CAPTAIN JAMES SPENCE.

CAPTAIN James Spence, who from the first has had the general management of all the Adventist mission work done in India, is an Englishman, who was a captain in the English Militia stationed in India. When about twenty years of age he accompanied the army to India, and since then his life has mostly been spent in India.

Like many others in the English army he brought his wife to India and there established his home. At the age of forty-five he retired from the army, but he has remained in India on account of the Advent Mission work in which he is deeply interested. He receives a pension from the English government which would be increased if he should go and reside in England, but so strong is his attachment to the mission work that he remains in India at a pecuniary sacrifice in order to help that work.

In July, 1882, he began to publish Life and Advent Literature, and until now, more than twenty-two years, he has continued in this work. And though it has multiplied many fold, schools, orphanages, zenana work, and evangelistic work have been added, until at present about forty workers are under his supervision, he has never yet received a dollar to pay for his invaluable services.

With grateful joy for the privilege of thus serving Christ, he has freely given his strength, time and experience, and care to this great work. Three of his daughters have been our missionaries, two being now in our employ. An Advent Christian church has been formed at Guindy, where our Junior Orphanage is located. Thirty-seven have been baptized, of which thirty-one were inmates of our Orphanage. This gracious work is still growing and our faithful brother, the noble and consecrated manager of our Mission, will never know what God has wrought through his persevering, self-denying efforts, until he receives the "crown of glory which fadeth not away."

SHOW US THYSELF

Show us thy face, O Christ, that we may love thee,
For some forget and some have never seen,
But there is naught we e'er can place above thee
When once we see thee, beautiful, serene!

Show us thy face, thorn-wounded for our healing—
O heart of mine, canst thou that crown forgive?
Those bleeding hands were for our pardon's sealing,
And thy heart fainted that our souls might live!

Show us thyself, Lord Christ! In loving kindness
Above the tumult of the world between,
Show us thyself and put away our blindness.
We needs must love thee when we once have seen.

—The Congregationalist
LETTER FROM INDIA

FROM E. Dora Allan

ADVENT MISSION HOUSE, GUNDY, Dec. 22, '04.

My Dear Mrs. Taylor:

You have not had a line from me for many weeks. I have been playing the game of "Brier Rabbit" of saying nothing but lying low. Though I am being quickly put through by my paces by Miss Spence and Miss Saunders, I still feel more the spectator than the worker, so I have been quietly taking notes.

But I have hardly been able to take notes fast enough the last two weeks for they have been brimful of incident and interest. First in interest comes the baptismal service held two Sundays ago at Vellacherie. But it requires a more inspired pen than mine to adequately describe the thrilling scene I witnessed. We seem to be enacting New Testament scenes over again. Imagine, if you can, a wood of coconut palms under the sunniest of skies, the trees making most grateful shade to the people gathered around the baptistry built just outside a well, the people showing skins and garments of varying hues, but all reverently listening to the opening prayer, then the solemn and awe inspiring baptism of each candidate under circumstances almost identical with apostolic times. Then all over, the retreat to the schoolhouse there to be "known by the breaking of bread." These things that are so ordinary at home assumed a meaning and depth here little realized by those who have inherited Christian privileges. How I longed that every one of our helpers in America could see what I saw that Sunday! What an inspiration it would have been for still greater effort to support the mission and what a quickening too of their own spirituality! But now I have to add a sad touch to my picture if it is to be a true one. Among those gathered around the baptistry, one face could easily be discerned by its deep sadness. It belonged to our house-servant, a lad of 18 years who has been in my sister's service for four years. For the last year he had been expressing a desire for baptism, but very early, about 3 o'clock on the morning of the day of baptism his father and elder brother appeared with the object of stopping the baptism. Tamil and the chief priest listened to it open-mouthed. Let us hope he carried away some seed. In all the schools the discipline and behavior compared most favorably with Home schools.

