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A day or so passed, and something happened that brought sorrow to my heart. It seemed a great sorrow, and for the present the bright sky was clouded. In the early morning when the stars were yet shining, I awoke. My heart was sad; the tears fell on the pillow. Then, like a little bird, came the words and air of that sweet hymn:—

"Go, tell it to Jesus; He knoweth thy grief; Go, tell it to Jesus; He'll send thee relief; Go, gather the sunshine He sheds on thy way; He'll lighten thy burden; go, weary one, pray."

"But," I said, "I cannot tell Jesus this; I do not need to tell Him this little sorrow." Then I saw that there was selfishness in it. I was not willing to let my sorrow go, I clung to it. That song brought condemnation to my heart. I tried to stifle the words and tune, but they would be heard, and at last they conquered.

How often God prepares us for something that is coming to us, but we are slow to learn, slow to understand. He wants us to take all to Him. I knew it. But we are not always willing to see things as God sees them. When we get alone with Him, the search-light is strong, and we must either let the little things go, or remain under condemnation. God tests us, or lets us be tested. We give out a thought, or condemn some little thing in another, and before long we find the same thing coming upon us. A loving Father shows us how weak we are without Him.

"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us," often comes to my heart as I go over it with the girls in the Gujerati tongue; and we are to forgive, if we wish to be forgiven. Yea, more than that, we that are Christ's must forgive, as our Father in Heaven forgives us.

Commands are given and apparent duties laid on us, in order that we may find out how impotent we are to do them. It can never be our duty to do what we cannot do; but it is often our duty to attempt tasks to which we are conspicuously inadequate, in the confidence that He Who gives them has laid them on us to drive us to Himself and there to find sufficiency. The best preparation of his servants for their work in the world is the discovery that their own stores are small.—A. Maclaren.
EVEN years ago after much prayer and thought, it seemed advisable in connection with the work of the C. & M. A. in India to open a home in Bombay. Previous to this our work had largely been confined to the Province of Berar with head-quarters at Akola. As the work and workers increased we felt very much the need of a place in Bombay for transacting business and for the accommodation of our missionaries as they sail to and from America. Accordingly a small place on Grant Road was chosen and its first occupants were Mr. and Mrs. Fuller, together with Mrs. Miller and Miss Anderson who had just come from Scotland. It was also laid on the hearts of a few that by God's grace the Home might be made a blessing to our own absent Mr. and Mrs. Fuller. Miss Park was early days should be mentioned the names of those of whom there are a large number here in the city. By faithful and persistent work and prayer, she gained access to many of these homes and thus was the means of bringing light to many a darkened heart. Although none to our knowledge have openly accepted Christ, yet several came to see the truth and secretly believed that Jesus was indeed their Messiah. Her whole heart was in the work and indeed she laid down her life in this ministry, for as far as we know in one of these homes where there had been several cases of small-pox, unknown to her at the time, she contracted that dreadful disease and after eight days severe illness was called to meet her Lord whom she so dearly loved. Dear faithful soul she was. Many yet speak of the “Tall Madam” who used to come and talk to them. Her influence was also decidedly felt here in the Home. Many who came and went found in her a true counsellor and a faithful friend. Although gone to her reward she still lives in the hearts of all those who knew her intimately.

Nearly four years before her death, I was called here to help in the work among the women and from that time we shared each other's joys and burdens, and many were the prayers and many the sighs and tears as we seemingly saw so little fruit. But God is faithful and we often used to say to ourselves, “He that goeth forth with weeping shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him.” We so praise God that we are beginning to see the droppings and to know that God is working. We now have a little nucleus of a church which has been gathered in various ways. A great deal of open-air work has been carried on which has yielded some fruit. In this way much direct Gospel work has been done and often at our beach meetings large crowds gather and stand perhaps two hours listening to the Gospel message, and sometimes very intelligent questions are asked. Beside the beach meetings, much of this direct work is done in the lanes and alleys of the city and in the densely populated chawls (tenement houses).

During the famine many needy people came into Bombay from the surrounding villages and it was laid on Dr. and Mrs. Smalley's hearts to open a relief work for them. The making of ropes and mats was undertaken, also some carpentering. In this way aid was given to many needy people and as they heard the story of Jesus and His love from day to day several hearts were touched, and having forsaken all some have entered “the fold.” Altogether we have some fifteen Christians who regularly attend our services and others come and go. The attendance last Sunday was fifty-three, about half of whom were children. The Sunday school work is also very encouraging.

