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

THE HINDUS

AVERAGE INCOMES

The average yearly salary of India's native officials in the British civil and military service for the year 1898-1899 was one hundred and eighty dollars. The average salary of her English officials, who of necessity occupy the more responsible positions, was three thousand dollars for the same year. In official position the Englishman undoubtedly has the preference over the native, and in all the higher positions this preference practically amounts almost to monopoly. It is pardonable, then, as says Bishop Thoburn, if the Indian looks upon the English youth who comes out to take up work in India, as something more than a rival, as rather an unjust supplanter of the children of the soil.

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It has been estimated that forty millions of the people habitually live on one meal a day, and it is a matter of course for multitudes to lie down to sleep hungry every night. "A patient people, who comes out to take up work in India, as some­thing more than a rival, as rather an unjust supplanter of the children of the soil.

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II. THE POSITION OF WOMEN IN THE HINDU ECONOMY

The wrongs of Indian womanhood have been frequently and movingly set forth.

Let us begin our study of this topic, however, by stating that though much is wrong, all is not wrong. The Hindus are better than Hinduism. Harsh and brutal as are the dicta of the Code of Manu on the subject of women, the inborn laws of humanity, the practical requirements of daily so­cial and domestic life, and above all the power of natural affection, have greatly softened the application of those laws.

WOMAN IN THE VEDAS

Even the Sanskrit books have some fine conceptions of womanly attributes, and the early Vedas held women in high regard. In later liter­

ature the ideal woman is described as a pattern of worldly and self-centered perfection; she is to keep all her husband's secrets, never to reveal the amount of his wealth, to excel all other women in personal attractiveness, in knowledge of cookery, in hospitality and in thrift, and in superintending every detail of family life. Finally, she is to co­operate with her husband in pursuing the three great objects of life—religious merit, wealth, and en­joyment. This perfect woman is called a Pad­mini (a lotus flower of womankind). In short, the highest ideal of Hindu womanhood approxi­mates closely the lowest standard of Christian womanhood—falsely called Christian, since it names but knows not Christ.

SECLUSION OF WOMEN

It is not probable that the early Hindus ever en­forced the seclusion of their women. This prac­tice is due to Mohammedan influences, and, in actual fact, concerns only a small percentage even of high-caste Hindu women. In the Mahratta country, in western India, in Burma, and in many districts where Mohammedan influence has not prevailed, the women enjoy a large degree of freedom.

Those who are confined in the zenana (a Mo­hammedan term) or behind the Purdah (the Hindu for veil or curtain) consider their lot a very exalted one and a token of their aristocratic superiority, although they may never have enjoyed a good ride or walk in their lives, or seen anything of the world outside their comfortless quarters. The women's apartments, even in elegant marble mansions in the great cities, are in the back of the house, gloomy and inferior, dull and prison-like. The native dress of the women consists of a small jacket and a sari, i. e. six to nine yards of cloth, one end of which is wrapped around the waist, gathered into folds in front, and secured by tuck­ing under. When required, this end may be readily loosed and used as a head covering. If the husband is wealthy, the women load them­selves with gorgeous, barbaric jewels of which all Indian women are so fond, and spend their time in vacant idleness or in elaborate, voluptuous baths and anointings. Otherwise they have the re­source of cookery and other domestic occupation. So deep is the prejudice against the movement for the education of women that the recent severe droughts have been ascribed to the displeasure of the gods on this account. It has been a popular belief among high-caste women that their husbands would die if they should even learn to read or write.—Lux Christi.
LETTERS FROM INDIA
From Miss Saunders
ADVENT MISSION, GUINDY, Feb. 19, 1905.
DEAR SISTER TAYLOR:

You have asked several times where the verandah is on the orphanage. Well perhaps if we had given it the name of porch you would understand where it is. If you will look at the picture again you will see in the front a sort of alcove where the door is, this we call the verandah. It is 16 feet long and 8 wide.