I wished all those who worked those garments could have been present at their distribution. True the heathen native requires very little clothing or none and we might all for that matter go about unclothed as our forefather used to do in Great Britain before Roman times, but would we? Yet it invariably follows that as soon as a child begins to appreciate our teaching he makes a strenuous effort to cloth himself and it is truly pathetic to see the struggle to do so. How gratefully and proudly then he dons the garment we give him and it often happens to be the only garment he wears for a whole year. If only regarded as "the sprat to catch the mackerel" these garments are well worth all the time and trouble expended on them by loving hands in America, for they help us to net the children.

Often when giving our own Christian girls in the orphanage a new garment I say to them "Now I am giving you more than a garment—I am giving you the labor and the time of some dear Christian woman in America who has worked this garment for you out of a heart full of love to the Saviour who has saved her and who therefore wishes you to know Him and His Salvation. Mind you love the Saviour in the same way." So these garments prove a sermon to those who receive them.

I thank you very much dear Mrs. Taylor for your helpful letters. We appreciate them very much. The air in America will be all astir just now with the thoughts of Christmas, but here things wear their ordinary look and we keep Christmas in our minds. Our prayerful wishes for the New Year go with this to you and all our kind friends in America. With warm Christian love.

E. Dora Allan.

Female slavery still prevails in China. Out of a population of about 400,000,000 nearly 10,000,000 girls or women are slaves.
WHY WE SHOULD ALL BE MISSIONARIES.

CHRIST was a missionary. He was sent to save a lost and dying world. Not my dear sisters, a few people with white faces, but the world. He desired that none should perish but all should have everlasting life. He suffered and died that we should live as He lives. And if we obey and love Him, He will give us eternal life.

"The half has never been told."

Now should we be satisfied because we live in a land of gospel light and never help those who are in darkness to know of Jesus, who can save to the uttermost. Surely, it seems to me He will not hold us guiltless if we never try to help the mission cause. We ought always to be reaching out to save a soul, and praying for those who are working to save the poor heathen who knows nothing of Jesus and His love.

I think there is neglect on the part of the pastors in all churches to bring this subject before the people.

When there is a presidential campaign or any other great movement ahead, men give thousands of dollars to their leaders to carry on the work and they work night and day for those in the field, if they expect to gain the desired result. But how seldom do our ministers give us a missionary sermon. How seldom in their prayers do we hear the subject remembered, and not often, indeed, is an offering taken for the extension of this branch of the work?

"Can we, whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high,
Can we, to men hitherto,
The lamp of life deny?"

Jesus does not excuse any of his children from taking part in this work. He says

"Ye are my witnesses."

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

We all know the rich do not send their sons and daughters to teach the poor heathen, but those who are willing to work and must work that others may have eternal life, are our laborers in the mission field.

Pray for them, dear sisters. Give something, if but little, for this work. Teach your children! It is a duty if they would gain heaven; but alway and ever give your earnest prayers for the mission work and workers.

"Sow the seed bountifully if you would reap a rich harvest."

Heavens choicest blessings await those who obey their Master. Yours in His service,

EMMA EARL HOTALING
CRAIGCLARE, N. Y., January 5, 1905.

STATE MISSION DAY

THE annual meeting of the Woman's Home & Foreign Missionary Society of Massachusetts was held in Boston, January 20, 1905, and Mrs. S. K. Taylor was on the platform with the State Officers.

Thirteen locals reported through delegates.

The report of the Southern district was the most complete. It was prepared or tabulated by Mrs. N. L. MacFadyen and showed excellent oversight.

The report of the Committee appointed one year ago to aid in some way the students of the Boston Bible School reported unusual results for four months' work. Starting four months ago with one gift of five dollars, they return to the W. H. & F. M. Society of Massachusetts a home with $250 worth of personal property, and a bank account of $30; and no debts. The total cash received, aside from the many gifts of articles, has been $362. Of this amount $184.30 was received from the boarding department of the Home. The following committee of five women were appointed to serve on the board of directors for the year 1905: Mrs. Nina L. MacFadyen, Taunton, Mass.; Mrs. Charlotte Lang, Cambridgeport, Mass.; Mrs. Emma G. Hall, Worcester, Mass.; Mrs. F. L. Piper, Somerville, Mass.; Mrs. Varney, Lynn, Mass.

