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

The above picture of our teachers was taken after a Teachers Meeting. Miss Spence and Mr. Edwards stand among the teachers, but Miss Saunders is taking the picture, and can not be seen. God bless our faithful teachers.

**The Dying Girl**

A Chinese girl, the only Christian in her village, lay dying. Her husband had just promised her to become a Christian and she was radiant happy. Seeing a crowd of people going to their idol worship, her heart was filled with pity, and, after a word of prayer for them, she said: "Throw open the doors and call the people in. Let them see how a Christian can die." They came in and stood looking at her radiant face. They had never seen a Christian die before. They had seen many a bride at her wedding, but never one so bright, so happy, as this dying girl. She told them she had no fear of death, but this last day of her life was the happiest. She besought them to come to the same Almighty Saviour. Suddenly she ceased speaking; her ears heard sounds, her eyes saw sights vouchsafed to no others. She looked up, waved an adieu with her hands. Her face took on a brighter radiance and she cried out, "Jesus is coming, Jesus is coming," and fell asleep. Quickly and silently the people went out. But the witness of her death did more than a whole life might have done. Soon her husband and four girl friends were saved and the work of God went on extending into other villages.—Selected.

**Our Neighbours**

Somebody near you is struggling alone
Over life's desert sand;
Faith, hope and courage together are gone:
Reach him a helping hand;
Turn on his darkness a beam of your light;
Kindle, to guide him, a beacon-fire bright:
Cheer his discouragement, soothe his affright,
Lovingly help him to stand.

Somebody near you is hungry and cold;
Send him some aid to-day;
Somebody near you is feeble and old,
Left without human stay.
Under his burden put hands kind and strong;
Speak to him tenderly, sing him a song:
Haste to do something to help him along
Over his weary way.

Dear one be busy, for time flieth fast;
Soon it will all be gone,
Soon will our season of service be past,
Soon will our day be done.
Somebody near you needs now a kind word;
Someone needs help such as you can afford;
Haste to assist in the name of the Lord,
There may be a soul to be won.

—Sel.
Monthly Report

The Woman's Home and Foreign Mission, India

For the Year Ending March, 1904

In presenting my annual report I have to make many apologies for sending it in so late this year. I will not make any excuses for myself except to say that this has been my first chance. Missionary life in India is taken up with so many trivial things that we really have need to pray "Oh Lord, make us faithful in the discharge of our trivial duties."

"The trivial round, the common task
Will furnish all we need to ask,
Room to deny ourselves; a road
To lead us nearer unto God."

It is fitting here to raise our Hearts in great thankfulness to our Heavenly Father, who hath blessed us so wonderfully, led us so bountifully and cared for us so tenderly, all through the days of the past year. We have had many cares and disappointments, but thank God that behind this dark cloud, has always been seen the silver lining and after trouble we have risen to deny ourselves; a road to lead us nearer unto God."

We have been encouraged to see that so many who sat in darkness now see the true light that cometh from above. And more than all that some have openly confessed Christ by baptism.

Our Schools

Have increased to 12—eight having been reported last year. Of these twelve schools there are nine day schools and three night schools. In many cases the strength of the schools has been increased. By means of our schools more than 600 men and children, including boys and girls are taught the Scriptures, taught to sing praises to our God, taught how Christ can sanctify and elevate their lives, taught how willing and ready He is to save to the uttermost, all them that truly come to Him. Some of our young children in the schools can recite most beautifully, passages of Scripture relating to Sin, Salvation, Faith, Forgiveness and other important topics pertaining to the tenets of our doctrines. It is with great pleasure that we report this year, the raising of the Guindy school to the Lower Secondary grade. This will give our children a good education and fit them for scholastic and government employments.