Since Miss Spence has decided to go to America we have been very busy making plans for the work. Everything appears to be working smoothly and we feel that the Lord is leading. We have had two petitions recently to open schools in two villages and as soon as we can make the necessary arrangements we will open them. I hope it can be accomplished by the first of April.

The following is a list of our schools and the teachers we now have. I hope that every native worker will have supporters in America.

1. Guindy, Headmaster, Mr. Vedantacheri, Jr., assistants, Emily Dawson and Jerehammal.
2. Velacheri Caste, Regentharum and wife.
3. Velacheri Pariah, Joseph and wife and Palliam.
4. Tiraiamoor, Thomas and wife.
5. Adyar, Sigamony and wife Vena Capaul.
7. Jeldenpet Pariah, Deveram and wife.
8. Bangalore Haines Road.
9. Bangalore Milk Village. These two schools have new teachers and I do not know their names. There is a man teacher in each of them.

We have two evangelists, Mr. Vedanta Chou assistant school superintendent and evangelist and Mr. Samuel evangelist. We have also three night schools, one in Tiraiamoor, one in Velacheri Caste and one in Jeldenpet Pariah. These are taught by the same teachers that teach the day schools.

Our girls are all well and getting on nicely in their studies. We hope to have some new ones coming in soon but cannot be sure of them until they are actually here.

I wish you to credit me with five dollars as my part towards paying Miss Spence's fare from England to America. I will deduct the same from my salary here. I pay this out of my tenth money and feel that the Lord would have me use it this way.

All here send love and we daily pray that the Lord will be your constant guide in all matters concerning the work. The work is His and He will bless and prosper it in the future as He has in the past.

GUINDY, MADRAS, March 12, 1905.
MY DEAR MRS. TAYLOR:

It is Sunday evening the duties of the day are over and we are having a quiet time. These are very busy days for us and to add to the regular work we have had considerable sickness among the children, only slight attacks of fever but enough to keep one on the go continually. One day we had as many as seven on the sick list. All of these were kept on diet, so gruel had to be made three times a day. Today we have only one girl sick, it has indeed been a day of rest for us.

We had communion service today. I know you would have enjoyed being present. I often wish you could meet with us on these occasions and look into the bright faces of boys and girls who have been baptized. Today we were pleased to see a woman and young man from Adyar village come to our service. I think it was the first time they ever attended a Christian service and of course everything was strange to them. While we were singing the woman's curiosity got the best of her and she walked up and stood near Miss Spence as she played the organ. Evidently she wanted to know where that strange sound came from. We trust that not only was her curiosity satisfied, but that some word may be remembered by her and create in her heart a desire for a knowledge of the true God.

I read with pleasure the report of the sixth annual convention. You must have had a very enjoyable time. I heartily thank the sisters for the prayer they offered on my behalf. Surely God heard and answered for my health has been the best this year of any time since I came to India.

We have recently opened a new school and hope to open another sometime this month.

We have recently had sent to us a number of new children, enough to replace all of those who have left or died. A friend of ours in the Baptist mission is soon going home and she wanted us to take some of her orphans so we have got "truly orphans" this time. With them we got a woman to help in caring for them. She is indeed a great help to us. She has been in the mission for years and knows how to do matron's work besides being a good needlewoman.

How wonderfully God has supplied all of our needs. Surely our faith should be strengthened. I am sending with this letter a short report of the Adyar school written by the headmaster; he has written it in English so you will make all due allowance for the wording and correct any mistakes.

Christian greeting to all the sisters of the W. H. & F. M. Society. May God richly bless you and use you for His glory.

Yours in His service,

J. M. SANDERS.

Gratitude and contentment frequently shine out in the most unexpected places. A French pastor gives an illustration of thankfulness in the story of a poor, blind woman who put twenty-seven francs into the plate at a Paris missionary meeting.

"You cannot afford so much," said one.