The election of State officers followed: Pres., Mrs. N. L. MacFadyen, Taunton; vice-pres., Mrs. Emma G. Hall, Worcester; sec., Mrs. Eleanor Sampson, Lynn; treas., Mrs. Emma L. Hall, Salem.

Lunch was served in the church vestry by and for the benefit of the Home of the Bible School.

An open parliament on "Why Every Christian should pray and pay for Foreign Missions," was conducted by Mrs. Hazard, president of Rhode Island branch. Many interesting facts were given showing why the gospel should be given to all the world. One reason that seemed to be new to many of the listeners was, that when the Lord should descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an arch-angel, and with the trumpet of God, there should not be a country or a people who would not understand what was taking place.

Principal D. H. Woodard of the Bible School spoke of the need of "Diffusion of Effort on the part of the Church." He said that ministers should teach their people that they should not only pay their own pastor's salary, but should also set aside an equal or stated sum of money to send the gospel to all the world.

Eight students of the Bible School spoke on topics assigned them.

Miss Grace White of Buffalo, N. Y., our Junior Superintendent spoke on the importance of early training of children.

Another adjournment followed. Interesting and important addresses were given in the evening by President Mrs. Sarah K. Taylor and Mrs. William Gibb of Bristol, Conn.

The Boston Bible School Home Committee submitted recommendations to the meeting that the Home and its personal property be turned over to the Board of Regents with this proviso that they continue as a committee to direct the affairs of the Home as formally.

Pastor Warren Hobbs accepted the Home with kind words of appreciation, saying that he would present the gift of the Home to the Board of Regents at their next meeting.
DEPENDABILITY

SAYS Dean Stanley, “Give us a character on which we can thoroughly depend and it is wonderful how many brilliant qualities we can safely and gladly dispense with.”

There is no quality which tends to usefulness in the church of God or in any other place so much as dependability. In our mission society those upon whom we can depend for co-operation and help are worth more to the work than all the others whose help depends upon impulse, or emotion, or upon some good-natured sentiment brought about by some human influence.

To train ourselves and our children to a steady, consistent, unfailing helpfulness in Christian work it is necessary that we train the memory as well as cultivate self-denial, self-forgetfulness and other unselfish virtues. To illustrate this: we send to India twice a year cases of garments for our orphans. No matter how tired we may be, nor how lazy, nor how busy, those children must be clothed or else go naked. We need not only to cultivate the spirit of self-denial that will lead us to sew for these children even though we be tired, or busy with our own sewing, but we want to remember that the garments must be made and sent regularly every year. Then we can be depended upon. The same is true of our financial support. We have somewhere near a hundred children in India that must be fed every day or else go hungry. We have four missionaries that must be supported or else go naked. We need not only to cultivate self-denial, seli-forgetfulness and other unselfish virtues, but we need to train the memory as well as cultivate self-denial and self-forgetfulness in every respect. The prompt co-operation, liberal helpfulness, and unfailing sympathy which has come like a refreshing shower upon a thirsty land whenever we have called for counsel or help, has helped to make all our toil a pleasure and all our pain a blessing.

APPRECIATION.

WHILE we do not labor in expectation that our efforts will always be appreciated or even understood, and still less do we expect or covet the “praise of men,” still it is cheering to receive kind words from our co-laborers in God’s harvest, especially when those words are purely voluntary on their part.

Our members will be interested to know that two conferences have expressed appreciation of our labors in their midst last summer, and have forwarded to us the following:

LESTER PRAIRIE, MINN., DEC. 22, 1904.

ALL NATION’S MONTHLY, ROCKLAND, ME.

EDITOR:—The December Quarterly Conference of the Churches of God of Minnesota passed the following motion:

Resolved That we appreciate the visit of Sister S. K. Taylor, and that a copy of this motion be sent to All Nation’s Monthly, Rockland, Maine.

[Signed]
E. H. MAGAW, Conf. Secretary.