Mr. Franklin has a class of young men under training who spend part of their time in study and part in Gospel work among the people. We also have two Bible-women whom we are teaching and hope soon to increase the number.

Well do we remember when we first tried to enter some of the homes and were most unceremoniously driven out again and again. But tables seem to have turned and doors are now open on all sides. Our cry is for more workers. We need Catechists and Bible-women and we need loving unselfish hearts to support them, and we need men and women from America called
of God to enter this whitened field.

One keenly felt need here is a real live mission such as are in existence in the slums of New York city and other places. Just in the vicinity where we live are no less than five theatres beside gambling dens, etc. I might state just here that nearly four years ago we moved from Byculla back to Grant Road, but into a much larger house, as the needs of the work again called for enlargement. In more ways than one, Satan is very busy here and we believe God wants us to be active, too. Hundreds of men of all classes throng this place and many a poor soul might be snatched from Satan’s clutches if the Gospel banner was raised here. What is needed is a married couple who are willing to give their lives to this work. May it not be that someone in reading these lines will feel the call of God for this place? Most of all perhaps we need loving hearts who, though they remain at home, know how to prevail with God for these things.

Pray much for us and especially that the Home here may indeed become a real "Berachah" to many. Several have testified to the help both spiritual and physical received here, and it has been a refuge for many of our tired and worn missionaries. But we cannot say that there have been no failures. Many and varied have been the experiences passed through; but we feel encouraged to look for greater things in the future, and especially do we praise God for the arrival again in our midst of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin, and we see signs of God’s favour and blessing.

Many of our loved ones have fallen asleep here, whose influence on our lives and in the work, we sadly miss. Dear Miss Scoville, who has also of late years been such a faithful help in the office work and in other ways, is now on furlough and we are looking forward to soon having her in our midst again. The following lines seem to express much that is in our hearts concerning many of the experiences through which we have passed.

"From vintages of sorrow
Are deepest joys distilled,
And the cup outstretched for healing
Is oft at Marah filled.
God leads to joy through weeping,
To quietness through strife,
Through yielding into conquest,
Through death to endless life."

For whatever happens to me each day is my daily bread, provided I do not refuse to take it from Thy hand, and so feed upon it.—Fenelon.

SHEGAON, BERAR.

MRS. J. W. JOHNSON.

Shegaon is purely a native Indian town, deriving most of its business impetus from the cotton industry. During the cotton season, the market-place and roads are literally filled with carts, whose poor, overworked bullocks are urged on by the yelling of the driver; and with men, women and children, all intent on earning the penny that will relieve hunger and cover a little nakedness. In America we often hear the expression, “intent on earning the mighty dollar,” but in poor, famine-stricken India it is not the mighty dollar, but often only the penny or a part of it. When the cotton season is over, the inhabitants of Shegaon relapse into their slow, easygoing methods of doing and living. Yet Shegaon, with its 15,000 inhabitants of all castes and many religions, is dear to the heart of Him who wept over the indifference of Jerusalem.

The C. and M. A. opened work here in 1893. Much street preaching has been done, much touring in the surrounding villages, the population of which is about 200,000, and many portions of the precious Word have been scattered in His name. We feel that one of the great hindrances to the work so far in Shegaon has been the oft changing of missionaries. Those who have worked the longest in India, know that this is not conducive to permanent results in any work. Those who opened the station left the work after a few years and my husband and I came to take it up. But we soon left on furlough, and during our absence while the famine of 1900 was raging, Mr. and Mrs. Schleander, together with our catechist, carried on the work. For a while the catechist was left alone until we returned.

Shegaon is in need of a Mission house. The present rented one is in a poor and unhealthy location and has caused much sickness and fever and consequently weeks of absence from the work. In both of the famines of 1897 and 1900, hundreds were fed daily and had the Word of Life given faithfully to them. Many children were rescued from starvation and, what is even worse, from heathenism. Several among the brightest and most promising girls and boys in both the Akola and Khamgaon Orphanages, were sent from the Shegaon collection of children. Another trophy of the work here is a poor widow. Had you seen her when she came into the mission yard with her three small fatherless boys, who were dressed as nature had dressed them only with the addition of much
God has already given many tokens of His presence. Besides these services there is daily preaching to the men, and work among the women as God gives strength and time. We have been stationed at Shegaon just one year. Our hearts are full of prayer for it, full of desire, full of hope.