"Yes, sir, I can," she answered.

On being pressed to explain, she said: "I am blind, and I said to my fellow straw-workers: 'How much money do you spend in a year for oil in your lamps when it is too dark to work nights?'

They replied: "Twenty-seven francs." So I found that I save so much in the year because I am blind and do not need a lamp, and I give it to shed light to the dark heathen lands."—Selected.
ADVENT MISSION SCHOOL AT ADYAR

Adyar is a small Indian village a mile and a half towards the east of Guindy, the Mission Headquarters. To start with it gives me pleasure to describe the philology of the word "Adyar" which simply means "Near River." There is a river running close to the north of the village by reason of its mere situation. This village, which is interspersed with numerous trees of all kinds, presents a lovely country scene with the Buckingham Canal opened during the administration of Lord Buckingham the governor of India in the East and a large tank, but quite a dry one now in the west and big mango groves on the other two sides, while the bordering rows of palmyra palm present a spectacle like that of soldier ranks in the parade ground. The village consists nearly of 150 houses, and includes a population of 2000 in round numbers.

Under the benevolent auspices of the W. H. & F. M. S. of Advent Christian denomination a day school was opened in this village in February, 1902, with a prayer and with an attendance of sacred three children of the village Munishiff, who is always favorably disposed toward the up keeping of progress of our work here. By God's grace the attendance of the school rose to 62 by the end of the same year. The school has been making a steady progress in the successive years, both in strength and efficiency under the kind management of Miss A. G. Spence and Miss Saunders, who always take pleasure, and delight, in not only visiting, the school, but teaching model lessons at Tamil and Bible. The school is a mixed one where the major portion of pupils are Hindus, the punchama class forming only a very small proportion. Results of the school during the past two years have been satisfactory and encouraging. Once in a year the school celebrates the annual prize distribution day, when the above mentioned managers distribute very liberal gifts to the school children. The liberality and uniform kindness of these ladies have ever been congenial to the hearts of many of the villagers.

Written by the Native Headmaster,

SIGAMONY.

TREASURER’S REPORT

From Mar. 15, to Apr. 15, 1905

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MONEY RECEIVED.

From March 15, to April 15, 1905

California—Sister H. $2, Mrs. Roger Sherman $75. W. C. Sullivan 1, Bangalore school Northern California 675, Mrs. W. Kerlin 250.

Connecticut—Hartford local for All Nations Monthly $2.50, Alice Loveland 1, A. Cheerful Giver 2, Blanche E. Hard 1, Mrs. G. M. Pass and Mrs. H. Tortolietto 10.

Florida—Lake City local $2.50. Idaho—Cora B. Crenshaw $1.

Illinois—Mendota A. C. church, Class No. 2, $2.10.


Iowa—Emma McClusky $2.

Kansas—S. J. Powell 87.

Maine—George F. Steinman $1.50, E. G. Timbrelake 2.

Elizabeth Hupper 50. Ella Studley 95. Ida Lyford 1, A Friend 1, Rockland local 5, Johanna Nilsen 1, Grace M. E. Paine 1, Addie Paine 1, Dover local 9, Edith M. Thompson 75, Martha M. Cole 2.

Massachusetts—New Bedford local $2.50, Emma E. Wright 1, Urspine A. Nicerson 5, A. C. Sunday School Aucshent 10, M. McFadyen 3, Brockton local 7, Athol local 17, Junior dues Athol 100, Mrs. E. T. Linnin 5, Boston local 500, Fall River 3.75, Lynn local 12.50, Plymouth local 3.50, Salem local 1, Springfield local 3, Worcester local 9.50, collection at Mid-Winter Convention above expenses 2.69.

Michigan—A. C. Sunday school Buchanan $6.50, Mrs. Griffin 1, George Roberts 2.

Minnesota—Smith Lake local $5.

Missouri—Harriet E. Luer 50.