Our Orphanages

We have great pleasure in reporting this year that the girls now live in a beautiful schoolhouse called the Junior Orphanage, where there is lots of air and ventilation and above all perfect safety. The building was completed at the end of August, 1903. It was with very grateful hearts that we saw our girls safely ensconced in this new and beautiful building and watched with pleasure the razing of the poor old thatch that had stood so many storms and looked like an old veteran standing on his last legs. The orphanage has been adorned with Sunday school lesson pictures, all framed and hung up in suitable places. On entering the orphanage is printed in striking letters in Tamil "Thou God seest me." On the side exactly opposite over the doorway is the text "Behold I come quickly." The children are very very comfortable here and it is such a pleasure to live and teach in such a building.

In the Inspector's report for last year she noted "accommodation excellent." This speaks volumes for itself, coming from this quarter.

The boys at Velacheri have had rather a hard time of it. We had unusual floods and rains at the end of last year and consequently this quite rotted out the old thatch that was on the Ransom Home Orphanage. Mr. Edwards has been very busy and untiring in his efforts to make things just as comfortable as they could be. A new roof (thatch) has been put up. We tried to see if the foundations would stand a tile roof but as this was impossible, a new thatch one had to be put up again on the same walls. Taking advantage of this Mr. Edwards has admitted a lot of air and light by means of ventilation and now we think the boys will be quite comfortable for a while. Mr. Edwards' accommodations are very limited but we are hoping that he will soon have things so that he too will be more comfortable.

The Health of the Orphanages

It anyone were to ask me "Do you like orphanage work?" I should say "yes" and "no" in the same breath. You ask me my reasons. Well, I say "yes" because I know that the atmosphere temporal and spiritual is quite different to what the children have been used to and the results are most satisfactory.

On the other hand I say "no" because of the awful responsibility, the sudden appearance of sickness and death, and the inability of the children's constitutions to stand these sudden and frequent attacks for lack of nutrition and hereditary weakness and anaemia. We have had lots of sickness during the past year resulting in four deaths. The responsibilities of orphanage work are really great and the many and varied trying experiences we have been through, have at times sapped all the life and energy out of us, and left us weak and discouraged and fearful at times.

I was very much encouraged by hearing the accounts of another missionary engaged in orphanage work. I was telling her of our experiences and then she told us of hers. I felt the Lord had been truly good to us and that we were expecting too good a time with our children. We have great encouragement in our orphanage work and there have been some "true" conversions

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ALL NATIONS MONTHLY

**Annual Report**


Balance on hand July 15, 1903, $4 22
Received during the year, 5,783 02
Total receipts, $5,787 24

**Expenses.**

- Sent to India, $3,536 00
- Sent to England for transit of Mrs. Allan, 312 00
- Printing, mailing and cuts for All Nation's Monthly, 408 88
- Business Manager and Editor one year's salary (gave $10 of salary to Society), 250 00
- Bookkeeper and Office Clerk, 1 year's salary, 260 00
- American Advent Mission Society (special contributions), 109 25
- Mileage, 102 09
- Traveling expenses of Business Manager, 98 81
- Stationery and postage, 96 62
- Minnie J. Gage, Missionary in the South, 50 00
- Transfer Fund (special contribution), 73 18
- India supplies, 67 46
- Postal Orders, 50 00
- Expenses of W. H. & F. M. Board meeting, 12 65
- Expenses incurred at Magog Campmeeting, 1 82

**Total expenditures,** $5,786 51
Balance in treasury July 15, 1904, 84 22

**Comments on Report.**

It gives us pleasure to be able to render such a good report of the financial standing of our Society at the present time. In comparing last year's report with this you will find that we have not raised as much money as last year by a little more than nine hundred dollars; but last year we made persistent efforts to raise $2,000 for the Junior Orphanage and succeeded in doing it. While this year we have not made very great special efforts to raise money, aside from the running expenses, until recently, when we have started to build a new Ransom Home, and yet the money came to within a little over nine hundred dollars of the year previous. We think this is cause for much encouragement. We also sent a missionary into the Southern States last year, which was a step in advance, and she organized several societies there, the most of which are doing good work. We feel to praise God with all our hearts for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us as a band of workers. May we have more of the Spirit of the Master and strive to do even better work for Him in the future.

LENA N. BRADFORD.

**Treasurer's Report.**

From July 15, to Aug. 1, 1904.