VIRAMGAM, GUJERAT.
A. DUCKWORTH.

Viramgam is the principal town in the district of the same name and has a population of about 18,000. The district covers an area of about 676 square miles in which there are 307 towns and villages, with a population of 12,000, making the total population of the district 30,000. The Gospel has been given in only about forty of these villages, so that there are still a large number that have not had the privilege of hearing about Jesus. “Other sheep I have—; them also I must bring and they shall hear My voice.” But how are they to hear His voice unless some of you come out here and help us? We are only a small band of God’s children in comparison to the millions who are now lying in the hand of the enemy without hope. “Would you have been content to live and die without Christ? For yourself this would have been an immeasurable loss, and so by delaying to give to the heathen nations the Christian Gospel you are inflicting this great loss upon them.”

Viramgam was opened four years ago by Mr. and Mrs. Borup, who have faithfully given the Gospel here and to many surrounding towns and villages. On account of Mrs. Borup’s ill-health they were obliged to return to Canada last March on furlough. Mr. Bennett and myself were asked to come here to fill the vacancy. After being here about six weeks we were asked to take all the orphan boys who should come to us. This we did and are still doing, so there are now over one-hundred boys on our compound. Some of them were skeletons when they came to us and some were very sick. Their outward condition is bad, but what is that compared to the condition of their souls? They all need a Saviour’s love, and even the vilest and most degraded among them can love Jesus; and I am sure that some day some of these boys will be bright and shining lights for Him. I am more and more convinced that the hope of evangelizing India is through the boys and girls who are being taken into the different orphanages. Being young, they take in the truth more simply; they are
with us continually and so are more easily trained, and they hear the Word of God every day.

As the days are growing shorter the boys do not rise until six A.M. At seven they assemble in the school room where they have a devotional service for half an hour, singing, praying, and repeating Scripture verses and portions of the catechism. After this they take up their regular secular studies. At half-past ten they are dismissed for the morning and at half-past eleven they have their morning meal. At two o'clock they resume their studies until five o'clock, and seem so interested in the life of Jesus as we have been going through the Gospel of John.

On Sunday morning we have Sunday school and as a rule we take up the International S. S. lessons, but sometimes we have to take up easier ones for the boys. As they have no knowledge of the Bible, they have to be fed on the simple "milk." They are taught the Golden Text every Sunday and at the end of the month they repeat them for the month. Even the smallest boy, who is only four years old, repeated four texts with a little help. The work in the Sunday school is very interesting and encouraging and we rejoice to see the Word of Life being worked into their minds and we trust it is also getting into their hearts.

A few days ago as we were returning from a walk, we met two boys about ten and twelve years old respectively, who said that they were hungry. We found that their parents were dead and that they were begging their way from village to village. I told them that if they would return with us we would care for them, which they seemed very glad to do. This was Saturday evening. On Sunday, when those who knew the Golden Text were asked to rise, to my surprise one of those boys got up and repeated it correctly. I have been much interested in him as he always pays such good attention and seems so interested in the life of Jesus as we have been going through the Gospel of John.

The missionary's ideal is that he is to be "a Soldier, disentangled; a Nazarite, separated; a Priest, crowned." These three points are dealt with separately by the author. But is not every Christian at home equally with us on the foreign field, called to be a "soldier in service out on campaign" and so "cannot be entangled in the affairs of this life?" That does not refer to legitimate daily occupations, but it does mean that old things are passed away and all things are become new. Would not the apprehension of this save many a young soul at home from the snares of social life? Again should not every child of God be a Nazarite, who has "made a special vow, the vow of one separated, to separate himself unto the Lord?" And should he not be able to say that "the world is not for me?"

We believe this applies to reading and recreation as well as to other things. Lastly should not every Christian "be crowned, an anointed Priest, not leaving the Presence chamber," that at last he may be "crowned with crowns to lay..."
That our friends may have an intelligent understanding of different phases of mission work, we are publishing this month extracts from an admirable article on the training of Bible women by Mrs. Boggs of the Baptist Mission. We heartily approve of the training suggested and believe that a few Bible women who are assured of their salvation, filled with the Spirit and walking in the Spirit, will do more in the work of witnessing than scores who have not this definite experience. This will help the friends of the work to understand why we have the few instead of the scores. It will also show them the need of prayer that scores of such women may be raised up by God and adequately trained for such a great calling. That they are not fitted now does not imply that they may not be with proper instruction. This is a need that we are facing just now in our work and we are assured that it will launch us out into something definite soon.

