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Rest in the Solemn Day.

Oh, the tremendous day when Christ shall come! All things will to the core His presence feel; And wakened man will shiver and be dumb. Who would not ere that time obedience yield? But in that solemn, heart-revealing day, My Saviour's precious love will be my stay.

W. X.

GOOD TIDINGS.
M. B. FULLER.

N beginning again to send out our little mission paper, the publication of which has hitherto been only occasional, and which has been interrupted for more than three years, we expect to make it a regular monthly, giving the general news of our work in India which not only friends of the missionaries will be glad to know and which will save much writing to individuals, but also all who are friends of missions will read with interest.

In addition to the general news and reports of all the stations we expect to have articles, original or selected, on questions concerning mission work in its various forms and also on Christian life and experience. That is to say we want through our little paper to "testify the gospel of the grace of God."

This is the ministry which we have received of the Lord Jesus, each in our measure, even as the great Apostle of the Gentiles received it, and this ministry we wish to fulfil, viz., to preach and testify, to teach and expound, to illustrate and illuminate by type and anecdote, and above all, as "living epistles," to interpret and exemplify both to the world and to our Christian brethren and sisters, the "good tidings" of the grace of God.

We intend to teach the full gospel, without any fads. We "study to show" ourselves "approved unto God," workmen "that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." We intend to teach nothing that is not clearly taught in the Word of God, and to keep in right proportions the truths that we find there.

We believe and teach the "good tidings of great joy" to the sinner, that by simple faith in the finished work of Christ He may have full and free forgiveness for all sins that are past on the condition of confessing and forsaking them; that He may be born of the Spirit of God and become a partaker of the divine nature. We believe that this new birth, this change from death to life, is the greatest thing that can come into a human experience and is the foundation upon which all Christian experience rests, the root from which it grows. It is not reformation but regeneration. We teach the good tidings to the child of God that has been forgiven and born again of the Spirit, he may be cleansed from all unrighteousness and live a life of victory over sin by the power and life of the risen Christ living in him. "Christ liveth in me, and the life that I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me."

Christ Himself our sanctification, our life, our keeper and the one who baptises His people with the Holy Ghost and empowers them for all service, He is the center of all teaching. We believe the good news that He is the Healer and the health of His people. We believe that natural remedies, so far as they have been proved to be efficacious, are for people who live on the natural plane, but that God has provided a supernatural way of healing for His people; that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, to-day and for ever, the same as when He "healed all that had need of healing."

We believe the good tidings that Jesus is coming again and that He may come soon. That is, we believe that the pre-millennial coming of Christ is the "blessed hope" of the Church and the great inspiration to the speedy evangelisation of the world. These are the great truths which we believe are clearly taught in God's Word, and which we hope to keep ever before our own hearts and those of our readers. We ask the prayers of all our friends that we may be kept faithful to the truth and free from error.
Station Notes.

Mehmadabad, Gujerat.
Miss Cora Hanson.

Mehmadabad was opened by Mr. C. Borup in 1896 and the first seed of the precious Word of God was sown in this county, and a little band whose hearts God had opened to receive the Word, were baptised. After two years Mr. and Mrs. Woodward and Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton came here. Through their faithful labours and prayers, others were added to the little band of believers. After a few months Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton took up the work of another county and Miss Focke and myself joined Mr. and Mrs. Woodward here. This was at the beginning of the terrible famine of 1890 and 1891 when so many of our dear missionaries laid down their lives, among them two from our own station. Miss Focke died December 6th, 1890, after two months' illness, and Mr. Woodward January 5th, 1891. As the famine pressed sorer and sorer, people came to us from the villages around and many that had withstood the Gospel were glad to come to us for help. Relief work was opened. Much prayer was made for the people and the Word of God was faithfully given them every day. Many were softened and became new men and women. Schools were opened for both boys and girls where they were not only taught to read and write, but also the Word of God. As the work increased and Mr. Woodward saw the need of native helpers, he called a few of the most hopeful young men and began a training class; after his death Mrs. Woodward faithfully carried on the training of these young men until she returned to America, Feb. 15th of this year. Since then Miss Peter and myself have had charge of the station. The Lord is with us and we see manifest tokens that the Holy Spirit is working in the hearts of the people. The young men in training are growing in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord. God has touched the hearts of some of His people in America to send money to help support them and we feel sure much prayer has been offered for them. The Lord is answering and they are becoming a great help in the work. Two have been accepted by the Mission as helpers this last year, and they will soon be sent to live and work among the village people. It is encouraging to see the concern of some of them about the salvation of their relatives. Mada Runshord has been praying for his relatives all of whom were heathen except his brother; not long ago his old mother was baptized and since then others say that they want to become Christians. Mada is very faithful in going to his village to teach them. From another family we have two brothers in the class. They, too, have been pleading with God in behalf of their relatives. The result is that the aged father and mother, one brother and his wife and the wife of another Christian brother, will soon be baptized. This takes in the whole family except one sister whose husband is a heathen, and we believe the Lord will answer prayer for her. These are a few of the things that fill our hearts with joy and enable us to look above the trials and difficulties of the work and to praise Him that we are permitted to be co-workers with Him. It makes our hearts sad when we see those for whom we had great hopes go back because they love their old sinful ways. But we encourage ourselves in the Lord and believe to see yet greater things in the future. The mission has promised to take up Government land for our Christians this year and a few bullocks have also been given. If rain should be withheld this year as it threatens to be, may it not be a call to some of you to help these poor famine-stricken brothers and sisters? If we had money we could let the people clear their land and dig wells, which would not only give them work now but be a help in days to come.