**Receipts.**

- Balance on hand July 15, 73
- Cash, fees and contributions, 204 22
- Subscriptions, 9 25
- Sales, 23 89
**Total receipts, $238 09**

**Expenditures.**

- Sent to India, $170 00
- Business Manager one month salary, 25 00
- Bookkeeper and office clerk, four weeks salary, 20 00
- Postal Orders for India, 1 20
- Postage stamps, 3 82
- Badges, 10 00
- Freight on India boxes, 3 00
- Mailing All Nations, 7 25
- Telephone, 50
**Total expenditures, $238 07**
Balance in treasury, 02

LENA N. BRADFORD, Treasurer.

**Money Received.**

From July 15 to August 1, 1904.

- California—Mary A. Davis $1, Mrs. Isaac Hardy 1.50, Mrs. Wellcome 1.00, Mrs. A. R. Organ 1.50, Junior Membership fee, Los Angeles 20, Tustin local 16.00, Bangalore School, Southern California 10.00, G. T. Wellcome 1.00, S. T. Cardwell 2.00, Mrs. C. A. Fish 2.00, Mrs. E. F. Clark 1.00, W. C. Sullivan 1.00, Mrs. D. D. Goldner 1.00.
- Colorado—Mrs. E. F. Conley $1.00.
- Connecticut—Hartford local $1,200, Torrington local 10.00.
- Florida—Mrs. G. B. Simmons $17.50.
- Illinois—E. L. Eyrick $1.00, Jane Spencer 25
- Maine—Jabez Dickie $2.00, Gertrude M. Simmons 1.00, Ethel B. Marshall 5.00, Nettie McAllister 2.00, Mary E. Rowe 4.87.
- Massachusetts—Joseph Water $1.00, Frank Waters 1.00, Jason Waters 1.00, Julia A. Smith 1.00, Mrs. M. F. Wadley 5.00, Laura A. Prior 50, Emma E. Wright, 1.00.
- Missouri—Mrs. A. D. Smith 2.00.
- New Brunswick—Peck local $104.54.
- New Hampshire—Myra Elmer 25, George B. Drake $5.00, Mrs. L. P. Hart 2.00, Dover local 15.00, Sunday School Dover 48.75.
- New York—Mrs. E. C. Shoudy $1.00, Brooklyn local 2.00, Mrs. E. W. Grinolds 1.00, Mina L. Dowell 3.50.
- Ohio—Edward Greenlee $1.00.
- Ontario—Frankie Dunham 1.00, Bernice Sied 1.00.
- Oregon—Mrs. A. M. Kinney 1.00, Minnie E. Boyd 6.00, Flora M. Doolin 2.50, Fannie J. McNamara 5.00, John Day local 3.75, Mrs. S. F. Howlett 1.00.
- Pennsylvania—Mrs. T. W. Copeland $1.00.
- Quebec—Ellen DeFord 25.
- Rhode Island—Phoebe J. Burch $1.00, Mrs. John A. Rathbun 1.00.
- Vermont—S. A. Maxwell $1.00, B. M. Caswell 7.00, Mrs. J. E. Caswell 5.00, Mrs. Clark Draper 1.00.
- Virginia—Sarah Thayer $1.00, E. E. Brandmeyer 1.00.
- Washington—L. C. Emery $1.00, John L. Berg and wife 5.00, Woodland local 1.50, Mrs. C. E. Bennett 1.00, Spring Creek local 5.00.
- West Virginia—Wm. H. Doughtery 1.10.
- Sales $23.89; subscription 9.25.
Total amount $237.36.

LENA N. BRADFORD, Treasurer.

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Rockland, Maine, September, 1904.

Editor's Journal

June 25 left the “happiest home in the world” to carry to our Adventist churches the last day message that “The Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness, then shall the end come.” Spent Sunday with my blessed mother in the home of my only sister.