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We attended the annual conference of the Christian Women Workers' Union in Poona last month as one of the delegates from the Bombay branch. There were a goodly number of delegates present from the district, each with a heart burning with zeal for God, thoroughly in love with the work entrusted to her and eager to learn from others better methods of work than her own. Practical topics pertaining to mission work were discussed and experiences and ideas freely exchanged. What especially struck us was the spirit of devotion to the one Master and of equal dependence upon Him for wisdom and guidance. We believe such gatherings enlarge our vision as well as our hearts, and help to answer our Lord's prayer that we all may be one. Not the least enjoyable feature of the trip was the refreshing cool air of Poona which at that time was at its best. The ride through the mountains was also delightful. "In all things ye are enriched in Him."

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Our readers will find a cut of the Bombay Home in the present issue of the India Alliance. We have been praying for several months about the matter of buying, and finally God seemed to shut us up to the one thing of buying the house we have been living in. So we have made a contract for it and have to make the first large payment the middle of November. It is purely a step of faith in obedience to God's will as we understand it, for we have on hand only four rupees towards the 60,000 rupees needed. The house is admirably situated for work and with some reconstruction will make a pleasant Home. The art of the photographer covers up the defects in the building so that it might seem to be extravagant. It is not so in reality, but is a well-built, airy house such as is absolutely necessary in this hot climate. We need to be sheltered from the heat with heavy walls and at the same time have a chance for good circulation of air. We also need a large house to accommodate those who wish to come to us. We have faithfully searched the city and feel that this is the most suitable place for us and at the greatest bargain. We have a home-like feeling here that this is the place God has chosen for us. Who will stand by us in faith and works?

**Mission Questions.**

**ADEQUATE INSTRUCTION FOR BIBLE WOMEN.**

**MRS. F. E. BOGGS.**

In a consideration of this subject, it seems almost superfluous to refer to the fact that the instruction necessary and suitable for Bible women is Bible instruction. The title they bear speaks of their occupation, and in the very nature of the case, if they are to go out to make known the truths of this book to others, their instruction and preparation for work must of necessity be in the Word itself. And when we consider that their teaching is to be given to people who are often utterly ignorant of these things, or worse still, to people who oppose and wilfully misconstrue, it appears on the surface that they should be thoroughly taught and grounded in the understanding and use of the Scriptures.

While other books are not despised by any means, yet the Bible woman is pre-eminently a woman of one Book, and her work consists in making it known, instead of using the hymn-book as her text-book, and giving an explanation of a hymn sung, as her address to the people. The Bible must be her text-book, both in preparation for her work, and in the work itself. She should learn its contents, and become accustomed to telling its stories and its teachings, especially those connected with the
life and death and works of Jesus, and how a sinner may be saved, so as to make plain the way of salvation. Above all she should learn the utter need of prayer, both with her study and her work, and the futility of effort in the Lord's cause, without it.

One point of chief importance in the preparation of the Bible woman, is her preparation of heart, and no instruction that overlooks this prime qualification can be satisfactory. Every one knows the power of testimony, and that a few sentences spoken from the heart, containing one's own personal experience of Christ's saving grace, will often touch hearts which refuse to respond to ordinary preaching or teaching. Nothing else can take the place of this greatest need—a deep, personal experience of the truth. The woman who would lead souls to Christ, must herself know and love the Christ, and she who would become qualified for the work of a Bible woman must have her qualification from the Lord first and chief of all.

If one love God she will love His book as well, and its living truths will be like her meat and drink, and will become the foundation and centre of her character and life. She cannot be a hireling, working only for the pay she gets, and be faithful and efficient in this service of the King. And she will never become so learned, or so experienced, as to be beyond the need of daily prayerful study and meditation over the contents of this marvellous, precious old Book.