Chandur, Berar.
Wm. Ramsey.

Chandur, the most eastern of our Berar stations, was first occupied in 1894, though preaching and book-selling had been done in some of the towns and villages a year or two previous. In the Taluka (county) of which Chandur is the capital town, we have a population of over 199,000 people living in 394 towns and villages. Some of these are very small hamlets of half-a-dozen houses, while others in the more fertile districts are good-sized towns of four to six thousand inhabitants. The first year's touring consisted of going from town to town with Gospel portions and books for sale, tracts for distribution, repeating a few Scripture texts and passing on rapidly from place to place, as our knowledge of the language was not sufficient to enable us to do much preaching or conversational work. The next year we were a little freer in the language and could give little talks as well as.
books for sale in the bazaars (weekly market) and hold short gospel services in the villages we passed through. Friends at home rarely consider what these opening years mean to the new missionary. He can only reach about 100 villages in the cold season which means that the people in each village or town hear the gospel about once in three years. As he moves away from his single preaching service in a village, he these the gospel was faithfully preached so that as they scattered to their homes they took with them a knowledge of the truths we taught, and in many places unreasoning prejudice and lurking suspicion were done away. Another year of travelling in the towns and villages and then came the famine of 1900 when through the generous help of the Christian Herald and other American contributors, we were enabled to open grain-shops and sell to the poor people far below market price, thus saving them from mortgaging their land, selling their bullocks or pledging property to be redeemed later at exorbitant interest from rapacious money-lenders and grain merchants. We also supplied many with seed-grain who would otherwise have been unable to sow their fields. This work did not yield fruit in many immediate baptisms as we rather discouraged the idea of their being baptised until after the famine, lest many should be drawn to us from unworthy motives; but the disinterested help given in time of need and the unavoidable daily contact with the missionary, broke down much of the prejudice and gained the good-will of the people in a way that will bear fruit in after years. Some baptisms we have had, but most of those who were baptised have either gone to join larger and older Christian communities where the opposition was less or lapsed back into heathenism. Only a few are with us; God bless and multiply them.

This year, 1902, the sale of Scripture portions in the Marathi country has been almost unprecedented and there are indications that an undercurrent of thought tending towards Christianity is taking hold in many places. Not only towns and villages but individual homes once closed to the Gospel message have been opened and the people show a willingness to hear the message which is the first step to receiving it. God’s Word will not return unto Him void, and we shall yet see the fruit of His working in the salvation of many of these dear people. It is with feelings of regret that we find it
necessary to leave this interesting field for a time for a much-needed furlough and rest. Will you not pray that God may send not only new workers from America, but that He may call and send forth many of our own dear Native Christian boys and girls into this needy harvest-field?

BHUSAVAL, KHANDESH.
R. D. BANNISTER.

The work of the C. & M. A. began in this station about eight years ago, when Rev. M. I. Garrison was appointed to take charge. Work among the Europeans was begun in a neat little church, which had been bought from the Methodists, and a Sunday School was carried on among the children. Marathi work was carried on in the town, (preaching, etc.,) by Salve, the Mission catechist. Other workers in the town were and still are—Mr. Gabriel, formerly a Methodist local preacher, now not connected with any Society, and the workers of the Free Church of Scotland from their Mission in the town.

After about one and a-half, or two years' faithful work here, which was blessed of God, and appreciated by the people, dear Bro. Garrison fell asleep in Jesus at Igatpuri, whither he had gone for rest and change, and his wife and children went home to America.

They were succeeded in this work by Mr. and Mrs. Lenth, who continued to carry on the English work, and to do what Marathi work they were able, going on tour through the district during cold seasons, and preaching in the near villages. God blessed their labours both among Europeans and Natives. There is still a native woman living here, who because of a broken leg used to drag herself along on the ground, but ever since Mr. Lenth prayed with her she has been able to walk. She can move her knee joint in and out, shewing the place where it was broken. She has never become a true Christian and been baptized, but she acknowledges before all the fact of Christ healing her. Among the Europeans who were converted during Mr. Lenth's ministry, were two young men of the Government Telegraph Department. They at once began to interest themselves in all the work of the Church, one of them afterwards becoming Superintendent of the Sunday school. Both commenced giving a tenth of their income to the Lord for the work of the Church here. God blessed them, and led them on to give up smoking and other things, which they had not at first seen to be wrong. They are still serving the Lord, and witnessing for Christ to those around them, the one in Burmah, the other in North India. In this way God has used and is using our work here to light lamps to shine for Him in many parts of this dark land.