Wednesday, June 29, presented the work of the W. H. & F. M. S. in the church of Brother Pile in Brooklyn, N. Y. This is a strong and earnest church, there being at the prayer meetings an attendance of from fifty to sixty, mostly young people. One reason for this full attendance doubtless is that the pastor is always there before the time for the meeting to begin. It is inspiring to look into the intelligent, noble faces of the little flock. The collection here was also inspiring as it was $12, an unusually large collection to be taken up for our mission at an evening service.

From Brooklyn we went to Rochester, where some twenty-five cloth tents were pitched for a camp meeting. The meetings here were more than excellent. One helpful characteristic of this meeting was the singing, which was not only of high excellence and ably conducted by a consecrated man of rare ability, but at every preaching service and prayer meeting promptly on time the singers were in their seats all ready for worship, and although they sometimes sat with the audience during the sermon, they did not leave the meeting until it was done. We hope next year every church in New York will be largely represented in this meeting.

Tuesday, July 5, we reached the home of Bro. F. F. Dunham the pastor of the churches at Osnabruck Centre and the 8th Concession eight miles apart in Ontario. We received a warm welcome from Brother and Sister Dunham together with the good mother and five bright children. This pastor believes in mission work, both home and foreign. He also shows his faith by his works, preaching for these two small churches for a salary of $200 a year, and pushing forward the formation of a Woman’s Home and Foreign Mission Society in both places. Thursday Brother and Sister Dunham carried me twelve miles, across the St. Lawrence river, to the home of Brother L. C. Bean in Massena, N. Y. Here we not only had a delightful visit with Sister Bean and her three lovely children, but assisted the pastor in re-organizing the local at Massena, and forming a new one at Stockholm, a little place twelve miles distant from Massena.

Giving Out Seed to God

Mrs. Ewing, of India, tells of a Hindoo woman who had twin babies, one of which was born blind. The poor, superstitious mother was wretchedly unhappy. She believed the gods had sent her a blind child in punishment for some heinous sin.

One day Mrs. Ewing met her with but one child and was horrified to find that the inhuman mother had actually thrown her other child into the Ganges as a sacrifice to the gods, hoping thereby to appease their wrath.

When asked why she had destroyed the perfect child and kept the blind one that was such a sorrow to her, she replied, with a look of ineffable scorn: “That may be the way you Americans give to your God, but it is not the way we Hindoos do. We give our best.”

“Whatsoever hath a blemish, that shall ye not offer: for it shall not be acceptable, for you . . . It ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil!—Woman’s Missionary Friend.

Notice

New Hampshire Annual Convention will be held at Alton Bay Campground, Tuesday, August 16, 1904, at 5 o’clock P. M. for the election of officers, reports and discussions of work in the State. Let every local endeavor to send delegates.

Sarah L. Batchelder, Pres.
Lilla M. Stevens, Sec.

Helps and Hints

We were obliged to omit the “Helps and Hints” column this month and some other matter of interest because of the many reports which are due at this time.

Missionary Creed

The following is the “Missionary Creed,” to which the editor of The Study referred the auxiliaries last month:

“We believe in God the Father, and in His Son Jesus Christ.
“We believe that it is our duty to tell to those who know not Christ the plan of salvation which God has provided through the death of His Son.
“We therefore engage to send to them the Bread of Life by the hands of our missionaries.
“We engage to pray for our missionaries.
“We engage to do all in our power for the spread of the gospel on earth, that Christ’s kingdom may come.”—Selected.
Action of the Executive Board of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society of the A.C. Denomination, from August 1, 1903, to August 1, 1904.

August 19, 1903.

It was voted that Mrs. Nina L. MacFadven be appointed general organizer for the W. H. & F. M. Society.

It was also voted that Mrs. MacFadven be paid a salary of five dollars per week and that her traveling expenses be defrayed while she travels in the interest of the Society.

August 23, 1903.

It was voted that Mrs. S. K. Taylor be appointed as fraternal delegate to the A. A. M. Society and also the general A. C. Association Convention.

Voted that Miss Minnie I. Gage be paid the sum of ten dollars as a slight token of appreciation of her work in Florida.

