mud and knew no better. Now you come and tell us of the true God and we will know better." I tell you this made me feel much better, and I am praying that these poor ignorant people may see the light and be led to God. Pray for me as I talk to them and for them also that they may be saved.

The work on the orphanage is going on. We are anxiously looking forward to the time when we shall see it finished. I wish I could take some photos, but I cannot get either plates or films for the large camera. They say it is a very awkward size I have sent to Calcutta to see if I can get them there. I used all of the plates that you sent for it would have been good but for the plate. Cannot you get the publication society to send us three or four of the new "Golden Sheaf" hymn books? We would appreciate them so much. This week we will send the rest of the bead baskets that the children have made. Some of them are not very good because the wire was poor. It is a big job to make these and I think when you see them that you will say enough! There will also be some mats sent with the baskets.

The children are all getting on nicely, and we have many that we are proud of they are so smart. May God bless you richly in your work is the prayer of your sister. We both send much love to all our co-workers.

JESS M. SAUNDERS.
MISSIONARY DON'TS.

Don't turn this leaf o'er as the title you scan,
Till you've read to the uttermost line;
If it give you a twinge in conscience or heart,
Believe it was first felt in mine.

When in some little strait you write to your chief,
Don't on her good temper impose,
And tax her two cents to bring you relief,
But remember a stamp to enclose.

Of when some lone worker in far distant lands,
By a message of cheer you would aid;
Use overland paper, and not much of that,
Then see that it's fully prepaid.

Don't block all the wheels if a scheme is afoot
To give information galore,
Had you not neglected to send back the blank,
Believe it was first felt in mine.

Don't undertake service of general worth
With just a wee bit of an air;
As you say condescendingly, "Well, to please
When you only are doing your share.

Don't deprecate measures, nor criticize acts,
Unless in the very same breath,
You've a course to propose that seems better by far
Than that you may harass to death.

Don't leave your poor Mite-box to gather but dust,
In medias res,
But give it some prominent place;
To see your good gift gone astray.

Don't offer to more than one paper at once
To give information galore,
If by last will and testament us you would bless,
Believe it was first felt in mine.

Don't delete all the ranks out of line
When the business is done to a turn;
Or keep Quarterly Meetings in range;
That far from your State you will roam.

Don't go to the town-office that's late,
When you only are doing your share.
Or keep Quarterly Meetings in range;
That this is the year to resign.

And when the good publisher you would inform
That far from your State you will roam,
Tho' pretty clew-headed, she's not clear enough
To divine both your name and your home.

Don't leave your poor orphan,
Don't leave your poor Mite-box to gather but dust,
Don't undertake service of general worth
That this is the year to resign.

Don't use your collections till late in the year,
To give information galore,
When you only are doing your share.
If an office you're holding with honor and skill,
Don't rush for umbrella, parcel or bag,
But quietly slip in her hand a fair fee,
And when the good publisher you would inform
That far from your State you will roam.

Don't offer to more than one paper at once
The very same story or song;
That far from your State you will roam.
This fashion of putting two strings to your bow
Is journalistically wrong.

Don't wonder subscriptions have suddenly ceased
To see your good gift gone astray.
If by last will and testament us you would bless,
Believe it was first felt in mine.

Don't follow your own will and way;
And when the good publisher you would inform
That far from your State you will roam.
Find the right legal form lest you look down from Heaven
To see your good gift gone astray.

In brief, if the glorious Golden Rule law
Is journalistically wrong.
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Control all your motives and powers,
That this is the year to resign.

The sun will ne'er rise nor set on the day
To see your good gift gone astray.
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We thank not the Lord you are ours.

—Woman's Missionary Friend.

SPRING BOXES FOR INDIA.

LET all who wish their gifts and garments to go to India this spring, send the packages to Mrs. C. H. Bradford, 160 Warren street, Boston, Mass.

We expect to pack the boxes May 6. Everything going into the boxes should be at the Crisis office by Wednesday night, May 5th. But if you have a parcel ready send it along, and do not wait until the last "day of grace." Be sure and get a bill of lading for everything sent by freight, and a receipt for everything sent by express, and send your bill, or receipt at once to Mrs. C. H. Bradford, 123 Moreland St. Enclose with the bill or receipt a postal addressed to yourself, instead of putting it in the parcel as before advised. The parcels, boxes, etc., will not be opened until just before we pack, and if the card is enclosed in the parcel you will not get it until after we pack the boxes.

Let all in New England send packages by express. Let those in the west send by freight.

Please cut this out, keep it for reference, and follow the directions exactly, and your parcel will probably, not be lost, you will know when your letter is received, you will save expense, and also save your faithful committee much time, strength, and trouble.

NEW LOCALS.

MAINE.

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LETTER FROM INDIA
From W. I. Edwards
Villecherry, India. Mar. 5, 1903.

DEAR MRS. TAYLOR:
YOURS of January 30 came to hand Monday last.
Our boys take to using the wash-boards quite readily.