Just three years ago, these two servants of Christ were succeeded by the writer, who gratefully acknowledges God's goodness and blessing upon the work up to the present time. Mrs. Bannister joined the work here some fifteen months ago, since which time she has helped in the English work while preparing for the native work by the study of Marathi. The last three years, by God's blessing, have been years of steady increase in all departments of the work. Though recently there has been much that would naturally discourage, especially in the Marathi work, yet God has given encouragements too. Souls have been saved among the Europeans; children, snatched suddenly away from our Sunday school by Cholera, have gone home to Heaven rejoicing; and from among Hindus and Mahomedans souls have been won for God. We praise God that during the first six months of this year there have been more baptisms than all the rest of the time we have been here, and there are signs of much greater blessing upon the work, especially among the Mahomedans. Among others this year we have baptised a Mahomedan Syed who about a month afterwards died believing in Christ, and a Brahmin who is still with us.

A young lady, member of our English Bible class, came to say good-bye to us recently, as she was going away to the North of India into service. After a little earnest talk, she was asked whether she would not definitely give her heart to Jesus before she went. She did so, and is now seeking to live and shine for Jesus. We have had several encouraging letters from her in which she asks our prayers that she may be kept true to Christ. In one letter received recently she begins to honour the Lord with her substance, out of gratitude for what He has done for her.

Owing to the drinking habits of the people, we started the Bhusawal Total Abstinence Society a few months ago, and in a little while over fifty had signed the pledge, most of whom have kept it. This began to make a difference in the receipts at the stores, so that we heard of complaints of decreased dividends. We praise the Lord for this, and would be glad to see these liquor-selling stores closed altogether.

We are now having much larger congrega-
tions at the English services on Sunday evenings than ever before, and sometimes a Brahmin or two, and a Mahomedan Moulvie come in.

The Sunday school also has increased from two classes to five, and many of the children are becoming well acquainted with the Word of God. We hope to see many of them giving their hearts to Him.

We are thankful to God for all that He has done, but we feel the need of a great out-pouring of God's Spirit upon both work and workers, that there may be real conviction of sin among the people, and real hunger for God and holy living among both Europeans and Natives. "Brethren, pray for us."

A NEED IN BOMBAY.

WM. FRANKLIN.

We arrived in Bombay at the end of the hot season but before the rains had really broken, but found God's grace sufficient. We found plenty to do in preaching the Gospel for which there are great opportunities in Bombay, in work among Christians, and also in arranging the house.

We see great needs and great possibilities before us in Bombay. The one great pressing need is a house of our own, that we may be free to make it suitable for the various kinds of work. This is more pressing just now as the house in which we are living is to be sold at auction, July 26th. That means that we may have to move in a few months,—moving is no easier in India than in America. A house with suitable grounds for our work in Bombay will cost not any less than $15,000. That seems a large amount to invest in property, but if God sees it as a need, it is not large to Him. We want every person who reads this to be a helper together in prayer for this great and pressing need; also to ask God "What wilt Thou have me do?" It is possible, in many cases, for one person to give the whole amount, and feel they have a station in mission work. On the other hand it is possible for each one to do something, however small, and know they have some interest in the work in Bombay. Will you be one?

We have been here just one month. In that time God has enabled us to bring four Hindu men to decide to accept Christ and they have done so. Two backsliders have been restored, and there are now several others with whom we are dealing in a personal way, some of whom we expect will shortly accept Him.

Our street preaching has resulted in two Roman Catholics coming to the house seeking light. It has been really refreshing to find some real hungry for the Gospel. This report is also an appeal for others to "come over and help us."

Our days have been very busy, more than filled. I give in detail the work of one day, which is an example of many that have since followed:—

**Wednesday, June 28th.**

7. A.M.—Refreshments served in our room; prayer together.
Gave directions to men painting, cleaning paint, and tailor.
8. A.M.—Preaching on the street corner about two blocks from the house. About 150 men listened to the Gospel. We distributed tracts on the way, to those who listened, and as we returned.

On my return found a Native waiting to borrow money. I dealt with him, then instead of lending him money, fitted him out with books to sell. While fitting him out I was interrupted to help one of the new missionaries with a Marathi sentence. Before I had finished with that the breakfast bell rang; also a note came from a Native pastor asking us to do something for a former Bible woman. On the way down to breakfast I was met by a Native Christian boy, who had run away from an orphanage of another mission; we were late to breakfast; after breakfast we had family worship. Meanwhile Mrs. Franklin and Mrs. Ramsey dealt with the Bible woman.

At 12:45 we started for a noon rest, when Mrs. Franklin came in and said Kashiba's baby (an adopted child of Miss Mallory's Bible woman who lives with us) was dead. A carpenter had come to call on us. We set him to work making a coffin out of a box, sent a man to the cemetery to have the grave prepared, sent another man for a burial certificate. We then got 45 minutes rest; at 2-30 Mrs. Franklin and I took the former Bible woman over to the house of one of the Native pastors, a hot suffocating walk. Returning, we made final arrangements for burial of the baby. Mr. Ramsey's catechist went in my stead, with Mrs. Franklin and others, to the cemetery.