Nebraska—Jennie Bishop $1, Sunday school Lincoln 15.

New Hampshire—Betsey G. Elliott 75, Belmont local 5.50.

Loudon Ridge local 4, Dover local 6.25, Dover S. S. 2.19, collection at Moody Church, Pittsfield 4, Harold M. Andrews 1, Mrs. L. P. Hart 2, Northwood Narrows local 3.50.


Nova Scotia—Litchfield local $5.50, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Woodworth 5.

Ohio—G. V. McKeon $1.

Oregon—Phoebe A and Mary B. Goss $5, Mr. and Mrs. O. Dustin 10.

Province Quebec—Susan Trussell 750, Mrs. A. E. Gage 3.

Rhode Island—Etsa Grace Hewitt $1, Emma Brown 1, Mary Williams 1, Mrs. E. N. Pratt 1, Merton Hewitt 286, other donations 92, Cradle Roll membership fee, Providence 300, Celia F. Langworthy 2.

Tennessee—Mrs. R. F. Snow 75.

Vermont—Vernon local $1, Mary M. Doubleday and mother 8, Waterbury local 5, Legacy of Margaret Davis Mrs. L. H. Brightman 1.

Washington—John I. Russell 1, Mrs. H. C. Estep 2.


Subscriptions $35.20; sales $4.91; total amount $444.29.

ORPHANAGE FUND

Previously acknowledged, $630.

Sent this month, 13.75.

Total, $643.75.

Received for Transit Fund, $43.25.

Lena N. Bradford, Treasurer.

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Rockland, Maine, May, 1905.

MISS SPENCE

As Miss Spence was to arrive in England April 27, at this time we suppose she is with her sister, Mrs. Wooster, in England, resting after her voyage and gathering strength for her journey to America and the work that lies before her here. Many prayers are going up to heaven for her and the work which God has laid upon her loving heart and placed in her willing hands. We hope that the entire change of climate and employment will restore her health and strength, and more than all else we desire and expect that the Holy Spirit will rest upon her to comfort her heart and fill her words with power and guide her footsteps here in America. We earnestly desire that she may visit all our local societies and that many churches where as yet we have no auxiliaries may be blessed by her presence. More than eloquence, wealth, personal charms, physical health and strength, more than all imaginable gifts and graces, do we all need the gift of the Holy Ghost. For this let all our prayers ascend.

LAST LETTER FROM MISS SPENCE

My Dearest Sister Taylor:

You will be glad to know that I am almost all ready for starting and hope to sail from Madras on Monday next, 27th March. Everything regarding my departure has worked so smoothly—not a single hitch anywhere and this comforts me more than I can say. I feel like looking up and saying, “Bless the Lord and forget not all His benefits.” This has been a very trying week to me with so many farewell addresses and presentations. These have been very gratifying but still at the same time very painful to me at such a time.

I am enclosing in today’s letter a full report of accounts from July 1st to December 31st, 1904. You will see that our balance is encouraging decrease. We have just had a grant of 1000 Rs or $333.33 from Government for the Junior Orphanage we built. We are going to use this money in building a Nurses Home and a sick room.

We are going to have the pictures taken of all the children and I am going to bring the plates to America with me.

I shall look out for letters from you on my arrival in London and I shall tell you as soon as I get there when to expect me in America. Pray much for me. With our warmest love,

Ever yours lovingly,

Alice G. Spence.

Guindy, March 23, 1905.

FROM CAPT. JAMES SPENCE
Bangalore, India, Mar. 12, 1905.

My Dear Sister Taylor:

Alice came up for a few days but has returned to Guindy. Dear sister, the Lord is alive. The work is His, and the hearts of the Advent Christian Church are in His control, so all is well. I am sure that Alice will be right royally received and treated by you all, and I believe that you will like her still more on further acquaintance. I am glad to know that Mrs. Allan has got her hand to the mission plow in India and her whole heart is in her work. Her little girls are with me and are as happy as the day is long.