A call from the Lord to this service, knowledge of the Bible and ability to expound its truths, a regenerate heart and a sincere desire to win souls to Christ, while all necessary as part of the equipment of the Bible woman, are still inadequate if these constitute her entire furnishing. The disciples, for three years the intimate companions of the Lord Jesus, under His direct tuition, we would suppose must have received adequate instruction for their work, and we would have thought them quite ready to start out on their mighty commission to preach the Gospel to every creature. The Master had already bidden them do it, and had given the promise and assurance "Lo, I am with you all the days, even unto the end," but even then their preparation was inadequate, and He himself held them back, and commanded them to wait. He said, after speaking the commission to them, "Behold I send the promise of the Father upon you; but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." So He "commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father," and then followed His assurance "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me . . . unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

All the Theological instruction that the Son of God himself was able to give to these learners and followers, in three years of careful labor, was in His own sight inadequate without the power of the Holy Spirit.

How are we to instruct and lead our Bible women up to this point? We must give them, ourselves Spirit taught and anointed, instruction that will lead them to ask and receive of the Father the fulfilment of this promise, and His special empowering for service, and this work of being His witnesses.

Friends, this must mean more than an occasional prayer for the baptism of the Spirit, and talking about the matter; it must mean more even than a consciousness of increased spiritual life and blessing, for all this may pass away and the power be lost. It means a living and walking in the Spirit. It must be remembered that the Spirit is given to the obedient and that it is to the obedient Christ promises continuance in His love and friendship.

Let us look at Joshua and the Captain, as they stood together outside the walls of Jericho. Preliminary to his directions for the taking of the city, a command was given requiring complete personal preparation on Joshua's part. "Loose thy shoe from off thy foot, for the place whereon thou standest is holy." Wherever God is, is holy ground, and in His presence all unholiness, worldliness and self-satisfaction must be put away. As in His interview also with Moses, when calling him to service, God required the shoes—as Andrew Murray says, "The means of intercourse with the world, the aids through which the flesh or nature does its will, moves about and does its work"—to be taken off.

It reminds one of the words of the Holy Spirit through the Apostle Paul "Put off the old man with his deeds." Nature and all its working must be put off, if we would stand before our Captain in the attitude that He demands. Emptied of self-love, self-seeking, and self-made plans, we may wait before Him for the Spirit's filling and be filled. Stript of all ambition but to do His will, and ready to render complete and instant obedience when that will shall have been revealed, we shall be taught and led into His perfect way. Such instruction, such training, and such an abiding experience of the Holy Spirit, constitute what we may call "adequate instruction for Bible women."—Baptist Missionary Review.
THE WORK AMONG ARABIC JEWS.

MRS. K. CUTLER.

As far as we know, the first worker among the Arabic-speaking Jews in Bombay, was Mrs. Mody. In 1895, Mrs. Fuller was asked to take charge of the work for six months during Mrs. and Mr. Mody's absence in England. Mrs. Fuller asked me to take up the work. After much prayer and an assurance of the Lord's guidance, I consented to do it if Mrs. Fuller bore the responsibility. At the close of the six months, after a long illness, Mrs. Mody died. She was much loved by the Jews. Mrs. Lukey, who worked with Mrs. Mody and went to England with her, returned after ten months. Mrs. Fuller's responsibility then ceased and I was free. I asked to be allowed to help in the Sabbath school. I continued to visit the homes. Thus in the name of the Lord and by His grace I have worked on among the Jews.

There was then in good working, a Sabbath and a day school, also house to house visiting. The school progressed, though there was much to hinder and discourage. The Jews of to-day are still like the stiff-necked people of Moses' time. They hate everything connected with Christianity. It was sad to see the little ones of five or six years, flash their beautiful dark eyes and spit on the ground, when the name of Jesus was mentioned. A girl said to me, "the lessons you teach go into my head but not into my heart." If I had not looked to the Lord, these little hard hearts would have discouraged me. God touched their hearts and they soon became deeply interested in the Bible lessons, which were largely from the life of Jesus. Rebecca, an Arabic Jewess, was taught Hebrew in both the Sabbath and day schools. She was a pupil when Mrs. Mody had charge. She was under conviction of sin for months, perhaps years. The time came when she yielded to God and was baptized. Before her baptism she suffered much from her mother and other relatives. They did their utmost to make her change her mind. This obliged her to leave the room she occupied near them and to go to live with Mrs. Lukey. While there she was baptized. Shortly after Mrs. Lukey felt called to another field. Rebecca was then without support. She came to me in her trouble. I felt led to take her to dear Mrs. Fuller who was always a friend to one in need. Thus Rebecca was taken under the wing of the Alliance Mission as a Bible-woman in connection with Miss Park's work among the Beni-Israels. Here she remained until her marriage. A few months ago the Lord blessed her with the gift of a bonny son. She occasionally visits Berachah Home. This keeps her in touch with God's children. She is young and needs Christian fellowship. Rebecca's baptism so enraged the Jews that they refused to send their children to our schools and would have nothing to do with us. Finally we were compelled to close the schools. I am praying that the time may soon come when we shall have again a Sabbath school quite as interesting. It seems like money and labour spent in vain. The schools are gone, but the Word of God taught there will bring forth fruit to His glory. "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the word of God abideth forever." It was worth all the prayer and heartaches and labour and money spent, to have even that one soul saved. We believe that this soul is only the beginning of many more among God's ancient people who will acknowledge that the Messiah for whom they are looking is Jesus, the Son of God, who alone saves from sin.