I took an hour's lesson with my teacher in Marathi. Dealt with a Native boy for nearly an hour about his soul.

I have written this out to let friends at home see how many things crowd into our lives in a short time in these countries.

"Christ the Son of God hath sent me Through the midnight lands; Mine the mighty ordination, Of the pierced Hands."
Editorials.

We trust our friends will be glad to see the India Alliance once more after so long an absence. The last number was issued in Dec. 1897. The tremendous pressure of famine work made the editing of it an impossibility for many months. Then followed the illness and Home-going of dear Mrs. Fuller, the Editor. She had it upon her heart to edit a number before her illness, and we found several pages that she had written. The desire to have the paper started again was one of the first things spoken of when we arrived in Bombay, and as God had been speaking to our own heart about it, we accepted it as a part of His work for us here. We feel the advisability of having it issued monthly in order to keep friends in touch with work and workers, for we realise our need of your prayers. So the India Alliance may now be expected as a monthly visitor instead of an occasional one as here-to-fore. We heartily greet our readers in Jesus' name, and trust for much blessing as we work and pray together for the spread of the Gospel light in dark India.

We are sending the present number and will also send the August number of the India Alliance to all old subscribers. We have also asked our missionaries to kindly send to their friends as a sample copy. Those who wish to receive it later will please send in their subscriptions at once, otherwise we shall consider that it is not desired. Our plan is to have three stations reported each month, so that each station will have a full report once in six months and any special item of interest each month. This will enable the friends to keep in touch with the work and workers of each station.

It will be impossible even in a brief sketch to cover the events which have transpired since the last issue of the India Alliance, events momentous, some of which have torn our hearts with sorrow, others have thrilled them with joy. The distressing scenes of famine have continued year after year, in consequence of which many precious lives have been laid down, and the missionaries now on the field are worn and weary. The other evening as we went to the cemetery we were so touched with the inscription on the stone of one of our missionaries, "neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God." It may well be written over every grave, as it has been an actual laying down of life for others. Those who have gone before and are awaiting us are Miss Park, Miss Smiley, Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Woodward, Mrs. Back and Mr. and Mrs. Lenth.

Another cause of much grief is the fact that so many of the people of this country, though acknowledging that the famine and pestilence are God's judgments upon them for their sins, have yet hardened their hearts and gone on in the old way. On the other hand stand out as monuments of God's grace, some whose hearts have been touched by the love of God as manifested to them in practical ways by the missionaries during these trying times, together with the "Old, old story" taught them daily. They have turned from their idols to serve the living God and some are witnessing daily to the people of the power of the Gospel. Nearly every station has its company of believers and a chapel for them to worship in. It is the manifestation of the ever true law of the spiritual realm, life out of death, death in us, life in others. Who dares say, in the light of the value of a single soul snatched from eternal death, that the cost has been too great?

"O, for the touch of a vanished hand,
And the sound of a voice that is still!"

Yes, we miss dear Mrs. Fuller, and as we come back to the scenes where we were so closely associated with her, we can scarcely realise that the voice is indeed hushed and that we shall hear it no more in spiritual instruction, wise counsel or gentle admonition. We miss her in the home here, and we know she is missed in the homes of the various stations where her visits were looked forward to as times of refreshing and blessing. The Native Christian community miss her, for she had a rare gift of understanding them. The people of India miss her, for they found in her one intensely interested in all that concerned them socially, politically and most of all spiritually. We used to miss her so much when she returned to America in the interests of the work, but then we looked forward to the day when she should return. Now we look forward to the day when Jesus shall come and we shall meet her in the clouds, and so we shall ever be with the Lord.

The rains have been the general topic of conversation and the subject of many prayers for
weeks past. The fear that they would fail again this year seemed too dreadful to entertain, and yet failure seemed a possibility. The first of June there were showers in Bombay, but what seemed like the regular breaking of the monsoon came July sixth, since which time there has been a good down-pour. At the same time there have been good showers in Berar and Khandesh, so that the price of grain has fallen and farmers have begun to work the fields. Only local showers have as yet been reported from Gujerat. It is too early to say positively that there are a failure, but this year seemed too dreadful to entertain, and for it seems impossible for our yet failure seemed a possibility. The first of June there were ... apprehension. Our apprehension. Our need of getting God's need of getting God's ... to go through another year of famine. We feel the need of getting God's thought for these times of judgment, that we may fall in line with Him, and not let human sympathy lead us on, but God's will. Pray for us, dear friends, and also be waiting upon God that you may be ready to act if the cry come again from famine stricken districts.

Mission Questions.

OUR INDIAN CHURCHES.

It will be a matter of rejoicing to all our friends to know how God has blessed our work since the last number of the Alliance was published.