I am delighted to learn that all in Guindy are as happy as a marriage bell. The orphans are getting a little fever, but otherwise they are all well, and Alice is getting ready to leave on the 27th inst. So she is likely to be with you early in June next.

March 23.

I am just back from Guindy, saying good-bye to Alice, and taking a look at the work doing and done there. I do wish you had been able to see what I saw there. Truly the Lord has blessed your work. It is telling for the Lord. All are as happy as possible. I have arranged for Miss Saunders to be superintendent during Alice’s absence. She will arrange all the work and as they are working perfectly harmoniously, there will be no hitch. Alice leaves next Monday and her mother will go to-morrow night to say good-bye.

Mrs. Spence joins me in our love to yourself and Brother Taylor.

I am, your Brother in Hope,

James Spence.

“IS IT I?”

“Laborers wanted!” The ripened grain
Waits to welcome the reaper’s cry;
The Lord of the harvest calls again;
Who among us shall first reply:

“Who is wanted, Lord? Is it I?”
The Master calls, but the servants wait;
Fields gleam white ‘neath a cloudless sky.
Will none seize the sickle before too late,
As the Winter’s winds come sweeping by?

Who is delaying? Is it I?

—Southern Christian Advocate.
Helps and Hints
FROM MY MAIL BAG

At roll call each member of our Band responds with a fact. When all are present we get twenty-seven facts.

We have had maps of the countries and stations drawn on manilla paper and pasted on thin smooth boards, and then sawed into pieces. The children enjoy putting them together.

I gave the children twenty-five mite boxes, suggesting ways for them to earn and save pennies. They have emptied $20 out of their boxes. We give them parlor treats, nuts, fruit, cakes, with recitations and songs and stories. My plan is to have a public concert once in three months.

One boy drew a map of India, marking the principal stations, another read a paper describing the country, pointing out the places mentioned; others read original papers or selections, telling of the people, their history, and customs, and religions.

The boys bring woolen stockings and ravel them and make balls which they cover with leather; some whittle large spools, run a handle through the hole, sharpen the end, smooth them off with sand paper and paint them, making fine tops to sell or put in boxes. They have made kites and sold them.

We have a scrap book for scraps and pictures of the countries about which we study. We write in this book the list of our missionaries in each country. In our album we have their photographs and feel pretty well acquainted with them. We also have a little museum of curiosities of which we are quite proud.

Our band is composed of farmers' children. They have missionary hens and vegetable gardens, they raise hens and vegetable gardens, they raise seeds, and sell flowers, and pop corn. One hen cleared seven dollars and one potato raised seventy-two potatoes.

We are making different articles to fill orders, such as clothes-pin bags and aprons, holder, dishcloths, laundry and stocking bags, scrap books for babies.

We made a lot of little bags and gave them out for self denial pennies.

We are making an autograph quilt. Twenty-nine members have taken books in which they collect names at ten cents each.

Our Missionary Basket is taken home by different members. It contains articles made by them or contributed by friends. In two years we have realized over $100 from these sales.

Two of our boys put up a lemonade stand under an old tree and sold to passers by.

I bought a sheet of paper with my penny, and of this I made two snow balls, selling each for ten cents. With five of these I bought paper and sold flowers for twenty cents. I got a ten cent ball of twine and made two dishcloths and sold them for twenty cents.

Our Light Bearers have been busy knitting dish cloths and making other articles. Last evening they gave an entertainment. They came marching in with lighted tapers and sang the Light Bearers' song, to the delight of everybody, after which they spoke the dialogue, "The Light of the World." Four girls spoke the Dishcloth Dialogue and then went down through the audience selling dishcloths. They sold all out and have taken orders for more.—Best Ideas for Mission Bands.