Voted to employ Miss Gage as Evangelist and Organizer for the W. H. & F. M. Society in the South during the coming winter, the Society becoming responsible for her traveling expenses.

January 1, 1904.

Voted to pay Mrs. C. M. Plass, so long as she shall live, 6 per cent interest annually on the sum of $400 which is loaned to the Woman's Home & Foreign Mission Society by Mrs. Plass, the $400 to become, upon the demise of Mrs. C. M. Plass, the property of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society.

January 9, 1904.

Voted that Mrs. Emma R. Dowling and Mrs. Julia A. Mattox of Live Oak, Florida, be appointed, respectively, as president and secretary of the W. H. & F. M. S. for the State of Florida to serve until their successors be regularly elected.

March 16, 1904.

Voted to appoint Miss Harriet Hastings Mackie president of the W. H. & F. M. S. for Australia, to serve until her successor be regularly elected.

June 10, 1904.

Voted to place Mrs. Gibb of Bristol, Conn., in the field as a Field Worker for the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society of the A. C. Denomination, in conjunction with the American Advent Mission Society of the A. C. Denomination.

ANNUAL MEETING AT ROCKLAND, ME.

June 14, 1904.

The annual meeting of the incorporate Society was held in Rockland, Me., June 14, and all business done at our annual convention at Alton Bay was ratified. It was voted that hereafter the annual meetings of the incorporate society be held in the month of September, in order that the ratification (as per By-Laws, Art. 3.) of the business done at our National Convention at Alton Bay, N. H., be made as closely following the above Annual Convention as possible.

Susie Bradford Thompson,
Clerk W. H. & F. M. S.

Avarice gathers itself poor—charity pays itself rich.—Anon.
Letter from India.

From Miss Spence

GUNDY, June 23, '04

MY DEAREST SISTER TAYLOR:

BY today's mail I am posting to you under registered post my report for March, 1903-1904. I am so sorry it is so late in being sent but I really could not help it. April was a very full month with me. In fact the whole of this year has been a rush all the time. Miss Saunders and I have just returned from our holiday. She is very much better but I did not seem to gain very much by the change. We feel the heat considerably.

The Postal Order came this mail. Thanks for the same. I don't think I reported to you Martha's death just before I left for Ooty. I had a terribly anxious time and the shock was very great to us all. She died of chronic Bright's disease and the doctor said it was only due to the good care and food we gave her that made her live so long.

All the Telugu girls are very delicate and a great source of anxiety to us, for they fall ill so suddenly and seem to have no stamina at all. Oh, all these experiences are very trying. I am very glad my sister has promised to join us. I do hope she will be a real blessing to the mission here. I hope to go to Bangalore for a few days to see the school there. We are all well D.G. God bless you all.

Ever yours lovingly,

A G. Spence.

From Los Angeles Local

The W. H. & F. M. local of Los Angeles may not be as wide awake as some, but it is glad to be able to do a little for the Master.

One Sunday evening several weeks ago the society occupied the time after Loyal Worker's Meeting by rendering a program which concluded with a very appropriate reading by Miss Myrtle Wellcome. This reading was about a substitute and Miss Wellcome told, in connection with it, the story of our substitute in India, J. Samuel, who we have been supporting for the past year. At the close, pledges and money were received amounting to nearly a year's support (which is sixty dollars) for our native preacher.

This work was taken up by us through the enthusiastic efforts of our dear sister, the late Mrs. G. T. Wellcome just before her last illness. Consequently, we have an unusual interest in the work; and we purpose continuing it as a memorial of her faithful and energetic labors with our local.

May we all be good Stewards in the Lord's vineyard.

A MEMBER.

INDIA ITEMS

"If one becomes a widow at five she must live the rest of her life in suffering. All her husband's relatives and friends curse her for they think some crime she has committed caused his death. She can only eat one meal in twenty-four hours and that of coarse food. All her clothes and jewelry are taken from her, and she is the servant of all the household."
which even in our own civilized English churches are "few and far between."