The famine, the great one of 1900, has come and gone though in some parts of the field, Gujerat, it has continued with less severity to the present and we are still looking and praying for the rains. The thought of another year of famine is too painful to entertain and we can only hope and pray that it shall not be. In the famine of 1900 the pressure upon all our missionaries was almost beyond endurance and several of our dear ones laid down their lives in ministering to the people. But God had been working beforehand in many hearts and preparing them to receive the truth, and scores in Gujerat had been baptised and scores were under instruction, and God blessed the faithful preaching of His word during the famine. We did not think it wise to baptise many during the famine lest any should be tempted to come forward for baptism from wrong motives, but waited till it was over and then we had the joy of seeing scores baptised and there are yet many under instruction. We shall have in due time reports from every station. We mean to have a pretty full report from each one every six months, so we cannot go into details in this general statement. In the famine we set ... people. We feel the need of getting God's thought for these times of judgment, that we may fall in line with Him, and not let human sympathy lead us on, but God's will. Pray for us, dear friends, and also be waiting upon God that you may be ready to act if the cry come again from famine stricken districts.

MISSION BUILDINGS.

God has been very good to us in supplying money to build comfortable mission houses in many of our stations. In some cases it has taken time to get hold of suitable sites for buildings and in some places we have been able to rent good houses and have not felt in a hurry to buy or build. But we are glad that of the seven stations in Berar we own the mission houses in six of them and rent in only one (Shigaoa). In Khandesh we have built houses in Jalgaon and Chalisgaon and still rent in Bhusawal and Pachora, in both of which we hope to build before long.

In Gujerat we built new houses at Dholka, Mehmmedabad, Matar and Sanand, and rebuilt a...
bungalow which we bought at Kaira, and rent at Ahmedabad and Viramgam. Orphanage buildings have been built at Dholka to accommodate four hundred and fifty boys and at Kaira for four hundred girls, while the girls' orphanage at Khamgaon can accommodate nearly two hundred and the boys' orphanage at Akola about the same number.

We have hitherto rented in Bombay but rents are very high and we hope to get a site and build a plain commodious home suited to our purpose, both for carrying on aggressive work in this great city of over 800,000 people and also as a place for rest and refreshing for our own missionaries and those of other missions who come to us. We sometimes have about a score of missionaries in the home, and it is very full.

**NATIVE HELPERS.**

It is evident to all thoughtful people that if India with its three hundred million people is to be evangelised, the greater part of the work must be done by Indian Christians rather than by foreigners. At present there are about one thousand foreign missionaries (men), or only one for three hundred thousand people. Most of these are married and many of their wives are most efficient missionaries. Besides these there are perhaps one thousand unmarried lady missionaries who give their time mostly to the work among women and children. This at home would mean one minister and his wife and two or three lady helpers for a city of 300,000 people or a large country district containing that number. We see at a glance that the most that the missionaries, men or women, can do is to guide the work. When a new territory is taken up the missionaries must give themselves to preaching and house visitation, and when converts are gained they must be taught and led on. This hinders from the evangelistic work until some of them can be trained as helpers in the work and the missionary's time is given more and more to the developing of the native church and the training of helpers for the work.

We are glad of the response of many dear friends at home who have volunteered to support native workers, but the difficulty is to find workers. We cannot get them from other missions for they need all the really good helpers they have for their own work, except occasionally, when shortness of funds compels them to drop a good helper or hinders them from employing a new one who is worthy. We must then train our own and we are doing so, and we hope that friends who wish to support native workers will be willing to support the young men and women while we are training them and then support them as helpers when they are ready for work. They are mostly from the low castes or outcastes and have to learn to read and write. But they go on fast and for young people of fifteen and upwards, four years will make them very efficient helpers under the eye of the missionary. And they will have a regular course of study with examinations to pass for some years longer so that they shall not stop growing. While in the training school they work at various forms of manual labor four hours a day to help in their support, which is good for their health, as they have been accustomed to work. What they can earn with three rupees, (one dollar) per month will help them through the training school.

We have beside these, hundreds of boys and girls in the orphanages who are younger and will be better educated and if called to the work will be well equipped in from five to ten years according to their ages.

**ORPHANAGES.**

The great famine of 1900 will not soon be forgotten by the missions because, among other reasons, of the thousands of orphans left on their hands to be fed and clothed and trained for Christ. Over twenty thousand were reported at the end of the famine. Some have died and some have run away and some have been given back to parents or other guardians who had, under the pressure of famine, forsaken them or in some way become separated from them and who came searching for them. We were glad to see them find their parents and were glad that we had had the privilege of saving their lives and teaching them for a few weeks or months about the love of God manifested in Christ. Over a thousand of these famine children fell to our lot and after all who have died and run away or gone to their friends the ranks have been recruited so that we have now about one thousand and fifty of 1900-1902, beside about one hundred and fifteen from the famine of 1897, nearly a score of other orphans, and about forty half orphans, the children of Christian widows whom we allow to remain with their mothers giving them a small monthly allowance for food and school fees. So that we have
over twelve hundred orphans and half orphans on our hands.

More than three hundred of these are being supported for five years through the Christian Herald, whose proprietor, Dr. Klopsch, and his faithful staff have done so much to relieve the suffering in India and have been the sincere friends of the missionaries in putting into their hands the funds sent for relief. Last year in the summer conventions the friends of the work responded nobly when the possibilities of this orphanage work were put before them and hundreds of them took one or more orphans to support at fifteen dollars each for one year. We hope that all who pledged for one year will, so far as they are able, continue from year to year till these dear boys and girls are grown up so as to earn their own living. Remember it is only a nickel a day, leaving out the Sundays, to feed and clothe and teach a boy or girl that would in most cases have grown up a Hindu or Mahomedan had not God sent them to our doors.