FELLOWSHIP
BY WILLIAM BERNARD NORTON

Dear, faithful hearts who answer to the call Of those who plead each aching human want, Grieve not that Christ-like love demands your all, Nor let the test of faith your spirit daunt!

Shall we who hide at home pay smaller price Than those who labor in the far-off field? Shall we withhold a living sacrifice, Our lips alone their easy homage yield?

To gain the hidden treasures of the earth Men brave Alaska's cold and Afric's heat. Shall equal toil be counted lesser worth If it be offered at the Master's feet?

We tread no pathway that He has not trod. No burdens bear He has not borne before. The Son of Man was He as Son of God. And all that hearts can feel He felt the more.

Who suffers with Him shall His glory share— A fellowship that angels may not win. Who then would shrink the lowly cross to bear And help the Christ redeem a world from sin?

Oak Park, Ill. Woman's Missionary Friend.

THE YOUNG WIDOWS OF INDIA

"L. M."—Infant marriages are by no means a thing of the past in India, in spite of all the efforts of the English government and the Christian missionaries. In Bengal alone, according to the census of 1901, there were 538 widows of less than one year of age. Of Hindoo widows between the ages of one and two there were 576; between two and three, 651; between three and four, 1756. Three thousand eight hundred and sixty-one of these widows were between the ages of four and five, and the enormous number of 76,900 between ten and fifteen years of age. Nearly every fourth female in Bengal is a widow. The Widow Marriage Association is combating this dreadful state of affairs to its utmost by conducting a propaganda against the injustice done to Hindoo women by early marriage and enforced widowhood, and also by remarrying these child widows wherever possible. The "boldness and sacrifice" of the young men who marry these widows is spoken of in the Indiana Ladies' Magazine as "very praiseworthy."—Boston Budget.
DOES IT COST YOU--

TIME
To read through the daily and weekly newspapers, the magazines, and reviews, and the special journals that constantly clamor for attention? Can you find time to read enough of them to keep posted even on the important topics of human interest at home and abroad? Does the time demanded by so many periodicals leave you time enough for books?

DOES IT COST YOU--

MONEY
To buy even a fairly representative list of papers and magazines? Can you afford to subscribe for as many as would be necessary to give you a complete survey of the world's politics, art, religion, industrial affairs, literature, etc.? Even if you had the time to read them, would you be able to buy several thousand periodicals, domestic and foreign?

DOES IT COST YOU--

WORRY
To sift out the conflicting rumors concerning the Japan-Russia war, and try to follow its progress? Or to get at the true state of the Presidential campaign, the chances of the several candidates, the tendencies in the various states, and the probabilities as to the platforms? Does it worry or weary you to "keep posted" in this busy, hustling age when there are so few moments for quiet reading and so many demands for your money?

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A booklet which deals with the awful condition of women in India. The problem of child marriage, condition of India widows, the hopelessness and helplessness of all girls outside of Christianity, are set before us in a clear, concise, and intensely interesting manner. All adult Christians should read this book. Price 10 cents, $1.16 for 20, postpaid.

MESSIAH'S ADVOCATE

A WEEKLY paper published at Oakland, Calif., every Wednesday, edited by W. R. Young, heralding the coming of our Lord, and exhorting to holy living. Eight four-column pages. Subscription, $1.50; to new subscribers $1.00.

THE DAY DAWN

An eight-page monthly paper published at Howard Lake, Minn., by the Church of God Conference of Minnesota, advocating the soon personal coming of our Lord, conditional immortality and kindred subjects. Subscription 50 cents per year. Samples free.

ORPHANAGE CARDS

We will freely furnish these to all who wish to raise money for our new orphanage.

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give and bequeath the sum of——-— to the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society of the Advent Christian Denomination, a corporation of the State of Maine.

[A will must be signed by two witnesses to make it valid.]

FROM ALL NATIONS

Over a thousand churches in each of the twelve leading denominations give nothing for missions.

There are 1,850,000,000 people on the globe and more than 1,000,000,000 have never heard of Christ.