FROM THE ADVENT CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE OF WISCONSIN:—

Resolved—That we appreciate the visit of Sister S. K. Taylor last summer to the Wisconsin churches and heartily approve of the work of the W. H. & F. M. Society among our people, and can cheerfully say God-speed to the good work which that society is furthering.

The vote to this resolution was as follows:—Resolved, That we appreciate and heartily approve of the work of the Helpers’ Union among our people and of the faithful work that is being accomplished by that organization.

A. E. BLOOM,
Sec. A. C. Conference of Wisconsin.

NEW STATE AUXILIARY.

At the semi-annual Conference in Western New York the local mission societies of the W. H. & F. M. society met and organized as a general society of the W. H. & F. M. society of Western New York.

The election of officers was as follows: President, Grace M. White, 321 Purdy St., Buffalo; Vice President, Mrs. E. B. Arnold of Penfield; Secretary, Miss Dora Briggs, of Stevens Mills and Treasurer, Mrs. Grant of Darien.
FROM JAPAN

When slavery existed in our country the American Free Baptist Mission Society was formed and vigorously protested with word and deed against all forms of human slavery and degradation. After the abolition of slavery the society was not so much needed as before, and gradually its work has diminished, until now only two of its trustees are living, Brother William P. Brown and your editor, who, without her previous knowledge, received the honor of being placed upon its Board. While in its activity it did a beautiful work in Japan, particularly in circulating the Scriptures, and our members will be interested in the following letter, especially as our Loyal Workers are supporting a missionary in Japan.

Tokyo, Dec. 7, 1904.

Dear Brother Wm. P. Brown:

JAPAN is seeing anxious times these days, and especially on account of the probable near coming of the Baltic fleet to add to our anxiety. We cannot help hoping that Port Arthur will soon fall and relieve Admiral Togo so that he may protect his own country from being cut off from communication with the outside world.

We have many thousands of sick and wounded soldiers in the hospitals of the country who seem quite ready to listen to Christian teaching, and to receive Gospels as they are offered to them, and many who, without her previous knowledge, received the honor of being placed upon its Board. While in its activity it did a beautiful work in Japan, particularly in circulating the Scriptures, and our members will be interested in the following letter, especially as our Loyal Workers are supporting a missionary in Japan.

Your heartily approve of it.

Yours in the Master's service

C. H. D. Fisher.

LOVE IS IMMORTAL

Love is the only thing which I need never outgrow. I am bound to outgrow everything else. How many gifts to my youth would be gifts to my old age? Wealth, fame, power, physical beauty, are all for the morning and the mid-day; they are little coveted at even- ing. But love in old age can keep the dew of its youth. I have seen a virtuous attachment which was formed by the girl and the boy remain amid the shadows its morning glow. The heart never grows old with time. It may grow old with grief or bitterness or care, but not with time. Time has no empire over the heart. It has an empire over the eye, over the ear, over the cheek, over the hand, but not over the heart. The heart may be swept by storms, but not corroded by decay. It keeps no record of the flying years; it is untouched by the winter snow. The inscription upon its gates is ever this—"There shall be no night there."

George Matheson, D. D.
LETTERS FROM INDIA

From Miss Saunders

ADVENT MISSION, GUINDY, Nov. 27, 1904.

My Dear Mrs. Taylor:

Miss Bradford’s letter with inventory of box came yesterday, also your letter with the money order for $125.00. In the little time we have worked here we have seen blessed results in the conversion of some of our boys and girls, and our gardener. It may be true that many are not truly converted, but that does not mean that we should stop work. How many of our ministers in America would want things on this plan? By far the majority of them labor year after year without seeing the result they long for, and yet we do not hear a word of giving up the battle but rather of pressing it harder. You may have a big revival, and crowds may flock to the altar for forgiveness and be converted as converts. Three months after where are the majority of them? Surely not steadfast and unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. In the face of this shall we sit quietly down and say: “No more revivals, no more money spent in this way?” Much love and may God richly bless you and prosper the work, is the prayer of

J. M. Saunders.

From Miss Spence

GUINDY, Nov. 30, 1904.