We do not expect them all to be preachers or Bible-women but we hope that most of them will be saved (many have been saved already) and will grow up to be true Christian men and women and hundreds of them to be workers for Christ either employed by the mission or supporting themselves and being volunteer workers. We should be glad to have the nine hundred not supported through the Christian Herald, all supported by the friends of the work.

We shall have frequent reports of the orphanages in our columns, so we do not give details now.

A CALL TO SLEEPING VIRGINS.

MARY W. CHAPMAN.

NEVER since the beginning of the creation did the inhabitants of this world live in so momentous an age as at the present; never did such fearful responsibilities rest upon the Christian world, and never was there such an inclination to drowsiness. We are not half awake to the great eternal interests at stake—to the awful transactions that are just ahead.

We are nearing the end, and it seems sometimes we can almost hear the tread of angelic armies in the upper air, getting ready for the final conflict.

The heavenly host will not be one moment too late, but when will the Bride be ready? How many are obeying the divine command and hastening with the gospel to every creature as a witness unto all nations?

Doors long closed are flung open wide to admit the gospel heralds. Ships are rapidly plying every ocean, sea and bay of the world, and trains are running at lightning speed to carry them to every dark corner. Fearful judgments are being poured out on the nations to awaken them to realize the sovereignty of God, and fear before Him. Satan is mustering his forces and making stupendous preparation for the final combat. There is a fearful looking for of judgment, a general feeling that something unusual is about to take place. Any hour may usher in the Lord of lords, and King of kings.

Can we go to sleep right on the eve of such wondrous interests? Can we close our eyes and ears to the thought of the Lord’s coming and quiet our consciences and take our ease? Can we hoard up wealth and lay aside money for the future and allow God’s cause to beg and His saints to suffer?

Satan’s followers are not asleep. They are stirring themselves and building battleships, and inventing guns that will shoot farther and kill more, and compounding more powerful explosives and sending messages without wires, and making the most full and complete preparation for the most destructive warfare the world has ever known. They are wide awake. But thousands of Christians are not awake, and will not be until awakened by trumpet thunders, and booming of guns, and march of armies in battle array. May God arouse the sleeping virgins, and call them forth into the conflict for souls!

A HINDU SUNDAY SCHOOL.

BY WM. FRANKLIN.

I INVITE you to visit one of our Sunday schools. It begins at eight o’clock, but at seven we can hear the children gathering. A little before eight I go down to unlock the door of what was once a carriage room, but in lieu of a carriage, we use it for various purposes. The moment I appear on the scene there is a rush towards me of boys from two years old to twelve, with a sprinkling of girls. Vociferous salams are given which I return as best I can. The moment the door is open, there is a great rush. Some turn a hand spring, some somersault, and some leap and jump. One of their number with a stick in his hand brings order out of chaos. In a short time they are all seated on the floor. Now begins the calling of the roll, which contains many new and peculiar names to us. It is impossible to keep order during this time. None of them have ever been disciplined at home, so if
the names are not given correctly, a boy who knows better goes over and gives the culprit a slap and a sharp retort, telling him to answer right and to be more careful in the future. This is taken in fairly good humor and, as a matter of fact, if we chide them for doing so, they excuse each other.

At present we are teaching them the parable of the lost sheep, using one of the pictures of the quarterly lessons given us by friends at home. We have gone over and over the story for four Sundays. At times we have despaired of ever getting any spiritual light into their hearts. Last Sunday we had been able to make very little preparation but we knelt in prayer earnestly asking God to guide and to open their hearts to light. We were surprised to hear how well they could tell the story and make the application. I begin by pointing to the shepherd. I ask them, what is this? Ans. A shepherd. Next I point to the sheep and ask of that, then I ask, of whom is the shepherd a type? Ans. Of Jesus, etc. To those who come four Sundays in succession we give one of the picture cards, so many of which were given us when at home. Then we teach them a verse of scripture, which we have printed in the vernacular on floral cards.

The one we are teaching this week is, "बेगूंज़ हारण, बाट व बरेणि व जीवन मीठ आहे।" The translation is, "Jesus said, I am the way, and the truth, and the life." We give one of these cards to each one who has learned the verse by heart. We give them two Sundays to learn the verse. When they have learned a number we will have them together to repeat them as a sort of quarterly review.

The most interesting part to many of you would be to hear them sing, and the next in interest would be to hear me try to teach them. I have not a correct ear to get the exact key, and each child strikes off in an independent key. We dismiss with the Lord's prayer. I repeat one sentence, they repeat it after me; so through the prayer. The moment the school is over, there is a perfect babel of sounds and they go out of the room leaping and jumping, with somersaults, etc. Immediately following this we have in the same room our Sunday School for Christians. You should see the difference. Here is order, there is disorder, no doubt an outward picture of the inward condition. Pray for these children. Get your children in the Sunday schools, Junior Societies, and the families, to pray for them.