ABOUT ORPHANS.
We have just lately received two consignments of boys with a few girls. One lot from Tinnevelly and the other from the Tellegu county. There were nine boys and two girls brought from Tinnevelly, and eight Tellegu boys and one girl; so you see that I have fourteen more boys. There are fifty-four in all. The

THREE HAND CULTIVATORS
that some sister was so thoughtful to send me are very useful indeed and I am very glad that they were sent.

Mar. 18. Well I did not get this finished up the week I intended. I went to get a pair of bulls, and I have them here. They seem a very serviceable pair of cattle. We hope to get considerable work out of them. We use them to raise our water as well as to do our plowing and hauling. We may be able to do some of the hauling that is to be done in connection with the building now going on at Guindy. The Orphanage foundation is not quite all excavated yet. One of the men told me to-day that it would be finished to-morrow. I've had a hard time to get people to do the work here necessary to get the place planted this spring, but what we did get in is doing well. We hope now to get the rest in since we have our own team. Yours in the Master's service,

W. I. EDWARDS.

SEVEN WAYS OF GIVING.
1. The Careless Way.—To give something to every cause that is presented, without enquiring into its merits.
2. The Impulsive Way.—To give from impulse—as much and often as love and pity and sensibility prompt.
3. The Lazy Way.—To make a special offer to earn money for benevolent objects by fairs, festivals, etc.
4. The Self-denying Way.—To save the cost of luxuries and apply them to purposes of religion and charity. This may lead to asceticism and self-complacency.
5. The Systematic Way.—To lay aside as an offering to God a definite portion of our gains—one-tenth, one-fifth, one-third or one-half. This is adapted to all, whether poor or rich, and gifts would be largely increased if it were generally practised.
6. The Equal Way.—To give to God and the needy just as much as we spend on ourselves, balancing our expenditures by our gifts.
7. The Heroic Way.—To limit our own expenditures to a certain sum, and give away all the rest of our income. This was John Wesley's way.

A. T. Pearson, D.D.
OUR FAMINE GIRLS.

These are the girls who are living in the shed until we can get the orphanage built. There is no window in the shed, and no floor. The girls spread straw upon the ground and lie down on the straw and sleep at night. Now we have sent them quilts and blankets so each one has a quilt or blanket in which she can roll herself up and sleep comfortably. You see these girls are wearing the dresses their kind friends in America made for them. The Junior Orphanage is begun. The men have dug the cellar, and in a few months we hope these dear girls will have a comfortable home. Study their faces. They are very nice, bright children, and many of them have given their hearts to God, and love and obey Him.

PREVAILING PRAYER.

Mrs. I. W. Johnson, a missionary in India, tells many interesting stories about the famine girls in their orphanage.

One day we heard a scream in the yard. One of the little girls had been bitten by a scorpion. The usual remedy is to pour whiskey down their throat. But there was no whiskey that day for that little girl. Four or five little girls gathered round her and prayed. In a few minutes the bitten child stopped her crying and sprang up and began to play, saying that she was all right.

When I tell you that a scorpion's bite is often fatal, and that one day one of our missionaries was bitten, and for hours suffered intensely while we prayed around her, you will see that it was no light thing for this child to be saved by the children's prayer.

Another child was brought to us from the famine, a living skeleton, covered with a mass of sores. One day she was saved in the children's meeting and later she was sanctified. But she asked the children to pray for her, saying, "I've got an awful tongue."

She gained her victory through a great conflict. Carrying a basin of boiling milk she tripped and it fell over her, scalding her fearfuly. Her body to the waist was one big blister. We took off her little garments and gathered around her in prayer, but before we could say very much she asked us to send quickly for another girl with whom she had quarreled that morning. Stretching out her little hands to her she cried, "Please forgive me, I was wrong." And the other little girl fell into her arms and cried, "No, I was wrong." And while the two children wept on each other's necks the Holy Spirit fell on them, and that little scalded child was healed. In a few hours the blister had gone, and the little heart was happy once more.

I tell you, friends, divine healing is no theory when you have twenty-two cases of small-pox at one time.

I am glad to tell you that the little girls from nine to twelve are as firm in their confidence in God and know Him as well as you older Christians at home. I have been lying in bed in the orphanage sick myself and have heard these little children singing with all their hearts: "There'll be no dark valley when Jesus comes," until it thrilled my soul and healed my body and lifted my heart to Heaven.

Many of these little ones have passed away under our care, for they are often almost dead when they come to us, but I can tell you they expect to meet Him when He comes, and their bright, dying faces have echoed back from the valley the sweet message, "We'll see you over yonder." Mrs. I. W. Johnson.

CHILD'S PRAYER.

Our Father, hear me while I pray. Help me to love Thee every day. I thank Thee for Thy love to me, And all good gifts that come from Thee. If I've done wrong, forgive, I pray, And keep me sinless every day. Bless all Thy people, everywhere, And keep them in Thy loving care. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

CRADLE ROLL.

Agnes Alice Burdick
Christiania Grant, born October 28, 1901.
Lida James, " November 5, 1899.
Aleve King, Mar 26th, 1901.
Rosia James, " Feb. 9th, 1903.
Jessie Bryan King, " Sept., 1902.