My Dearest Sister Taylor:

You will have heard that I had to go away to Bangalore for a rest, for I needed it immediately and had to take it at once because I was so much run down in health and I felt so weak. I stayed in Bangalore almost three weeks and returned to Madras last Saturday and feeling very much refreshed and strengthened by the rest and change. My dear parents did all in their power to build me up and I am sure I rewarded them by looking well and feeling quite strong at the end of my holiday. Of course I have given up the idea of my short sea trip as I have had to take my holiday earlier than I expected.

Everything is going on well. We are to have a large baptismal service before the close of this year and we praise God for all He is doing and has done for us and we can say with a true heart that we can trust Him for the future. “The heart that trusts, forever sings.”

“God bless you and make you a blessing my dear Miss Taylor. We can just imagine how you are feeling just now. You must be very tired after all that touring but it is sweet to know that it has not all been “in vain” but has been accounted for by our Heavenly Father. Pray for us continually.

A. G. Spence.

GUINDY, Dec. 13, 1904.

My Dearest Sister Taylor:

My sister, Mrs. Allan, is in the thick of the work and enjoys it very much. She is writing to you today. So you will have what she thinks about the work and not what I can say about it. More and more though we feel the day is all too short for what has to be done. The work grows larger and deeper every day. Oh, that we had all the strength we could command and knew no weariness of body; but this will only be when “The King Comes.” Pray that we might be kept ever faithful and ready. Last Sunday we had a very pleasant time at Velacheri. Thirteen candidates presented themselves for baptism and it was a good sight to us to see them all confess their Lord and Master in this way. We pray now that they may ever keep faithful and be among the redeemed in the kingdom.

Our domestic servant, whom we call Chokra, and who has been with me ever since I have been here, came forward and asked for baptism. We were overjoyed and after examining him we found him full of joy and hope and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Saturday night he was all ready for the baptism on Sunday. On Sunday morning at 3 o’clock, our home was besieged by his relatives who prohibited his being baptised or our administering it. Poor, poor boy! and oh how he felt it! He is young and all his people are heathen. Not any of our persuasions would induce them to let him have his way. The objection they put forward was that if he were to be baptised, no one could be found who would ever marry his elder brothers. He has submitted unwillingly, for a time only, to the request of his relatives. He will, we hope, be baptised before long; for we are praying that he may see that his first duty is to God. We had decided to give him a Christian name, and after serving us so well and proving himself so trustworthy, we determined to call him Joseph, for it would have suited him very well.

He was at the baptismal service, and his father, too, was there, and it was pitiful to see him begging his father to the very last to allow him to be baptised. While the candidates were being baptised, it was sad to see his crest-fallen and disappointed face. He took everything in so solemnly, and you can better imagine our feelings, than I can describe them. We are praying earnestly for him that no harm may come to him, for these natives have means of poisoning an alien from their faith, and of getting rid of him in some way or other.

We were greatly rejoiced to see so many of our children come forward and confess Christ. Truly God has been good in giving so much joy in His service. Our last examination took place yesterday and to-morrow we begin with the treats. We have sent into town to get all the necessary provisions. We will be kept quite busy up to Christmas day; then we hope to have a few quiet days before the work of the new year begins.

Mr. Edwards leaves for Bangalore some day this week for a short rest.

I have had no time since Monday to write more. And there is just time to catch the post, so I must close.

Yours in the Master’s service,

A. G. Spence.
OUR BOARDING SCHOOLS

Our Orphanages in India are not only homes for the orphans that we have rescued from starvation, and from an idolatry that is far worse than starvation, but they are also free boarding schools for many poor children whose parents are temporarily not able to care for them. Some of these temporary children are being supported by Christian friends in America who pay annually $15 into our treasury for their support. In Seven Years in Ceylon is a description of a Girls' Boarding School in Oodooville and of its celebrated teacher, Miss Agnew, and closes with the following tribute:

After Miss Agnew went to Ceylon, she became the head of this boarding-school. She remained in Ceylon for forty-three years without once going home for a rest or a change. When friends would ask her, “Are you not going to America for a vacation?” she would reply, “No; I have no time to do so. I am too busy.” Through all these forty-three unbroken years, during which God granted to her remarkable health, she was too busy even to think of going home.