Not to a process, but to a Person are we yielded: not to a fate, but to the heart and hand of God.

GOD'S HEALING TOUCH.

Miss Hattie Mallory.

It was a very busy day in Bombay and one call after another had demanded the attention of the overtaxed missionaries, when Arzoona was announced waiting outside to see us. How can we give another moment to any one was our first thought! Weary and worn the very thought of listening to another नाटक (tale) was irksome to us. However, we went out to see what was wanted.

Arzoona is one of our native Christians who came to us during the famine distress, a low caste and ignorant man but we trust truly saved, although even yet but a babe in Christ. There he sat, a most forlorn looking object, in pain and distress. "Oh!" said he, as soon as he saw us, "Can you not do something for me?" My eyes are so painful and I have suffered much for many days." As we examined his eyes we said, "Truly little doubt there is but that he will lose his sight." Both eyes were frightfully inflamed and a white film was forming over one and the pain was most intense. We listened as he told us how through the influence of friends he had been going to the hospital but that all the medicine given only seemed to aggravate the suffering.

Our first impulse was to send him to another good hospital for trial but God's voice seemed to say to us that He was equal to just this case. But then Satan whispered that he was so ignorant and understood so little, was he after all ready for such a step? And besides we had no time or strength now to spend in teaching him. But Jesus' life was made up of just such interruptions and He let not one of them slip, whispered the "still small voice." So we sat down saying "Arzoona, Jesus is able to heal your eyes; can you trust Him fully?" "Yes I know He is able; do pray that the pain may cease," this being all he could seemingly think of for the time being. We then committed the case definitely to Him who is "The same yesterday, to-day and forever." After little farther talk as to what it meant to walk by faith he went away.

The next day he came again for prayer, there being seemingly no change in the condition of his eyes and but little cessation of the pain. The third or fourth day he came in great agony and quite discouraged. "When will I get relief? Why does not God touch me?" Again we went to God's Word and as he began to realise God's plan and purpose in trying and testing us, and that delay did not mean refusal but that
God's Word was sure if we fulfilled the conditions, he cried out to God for mercy. It touched our hearts much as he said "Lord, all strength and power are thine. Thou hast healed many and Thou hast before healed me and wilt Thou not at this time stretch forth Thine hand and touch me? Thou wilt do it." The pain lessened much in a short time and he went away, and we did not see him until the next morning when his bright face told us the work was done. "O, Miss Sahib," he said, "last night about twelve o'clock my Jesus reached down and touched me and all pain ceased!" Truly God hath "hid these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them unto babes." From that day both eyes began to clear up rapidly, the white film disappeared and he was soon able to go to work.

It was a real testimony to the power and love of God to all who knew him, and we were truly thankful we did not draw back from this God-given opportunity.

"As we have therefore opportunity let us do good unto all men especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

Whitened Fields.
Whitened fields are lying,
Heathen darkness crying,
Souls of men are dying
For the blessed light.
Slothful stewards sleeping,
Lazily watchers weeping,
Just a few are reaping
And tis almost night.

Golden ears are bending,
Where two feet are tending,
Though the Lord is sending,
O how few obey!

Snared in ease and pleasure,
Gathering earthly treasure,
Who their loss can measure
In the final day?

Golden ears are bending,
Faint not happy reaper
Envy not the sleeper,
Jesus is thy keeper,
Bids thy fears be gone.
Tho' the work be wearing,
Ofttimes burden bearing,
God for all is caring,
Trust Him and go on. —Sel.

Let the current of your being set toward God; then your life will be filled and calmed by one master passion, which unites and stills the soul. —Maclaren.

Items.
LD subscribers who have not received their full number of copies of the India Alliance will please notify us at once, stating when they subscribed.

We are glad to report that the Bubonic Plague has reached the lowest point for five years. We are sure all will rejoice to hear this.

A Library and Reading Room has been open to the public for some time in Amraoti. A Native Christian man is in charge and finds many opportunities of witnessing for Jesus.

Little Earle and Elsie Lenth were taken to America by Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, where they have found a home with Mr. Lenth's people. This was their father's request before he died.

The last Friday of each month will be observed throughout our stations as a day of prayer for India, the work given to us, and special cases and special needs. We heartily invite the friends to join with us in this ministry. Surely India needs our prayers. We are convinced that God is ready to work when His people are ready to take their place as priests.

Miss Yoder writes a note of praise from the girls' orphanage at Khamgaon, that God so wonderfully kept the flock there during the hot season while Plague was all about them in the town and business was at a standstill. The ninety-first Psalm was their refuge and it failed not. She also praises God for keeping one of the girls from being bitten, when a snake had coiled up close to her in her bed.

We have had the pleasure of a day's visit at Berachah Home from Mr. David Gardiner, Secretary and Treasurer of the Ceylon and India General Mission. He is visiting India in the interests of their own work and Missions in general, and soon returns to England to work with greater zeal because of greater knowledge. Our fellowship was very sweet. It is a joy to receive the Lord's own dear children into our home and they always bring a refreshing to us.