We had a most pleasant time at our Christmas tree and treat last year. A few friends who are interested in the Jews helped to gladden the hearts of the little ones by their kind gifts. Other friends of the Alliance Mission kindly and willingly decorated a room in Berachah Home for the occasion.

In the house to house visiting, many families gave me a warm welcome, but will not have the Scriptures read to them. They say their priests do that. In conversation I watch my opportunity to speak of Jesus. Oh that they would receive Jesus into their hearts as willingly as they receive me into their homes! Another feature of the work is visiting the hospitals. When sick, their spirits are so subdued. They have then no objections to their Scriptures being read. I shall be thankful to have those who are interested in God's ancient people remember this work in prayer, for I feel the need of much prayer for them.

It is with great pleasure and much thanksgiving to God Who guideth His children 'with His eye,' that we call the attention of our friends to the item on page 48 announcing the marriage of our beloved Superintendent, Mr. Fuller, to Miss Mallory. We are believing that this step in obedience to His will, will prove a great blessing to the work as well as to their own lives. Miss Mallory has been for eight years one of our most efficient workers and she brings a rich experience to her new position.
GOD'S DELIVERANCE.
Miss McDougall.

On March 24th, several Christians came in from a town near by asking for protection as some of them had been beaten by Pattidars (farmers) the evening before. The Pattidars thought that their time of revenge upon the Christian people had come and that whatever they might do at this time Government would take no notice of, but God did not permit their wickedness to go unnoticed. There are about forty Christians in this town and about twenty children attending the Government school. Since these children began attending school nearly two years ago the high caste people have kept their children from school. Government refuses to make any other provision for them than this, that they have either to be willing to send their children to school with the Christian children or lose the privileges of the Government school.

The Christians had not been allowed to do any trading in their own town for some months on account of their children attending the Government school, but were obliged to purchase all their provisions from other towns. On making special inquiries into the matter, we decided to send the men to the Assistant Collector with a note asking him to look into it. They returned two hours later feeling very dissatisfied on account of not having received any encouragement except to enter their complaint in court at Matar, and they feared that would bring no relief to them for that night, therefore they dreaded returning to their town lest the coming night would be worse than the previous one had been. Before they returned we had a little time of waiting upon the Lord for His assistance and protection. While in prayer the Lord greatly strengthened and encouraged their hearts and they were enabled to go out from this little meeting with a faith more firmly stayed upon God and fully trusting that He was undertaking for them. Just as they were starting I reminded them of the text which they had been taught the previous Sunday morning, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

We heard no definite news from them till three days later, when a messenger came from that town to tell the good news that on the evening they left us there had been a band of policemen sent to protect them and the Magistrate also had come with them, and together they quietly settled the matter. The Christian people are now permitted to trade in the town and send their children to school. We praise the Lord for answered prayer and feel that He has done exceeding abundantly above all that we have even asked or thought.

Hidden Treasures.
M. W. C.

"No, I will not now be bothered, With these little ones," I said, At the close of sultry Sabbath, As I sat down in the shade, In my hand a book of poems Which I wanted much to read; Sacred thoughts of worthy authors, On which mind and soul should feed.

I have given them my evenings Throughout all this weary week; Now I'll send them off to playing While for treasures deep I seek; But the sound of patterling footsteps Soon fell gently on the air, And a troop of dark faced wee ones, Laughing, stood around my chair.