In the Oodooville Girl's Boarding-school she taught the children, and even some of the grand, children, of her first pupils. More than 1000 girls have studied under her. She was much loved by the girls, who regarded her as a mother, and teacher, Miss Agnew, and closes with the following tribute:

Treasure's Report

From Dec. 15, 1904, to Jan. 15, 1905.

Receivables

Balance on hand Dec. 15, $1 48
Cash, fees and contributions, 309.00
Subscriptions, 20.54
Sales, 3.61

Total receipts, $335.56

Expenditures

Sent to India, month’s expenses, $160.70
Sent to India for orphanage, 34.00
Business Manager one month salary, 25.00
Bookkeeper and office clerk, one month salary, 28.00
Printing All Nations, 25.75
Printing By-Laws, 3.00
Stationery and Stamps, 14.03
Postal Orders for India, 12.20
Home Department, 15
Material for India garments, 1.00
Mailing All Nations, 4.45
Pictures of missionaries and orphans enlarged, 12.50
Interest, 24.00
Telephone bill, 8.00
Expressage, 95
Sundries, 60

Total expenditures, $334.43
Balance in treasury, $1.13

Money Received

From Dec. 15, 1904, to Jan. 15, 1905.

California—Mrs. T. A. Kelsey, $1.50, Advent Christian Sunday School, Antichus, 5; W. C. Sullivan 1, a sister, 10.
Connecticut—Mrs C M Plass and Mrs E Tourtellotte, $8.
Florida—Donation Live Oak, $19.65, Live Oak local, 8.10.
Illinois—Grace, binner, 21.
Iowa—C M Booth, 8.10, Annie Booth, 100, C D Cooper 1.
Kansas—Three Junior membership fees for four years, $2.40.
Benthal Sanderson, 2.60
Maine—Howard girls, $1.06, sale of stockings, Carthage, 2.60, F B Brown 1.00, Emma Morton 1, Ann Wotton 5.00. L M Cole 10, M M 10, Minerva Jordan and mother 2, Lizzie M Chase 2, Rev. B B Emery 1, primary class A C N S Bridgton 1, a brother 1.83, Forest 1. White 3, Viola E Gillander 50c, N E Gillander 1.25, Angie M Tibbetts 2, Johanna Nilsson 5.
Massachusetts—Frederick E Shattuck, $1, Benjamin Follansbee 1, Bennie Follansbee 1, Emma F Weight 25c, Luella F Dunham 1, Abbie Keyes 50c, Mrs C H Woodman 1, Mrs Sager 1.75, Advent Christian Sunday School, Acushnet 15, North Westport local 2.50, Brockton local 8.
Michigan—Mrs W O Randall 5, Mrs M Avery McIntyre, 5.
Minnesota—Blanche Hard 50c, Isa Bennett 50c, Josephine Wilson 50c, Elizabeth Wilson 50c, collection from Mission Society, Church of God 1.75, Anna C Syren 3.
Missouri—Nebraska local 8.10.
Nebraska—Mrs William Gillison 8, W Allford 5, Agnes Alford 2, Nelpert Allford 200, Wm Schaumberg 200.
New Hampshire—Stephen Estey 50c, Cecil Steers 1, Elma Steers 1, Ernest H Weber 1, Clarence J Kearney 1, Chester M Kearney 1, Woodstock local 5.
New Hampshire—Mrs L P Hatt 52, State Treasurer 20, Mrs W B Hobbs 1.50, Mrs F E Knox 1.50, B C Jackson 1.75.
New York—Junior membership fee, Geneva 20c, Mrs Frank Barnes 1.00, Mrs D E Martine 15, Stephens Mills local 4.50, Mrs M C Lincoln 1, Mina L. Dowell 3.50.
North Carolina—W M Cumming 8.75.
Nova Scotia—Friends of, Mrs Ira Millett 1.
Oregon—Elena Upton 5.
Quebec—Gladys G Devlin 51.
Tennessee—Mrs R F Snow 1.
Vermont—South Vernon local 5.15, Mrs W H Lord 5, B M Cashwell 3, Emily J Innis 1.
Washington—Lizzie Wintersteen 51, Mrs C E Bennett 1.
Wisconsin—Milton Kalkhorst 20c, Raymond Goetz 20c, Advent Christian Church, Mattoon 7.