The hot season just passed has been one of unusual severity. Many of our missionaries found refreshment in the Homes of Rest at the various hill stations. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Rogers found it delightful at Chicalda; Miss Hilker Miss Downes and Miss Krater found Mahableshwar a good place for diligent study of Marathi, and Mrs. Mallory sought Darjeeling. The others felt God would have them stay in their stations, and He has blessedly
met them and kept them "in the way."

Quite a number of our missionaries are now at home on furlough. Mrs. Woodward and children, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Borup, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Dutton, Mr. and Mrs. Smalley, Miss Seasholtz, Mr. Back, Mr. and Mrs. Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. Cockburn, and Miss Scoville. It is easy to understand what a vacancy is caused by the absence of all these and how there are not enough to hold the stations properly. Is not this a call to some to come over into Macedonia and help us?

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers with their two children, and Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey with baby Jean, expect to sail for America Aug. 15. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey were in the first party sent out under the Alliance with Mrs. Furler, reaching India September 15. They have had ten years of most faithful and efficient service. Mr. Rogers has given fifteen years of hard work to the interest of the workshop in Akola and well deserves a time of rest. We commend each one of these dear ones to the love and fellowship of the friends at home and are assured they will be a blessing wherever they go to tell the story of God's dealings with India.

That the work of sowing the seed is not in vain is proved by Mr. Rogers' experience as she went out into villages where people had been helped and taught during famine. They welcomed her gladly, listened attentively and said they had watched and watched for her to come. Some said they did not worship idols any more, but prayed to the true God. In one village she found two girls who had attended Mrs. Stanley's famine school, who could still repeat some Bible verses, sing a number of hymns and answer many questions from the catechism. Pray for such ones that the light may go deeper yet and the Spirit may convict of sin.

Miss Hoffman praises God for the open doors in Khamanga among all castes. The last year especially she has had access to many high caste homes. Recently a high caste family came to the bungalow and asked her to tell them about the true God. After talking with them awhile, she found that they had lost a girl of about fifteen years old with Plague, and the mother's heart was longing to know where her spirit had gone. Pray that this may be the time when Christ may be revealed to her. A Brahmin family has taken Miss Hoffman to their home and asked her to sing and tell them the story. They seem deeply interested. Pray that they may know Jesus as their Saviour.

There has been a wonderful work going on among the boys in the orphanage at Dholka. It began by Mr. Andrews emphasizing the necessity of repentance and following it up by giving them a chance to deal with God for salvation. Prayer ended in sobbing, then genuine confession and restitution, after which the assurance of salvation and the joy of the Lord filled their hearts. Within six weeks one hundred and nine were baptized who could point definitely to the time God met them and saved them. Up to the present time interesting cases are occurring every day. The work is interrupted only by the illness of Mr. Andrews, and his inability to attend to it. God is still working in their hearts. It is the good old way; pray that we may see more of it.

The confession of the boy who does the cooking was very striking. With sobbing he confessed to having taken a two-auna piece which he saw lying in the pantry untouched for several days. That was quite a long time ago, while Mrs. Back was yet alive. He also confessed that he supplied the ayah (nurse) with coat oil from the bungalow for a few days for which he received six pies, about a cent and a half. Another touching confession was made by the boy who carries the mail to town daily. The boys are in the habit of sending by him for things they want. One boy gave him two pies to bring some sweet oil, and he kept one pie for himself. A pie is worth about a sixth of a cent. He ended his confession by saying, "I will give it back to him in the morning." The same boy also brought one pie to Mr. Andrews because he could not find the boy to whom he should return the pie. It is fitting for us all to remember that God looks for uprightness in heart and life and even a small thing, as small as a sixth of a cent, can keep the peace of God from our hearts and the power of the Spirit from our lives.

Miss Wells, who has so faithfully had charge of the girls' orphanage in Kaira, is spending a time for rest in Berachah Home, Bombay. God has touched her body and delivered from fever. She tells us that the work is going on encouragingly in all directions. There have been sixty-three baptisms, about a cent and a half, in the confession of the boy who carries the mail to town daily. The boys are in the habit of sending by him for things they want. One boy gave him two pies to bring some sweet oil, and he kept one pie for himself. A pie is worth about a sixth of a cent. He ended his confession by saying, "I will give it back to him in the morning." The same boy also brought one pie to Mr. Andrews because he could not find the boy to whom he should return the pie. It is fitting for us all to remember that God looks for uprightness in heart and life and even a small thing, as small as a sixth of a cent, can keep the peace of God from our hearts and the power of the Spirit from our lives.

Requests for prayer.

Praise for the spiritual work among the boys at Dholka orphanage and prayer that it may continue.

for a permanent home for the work in Bombay.

for rain in Gujerat that famine may be averted.

for street preaching in Bombay.

for reinforcements to strengthen their work already begun and to open new stations in needy fields to which we have long been looking.

for special cases in many stations who have been under the influence of the Gospel but have not yielded.
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There is held in all our stations every Friday evening a workers' meeting whose object is to pray for the work and the workers. Allowing for the difference of time between Bombay and New York, this meeting comes five hours before the three o'clock Friday meeting in the Gospel Tabernacle.