Silently I kept on reading; Curiously they scanned the page As if wondering what I saw there To attract my steady gaze; Searchingly the leaves now turning, "Picture," little voices say, "Baby all alone on water, Father and mother run away."

And I must unfold the story, Of the little baby boy, As God drew water from the well To give His people joy, Then the search brought other pictures— Elijah by the ravens fed; They had known the pangs of hunger, And the Lord had sent them bread.

Hagar in the desert followed, With a lesson to instil, Last the disobedient prophet, Whom God let a lion kill; Then a lesson on disobedience And God's punishment of sin, And the little thoughtful faces, Showed some seed had entered in.

Now the twilight deeply gathers, Closed the book, the listeners gone; Did I find the hidden treasures? Yes, the sweetest on earth known; For the Shepherd sent His wee lambs, To my side to get some food, And although He knows my weakness, Still He whispers, "what she could."
REPORT OF AKOLA ORPHANAGE.

Wm. Moyser.

The Orphanage was started many years ago by Mr. and Mrs. Fuller, before Alliance work was begun here. In May of 1897 we were sent to take charge. We found between forty and fifty boys in the school. The famine was beginning to be severely felt and in consequence of this orphan boys began to come in rapidly. Under these circumstances the accommodations were far from sufficient. So we definitely asked the Lord to give us a token of His will for us to commence building additions for the now rapidly arriving boys. The very next week we received thirty-three rupees and a half from a very dear friend in Santa Barbara, California, saying we could use it as we felt the Lord would have us. We at once drew up a plan of five new dormitories, two school rooms, a grinding room, store room and bath room. We applied to the Government and got permission to commence building at once. Praise the Lord for this, for it sometimes takes months and even years to get permission to build. To make a long story short, we never stopped building additions for eight or ninety persons, which would have been sufficient had not the famine of 1900 visited us. Again we felt we must have more buildings. We are located in the Camp or place for Europeans, and the Government officials did not like so many native boys congregated in one place right in their midst. So while I was in America, Mr. Cockburn bought fifteen acres of land outside Akola and began building three dormitories for our overflow school. Since our return we have finished these and built a cook room, store room, grinding room, rooms for the servants and one for ourselves. We have now one hundred and forty boys in our care. We have had over two hundred, but about forty died, not being able to survive the effects of so much suffering through hunger. Some have married, some have returned to their relatives and some have gone to work for themselves.

Our boys study Marathi up to the fifth standard and then as a rule go to our Industrial school where they are taught useful trades. Some who have passed the fifth standard go to the Government High School. Four boys were there last year all of whom passed very successful examinations. In fact two of the boys have stood at the head of their classes in all departments throughout the year. We now have ten boys in the Government High School and all are doing well. Some are becoming very good workmen and some are self-supporting and doing a great deal for the Church.

So much for the secular work. And what can we say of spiritual results? There are eighty baptized boys in the school, and there has been a great change in many of their lives. I was almost discouraged about several boys a few years ago, but they have become very bright Christians and some have told me that they feel God has called them to give out the Gospel message to the heathen around them. Our boys know by heart whole chapters of the Bible, besides the leading thought of every chapter in Acts, Romans and several other books. We could tell of many boys eating dry bread for a whole month to buy themselves a Bible and also to send money to the Lord's work.

GOD IS NOT MOCKED.

P. Hagberg.

Last year I went to a village twelve miles from Buldana where I camped about eight days, visiting the surrounding villages in the early morning and spending the evenings among the people of the village. At first they listened quite attentively but later on, as I showed them that there was salvation only through the name of Jesus, they openly rejected. They acknowledged that God had sent the terrible famines and Plague on account of their sins; "still," they said, "famines or Plague or come what may, we tell you we will never leave our Hindu religion." Many evenings as I came back to the native rest-house for the night, my heart cried out unto God that He would speak to the people and humble them. A few weeks ago that village was smitten with Plague and all the people were removed outside. I have not heard the last report but I know a great many have been swept away. I have been hindered from going there, but these people have been much on my heart, praying that God may remind them of the Word of Life which they heard last Fall.

In another village only two and a half miles from here, the people have often heard the Gospel. While some have showed interest, the majority have seemingly thought very lightly of or have openly rejected the story that is so precious to us. In July over twenty persons died in that village with chill and fever. A short time ago, Plague appeared there in its worst form and a great many have died from that disease. In their affliction may some hearts be softened and prepared to accept the Saviour whom they have hitherto rejected!
Items.