Subscriptions $20.54; sales $3.61; total amount $24.28.

Orphanage Fund.

Previously acknowledged, $507.50
Sent this month, 25.30
Total, $532.80

Child Wives and Widows of India

of these books have been sold, and still we have some on hand which should be going about doing good. If you have not already sold them in your neighborhood would it not be well to order some now? They retail at 10 cents each, but we sell twenty for $1 and the postage, which is 16 cents. Will you not let us send you a package? We have sold about 4000 outside our denomination, and all that is necessary in order to sell the book is to let people know what is in it. Take a copy to any minister in any denomination and get him to read the book and he will try to get his people to purchase and read it.

That is, if he is interested either in mission work or in saving womanhood.
**ALPHABETICAL MISSION EXERCISE**

Leader—What was Christ’s last command?

Children (in concert)—Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Leader—What was Christ’s last promise?

Children—Lo! I am with you always.

**THE WEEDS THAT BOTHERED DORA**

I DON'T see who plants 'em, anyway!” exclaimed my little neighbor. “Do you do it?” she asked, and I came around to her side of the bed.

“Plant the weeds? Oh, certainly not; they never need planting.”

“But how does they come, then?”

“Very much like the bad thoughts and ways that come into our hearts; just spring right up and grow and grow—if we don't pull them up—until all the dear little lovable flowers are quite choked out,” said her mamma.

“Has I any in my heart?”

“No, I wouldn't. I guess it's mostly all weeds!”

“That's what I thought of this bed when I came out; but see how many dear little plants we've found.”

“Isn't 'em sweet! We won't let the horrid old weeds sting you to death” (crushing them). “'I'm goin' to get 'em out o' here, too. If I don't tell stories, nor slap Jack, an' mind mamma quick—an'—an'—be pleasant when I don't want to be, will they go away?” I assured her of this, and it was several days before I thought again of the lesson of the weeds.

“I never saw Dora so good as she has been for a week past,” said her mamma. “I thought she was ill; but she rambled on, continually to herself, her dollies, to Jack, of weeds, weeds, weeds.”

**A BOX FOR INDIA**

I T has been decided that the Juniors shall send a box to India making all the contents themselves. Each Junior Society is asked to help in this work and contribute as largely as possible; it has also been decided to reward the society that sends in the largest donation towards this project, and that this appeal for help will meet with hearty approval and earnest support.

We would like comforts, scrap books, toys, Bible picture cards, etc. So let the children get to work at once so that the box may soon be ready.

Would be glad to correspond with any who may be undecided as to what to do or send. However let all send something and do it now.

**DO YOU WEAR A MISSIONARY BUTTON?**

WE want every Junior to wear their badge, thereby showing their colors and letting their light shine. Some very neat little buttons have been secured and we are very desirous that every little girl and boy wear this silent little messenger and by so doing putting one of Jesus commands before the world. They cost very little, only 3 cents each, 2 for 5 cents or 25 cents a dozen. Several of your little folks can club together and get a dozen and I'm sure you will take much comfort wearing them and who can tell the good they may do.

G. H. W.

**BEAD BASKETS**

We are expecting these from India soon. The last lot we received contained only about 150 baskets, and as 151 dear children had each sent in $1 and wished the basket as a souve­ nir, we were obliged to disappoint 20 children. However more will come sometime, and you will surely get your basket then. Be patient, and wait and work on.

**NAPKIN RINGS**

We are expecting some napkin rings made of bead work similar to the baskets, and if the rings come first we will send you a ring instead of a basket unless you prefer a basket.

**CRADLE ROLL**

Marion Gertrude Barnes, Geneva, N. Y., May 7, 1903.