The city of Honolulu will erect a fine lighthouse at the entrance to its harbor as a monument to President McKinley.

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

Professor Drummond.

The French Protestant missionaries in Madagascar are practically bishops over native teachers or evangelists. One of them is in charge of eighty-two churches, he being the only ordained minister in the district of Fonono. Another has charge of 120 churches.

The record of the Evangelical Missionary Society of Paris, which is the society of Protestants in France, during the last decade is very commendable. In all France there are about 600,000 Protestants, and during the past ten years their foreign missionaries have increased from 37 to 57, and their annual income from $65,000 to $225,000.

"A poor man served by thee shall make thee rich; A sick man helped by thee shall make thee strong. Thou shall be served thyself by every sense Of service that thou renderest."

Thy blessed Christ is in thy little room, Nay more, the Christ Himself is in thy heart; Fear not, the dawn will scatter darkest gloom, And heaven will be of thy rich life a part.
LETTERS FROM INDIA
From E. Dora Allan
Guindy, Feb. 23, 1905.

My Dear Mrs. Taylor:

These are especially busy days with so much to do and think of before my sister Alice's departure. As I write I hear Miss Saunders and my sister in the next room having a discussion on a Tamil word in their course of study and they are extracting all the fun they can out of it (Jess and jest are very nearly alike not in orthography only!) And this reminds me that I heard something the other day which will be very gratifying to you all. While having a little confidential talk with some of our Orphanage girls they let on that Mr. Vedantacheri had told them that he had taught many missionary ladies Tamil, but that not one of them had such an intelligent grasp of Tamil as Miss Saunders. Then Mr. Vedantacheri told me on another occasion that Mr. Edwards spoke Tamil "like a Brahman." That is very high praise and we are very proud of our missionaries.

Our girls are keeping uniformly well and in our several schools things have settled down to an even routine, so that this seems a most fitting time for Miss Spence to leave. Yet we look forward somewhat fearfully to her absence as no one knows and understands the work as she does. Will you all pray earnestly that we who remain may be given wisdom and strength to fill the big gap she will leave behind her? Miss Saunders has been very busy with her camera this week and the work here will be as realistic to you as photography can make it. I wish you could witness the delight of the children at "having their pictures caught," as they express it, and they look so gratified when they are told they are to be shown in America.

With love to all. Believe me,
Very sincerely yours,

E. Dora Allan.

From W. I. Edwards
March 8, 1905

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

Just a few lines to let you know that we are getting on fairly well. The boys who had to go to Madras to be treated in the Eye Infirmary are all back now. I now have fifty-three boys as one of the results of Bro. Thompson's confidence in our ability to care for the children put in our charge. These ten new boys are all very promising fellows. They are starting in with a will to learn Tamil. Last week I went up to Ranipet and purchased another pair of good bulls. They are not yet well broken but will soon learn what to do as they are very gentle and willing. They are large and white, and fairly young animals. Mrs. Allen is to have the other bulls soon to go out in her zenana work to the villages. Just now we are trying to get the well at Guindy finished. The work was given into the hands of a Master in order to relieve me from standing over it. But he is too slow so to accomplish anything I have to be on hand to see that something is done.

Hope to finish in a day or so. We are now getting ready to add more to our carpenters shed so that we can put in a turning lathe and have more room in which our boys can work. Am just ordering a bullock Bandey from the A. B. F. M. workshop at Arni. I was treated very kindly at the A. B. F. M. Arcot Mission at Ranipet while there and was invited to come again. They have a girls orphanage there with about 100 girls. The girls who have gone about as far as they are able profitably in their studies are taught lace making by Mrs. Scudder, wife of L. R. Scudder, M.D. There is a hospital under his charge with a trained staff of native assistants.

It is still dry. Very hot in the day time. Cools off to comfort at night. Some say prospects of rain. Would that it come soon!