MARRIED, at Berachah Home, Sept. 24, Rev. M. B. Fuller to Miss Harriet Mallory.

Mr. Duckworth got a touch of the sun in his work a short time ago and came to Berachah Home suffering much in his head. God’s touch was mightier than the touch of the sun and he went back to his station not only well, but as he said, knowing God better.

We have before us a notice of the fifth annual Harvest Home camp meeting of the Pentecost Bands in India, to be held at Raj-Nandgaon, C. P., October 18-26. A hearty invitation is extended to all and we doubt not it will be a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

There has been continuous heavy rain in all parts of the country. In some parts of Bombay seven inches fell in one night. It is a time to remember that we are required to take joyfully the spoiling of our goods, for mould is a very persistent enemy of books and clothing during these damp days. One goes to a bookcase to take a book or to a box to take out some clothing to put on, only to find it covered with spots. The peculiar thing is that it is sure to be one’s favorite book or coat or gown that is ruined. It is a practical lesson on holding “things” lightly.

Fever is also an accompaniment of the rains and we hear from several stations of sickness among our number as well as among the Christians and orphans. It is an especially trying time in the orphanages, and those in charge have their hands full in ministering to the sick. With all its trials the hot season is the time of least disease among the people unless some epidemic like small-pox breaks out.

Miss Fraser finds the work in the villages surrounding Ahmedabad very promising. Quite a number of the villagers show their interest by coming in to the mission house to attend the services on Friday and Sunday. There is a bright high caste girl who has been coming to Miss Fraser every Saturday for three or four months for Bible instruction. She knows English well and seems much interested in spiritual things. Of late she has been bringing her cousin with her “Andrew findeth Simon and brought him to Jesus.”

About eighteen months ago a number of people came to Bombay seeking work, from two villages one hundred miles distant. They settled in a part of the city known as Parel and secured work in a cotton mill. They had heard the Gospel in their villages and, being convinced of the truth of it, have given up idol worship. Our young men students while out in evangelistic work found them, and had known them in their villages. We find them ready to accept the Gospel and have taken a room near them with a view to holding Sunday schools and regular services among them. We are expecting a work of grace. Pray for them.

Mr. Dinham sends us the following incident from Chandur. “Some days ago the child of one of our Native Christian families was taken suddenly ill. The mother came to me crying, I returned with her and found the child in a very dangerous condition, suffering from a severe attack of convulsions. The Christians gathered and we took her to the Lord in prayer and God heard and gave deliverance. She lay like one dead for about three hours after prayer, beyond hope, to all appearance. I went across again in the evening and she was a little better, but still in a very critical condition. And again we went on our faces before God asking Him to give deliverance. The father was telegraphed for and came during the night and when I went over the next morning I found the child perfectly restored, sitting beside her father, eating curry and rice. It was a grand testimony to the power and faithfulness of God.”

One of our Bible women with glowing face has just told me a recent experience. She wanted to make two presents. Her husband said that perhaps he could give her the money, but she replied that she preferred to trust God. He laughed at her but she said she would pray and trust and God would answer if He wanted her to have them. For three days she prayed and her husband laughed. On the third day as she was returning from her work among the people she ran into her brother’s shop to chat a few minutes. At once he told the clerk to bring such and such things, which he gave to her, saying that all day he had felt she needed them. At first she insisted upon paying for them, but he would not listen to that. “No,” he said, “you must take them as a present, for I am sure you need them.” Then she told him that it was God who had put this upon his heart, for she had been praying for three days. He is a Roman Catholic, and his heart was much touched and he said, “Truly, you Christians do know how to trust God.” She came running home in great joy to show her husband God’s answer to her prayer. “And now,” she says, “I have another experience of God’s faithfulness.”

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

Prayer for money to meet obligation on Bombay house in November.

for new work about to be opened in Bombay.

for Catechists and Bible women.

for Orphanages.

for support of new famine orphans.

for Missionaries, Christians and Orphans, that they may be kept from sickness during these trying months.

for the Missionaries returning to the field and for many God-sent recruits.

for Mr. Bannister who has been severely bitten by a stray dog.
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- Miss Scoville.
- Miss Hoffman.
- Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey.
- Mr. and Mrs. Rogers.

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.

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