OUR ZENANAS

We have been able to work up our zenanas more efficiently than in previous years. We have zenana, or house to house visitations in all our villages where we have schools. We have about one hundred homes which are periodically visited every week. This means that we have an audience of from 3 to 12 persons at each house, including men, women and children. Making a rough calculation of this work we reach about 700 people who perhaps never have another chance of hearing the gospel. This department of work is very interesting indeed and full of varied experiences. One sees the earnest hearers, the scoffers, the heathen, and the critics. When one goes about doing this work how true every word of the Bible is. Oh the omnipotence of God. How well He knew that the writing of the Parable of the Sower would encourage the hearts of His servants trying in His strength to teach Christ and Him crucified. Then again the saying "Forsake and follow." Oh the enormity of these words! We English speaking Christians have an easy time of it and are encouraged to take a stand for Christ by open confession but when it comes to the poor natives of India it means that they are despised and rejected by most, if not all, of their people. Many is the time I have seen women fully convinced of the truth but just too afraid to confess Christ because of the consequences they would have to suffer at the hands of their own relatives and friends—"Forsake and follow." It means every letter in both words and the meaning of the words too, to the poor native heathen in India. God grant that we might ever have them in our prayers and thoughts.

OUR CHURCH

During the past year we have the joy of seeing fourteen confess Christ by baptism. We have not as yet taken in the newly baptized candidates but we are quite sure that the majority of them will join our church as soon as the board passes them. We have a church fund chiefly collected by Sunday offerings and free will offerings. We are hoping to have enough money to buy a piece of land as a cemetery and we are in negotiations for the same at present.

The total amount in our church treasury at present is Rs 115. We have a united communion service the first Sunday in every month. We have at times about 30 communicants. Most of them members of our church. On the Saturday preceding communion Sunday we have a covenant service. We have good meetings every Sunday both at Velacheri and Guindy and a union service once a month in the Junior Orphanage at Guindy. The out door and street preaching is still carried on in all the villages. We give the word of God relying on His promise that it shall not return unto Him void. We are saddened very much by the callousness of the natives, who think that if all their temporal wants are supplied that is all they need to have. Pray for these.

NATIVE WORKERS

On the whole they have been satisfactory and the results of their work in their respective schools have been encouraging—but oh how we pray for a spiritual awakening amongst them. God speed the day when every one of our native workers will be filled with a great desire for souls.

We have a workers meeting the first Saturday in every month which takes the form of a devotional address for half an hour. After singing and prayer we close and then discuss the interests of the work at large and all the workers receive their salaries on the same day. We take this opportunity of arousing mutual contact and open confidence between us and the native workers.

ENGLISH WORKERS

Our staff is just the same although we have had an addition of one worker who only stayed with us for three months. Mr. Edwards is transforming the Velacheri grounds and he works sedulously all day and a good part of the night too for the good of his boys and the welfare of the mission.

Miss Saunders has this year taken over the school work and is becoming quite efficient in it. She works very zealously. In fact I often have to remind her that God expects us to look after our bodies in as great a degree, as He would have us look after His work here. I have this year taken up the orphanage and zenana work and I have found great joy in service and

"When obstacles and trials seem like prison walls to me, I do the little I can do, and leave the rest with Thee." God grant that we may ever be faithful and always be clean and empty vessels, although very small ones, that we may be used of Him to water the flowers in His garden and bring to the thirsty ones the living showers.

In concluding, our hearts have been very much cheered from time to time by the earnest endeavors, ceaseless prayers and encouraging letters received from our dear co-workers in America. The only thing we can say to you is "God bless you all for your labors of love and reward you accordingly.

Truly God has been good. Our treasury has never been so full, our wants never so well supplied and we can say from our hearts "Bless the Lord oh my soul and all that is within me we bless and praise His Holy Name."

A. G. SPENCE.

Guindy, June 23, 1904.