Yours in the Master's service,
W. I. Edwards.

From Miss Spence
Bangalore, March 11, 1905

My Dearest Mrs. Taylor:

You will see that I am in Bangalore with my parents. I have come up here with a double object—to say good-bye to my dear ones here before I leave India and to inspect our schools here.

You will be glad to hear that we have two nice schools here. The attendance is very good and were it not for the plague we should have lots of work here. I noticed by the "All Nations" that you were needing some more napkin rings and baskets almost immediately so I have ordered 200 sent you by this mail. I hope you will get them off to comfort at night. Some say prospects of rain. Would that it come soon!

Yours in the Master's service,
A. G. Spence.

A subscriber from one of the States of the Union, and whom the editor has the pleasure of knowing personally, writes: "For my fall and winter outfit I have spent just one dollar, and I seldom use even car fare. My precious family in Armenia and India I am asking the dear Lord to let me retain their support, though we have lost money this past year, and some of my former missionary money must go into the house expenses, but Jesus knows all about it, and I am trusting Him to supply every need."—Selected.
AN IMMENSE IDOL—THE BULL OF SIVA

This great stone bull is in Tanjore, India, and is sixteen feet long and twelve feet high, twice as tall, as a very tall man. It is carved out of a single piece of granite, and the people worship and pray to the stone image. Every day it is anointed with oil and as the dust settles upon the oil it is a very dirty idol. The huge stone of which it was made was carried four hundred miles to get it to Tanjore.

TAKING OUT CHRISTIANITY

Norah had a "model village," and she never tired of setting it up.

"What kind of a town is that, Norah?" asked her father. "Is it a Christian or a heathen town?"

"Oh, a Christian town," Norah answered quickly.

"Suppose we make it a heathen town," her father suggested.

"What must we take out?"

"The church," said Norah, setting it to one side.

"Is that all?" "I suppose so."

"No, indeed," her father said. "The public school must go; there are no public schools in heathen lands. Take the public library, too," her father directed.

"Anything else?" Norah asked, sadly.

"Isn't there a hospital over there?"

"But, father, don't they have hospitals?"

"Not in heathen countries. It was Christ who taught us to care for the sick and the old."

"Then I must take out the Old Ladies' Home," said Norah very soberly.

"Yes, and that Orphan's Home at the other end of the town."

"Why, father," Norah exclaimed, "there is not a good thing left! I wouldn't live in such a town for anything! Does know—"

"Now that was for the children; no matter, though you heard—You richer, older people,—not one single, blessed word. Tis your turn, now, to listen,—if you'll give your ear to me, And hear of mission-music on a little higher key."

None but children should put pennies in the mission-box, I think, Older ones should all drop dollars,—you can tell them by the clink; Now you listen, very quiet, when the mission-box goes round, You will know when drops a dollar, for it makes a silver sound. Of all these grown-up people, of course there will not any Give like us little givers, who drop one little penny! No, no! we children do our best, and we can not be blamed, But if you give only pennies,—don't you think you'd feel ashamed? —Selected and adapted.

THE LITTLE WORDS

You'd be surprised, I'm sure to know, How far a little word can go, How many miles it runs away Up hill and down, a single day; How many angry hearts it wakes, How many pleasant friends it makes; What very wise things it can tell, What very simple ones, as well; How very brave, brave and true, How very false and lazy, too! So take good care, before that word By anybody else is heard, That it shall truly worthy be To join a happy company Of helpful words, that march with grace And bear sweet sunshine in the face. —Christian Observer.

A LITTLE LIGHT BEARER

To the little heathen children A far across the sea We send the light of Jesus That is known to you and me. And, though I'm but a little boy, I know full well 'tis true That we should always bear a light To shine for Him. Do you?

Children's Missionary Friend.

CRADLE ROLL

Fred Henry Seaman, Providence, R. I., 26 Hollis St, Aug. 30, 1904.