Every once in a while I hear some one growl against foreign missions because the money and the strength put into them are needed at home. I did it myself when I did not know better, God forgive me. I know better now; and will tell you how I found out. I became interested in a strong religious awakening in my own old city of Copenhagen, and I set about investigating it. It was then that I learned what others had learned before me, and what was the fact there, that for every dollar you give away to convert the heathen abroad, God gives you ten dollars’ worth of purpose to deal with your heathen at home.—Jacob Riis.
The Boy's Orphanage cards were distributed with the missionary. Many of the children are well acquainted with "Sukhoda" as a beautiful park. S. L. C. papers, and the meeting was ended. The children ran off to enjoy the many things prepared for their pleasure in the beautiful park.

But, this is not a story of the picnic, is it? Well, after a good substantial lunch, welcome to a lot of hungry children, the Junior Missionary Society held a meeting and we were all invited to it. They had a nice program, singing "The Light of the World is Jesus," the one hundredth Psalm repeated in unison, a short Scripture lesson, a sweet little missionary song by Mildred and Dorothy Wright, and recitations by others of the band. After this, the children were addressed by Mrs. Sukhoda Banarjee, a native born and high caste Brahmin woman of India, who is traveling through this country and working for the benefit of the suffering women and girls of India.

She told them this was the first picnic she ever attended. In India, only boys have picnics, but girls are not allowed to go out. She told of one that her brothers went to when she was a little girl, and oh, she wanted to go so much, but she could not, and only knew what her brothers told her about it. She compared the children of this country with those of India, and I think even the little bits of ones were glad they lived in this beautiful free country, while the older ones gained such an insight in the condition of the children of India that I believe it will ever be retained in their memories.

Many of the children are well acquainted with "Sukhoda" as they call her, and love her dearly (for she has been here several months) and I wish I could tell you some of the tales she has told her about it. She compared the children of this country with those of India, and I think even the little bits of ones were glad they lived in this beautiful free country, while the older ones gained such an insight in the condition of the children of India, that I believe it will ever be retained in their memories.

Thank Offerings of To-day.

There's never a day that passes As each year dawns and ends, That fails to show God's goodness To us and all our friends. We know it is His mercy That gives us what is best, If we love Him He bids us Trust Him for all the rest.

Yet some there are who know not How life may be made sweet; In ignorance they suffer Bow'd low at idols' feet. 'Tis ours to send glad tidings Far as a sunbeam's ray, Borne on bright wings of silver— Thank-offerings of to-day! —F.E.S. in children's Missionary Friend.

Little feet can swiftly go, Little lips let others know That all can love to Jesus show, By work and prayer. The hands and hearts together blend, And never rest 'till we can send The message of our Saviour Friend To every shore. —Selected

The Little Widows.

There's a little girl over in India, No bigger nor older than I, Who never laughs or smiles at all; I'm sure you wonder why.

I just can't understand it myself, How such a thing could be; For little girls, all over the world, Should be happy, it seems to me.

But this little girl, no bigger than I, So sad across the sea, Is a widow already—'tis true, they say— How strange it seems to me!

I can't understand it myself, at all; A widow's an outcast they say: No home, no friend, no one to love. Just hated and in the way.

She didn't choose to be a widow, or wife, Or betrothed, our dear teacher said, But a widow's a widow indeed, over there, If husband or lover is dead.

This little girl, no bigger than I, Is not alone in her grief; For TWENTY MILLIONS like her wait to die, As their only hope of relief.

Unloved, unloving, they pine in their pain No hope when they go to their grave; So strange, don't you think, that this could be, Since Jesus has died to save?

But the beautiful story of Jesus' love They're just beginning to tell In India's darkened, sin-blighted land, Where the little widows dwell.

I sometimes wonder, tho' I'm very small, If, perhaps, in a long, long while, God will want me to go and try to help The little widow's to smile. —Selected

"If thou art hungry, lacking heavenly bread, Give hope and cheer; If thou art sad and wouldst be comforted, Stay sorrow's tear." —Miss Lena N. Bradford, Rockland, Me.

Dear Sister:—

Enclosed find order for $2—- which Frankie and Bernice got for missions. Frankie is six years old. He cried to take one of the cards and get money. We thought he was too small, but we let him take one—the first day he got ninety-one cents. Sincerely yours,

Mrs. F. F. D.