

## The Woman's Missionary Society.

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### WHAT ARE THE CHILDREN SAYING.

I hear the voices of children  
 Calling from over the seas;  
 The wail of their pleading accents  
 Comes borne upon every breeze.

And what are the children saying,  
 Away in those heathen lands,  
 As they plaintively lift their voices,  
 And eagerly stretch their hands?

"Oh, Buddha is cold and distant,  
 He does not regard our tears;  
 We pray, but he never answers,  
 We call, but he never hears.

"Oh, vain is the Moslem Prophet,  
 And bitter his creed of 'Fate';  
 It lightens no ill to tell us  
 That Allah is only great.

"We have heard of a God whose mercy  
 Is tenderer far than these;  
 We are told of a kinder Saviour  
 By Sahibs from over the seas.

"They tell us that when you offer  
 Your worship, He always hears;  
 Brahah is deaf to pleadings,  
 Our Buddha is blind to tears!

"We grope in the midst of darkness,  
 With none who can guide aright;  
 Oh, share with us, Christian children,  
 A spark of your living light!"

This is the plaintive burden  
 Borne hitherward on the breeze;  
 These, these are the words they are say-  
 ing,

Those children beyond the seas!  
 —Margaret J. Preston.

### AN INDIA QUARTERLY MEETING.

The following report of a quarterly meeting in the India Free Baptist Mission is by Rev. H. R. Murphy, one of the missionaries:

The Midnapore Q. M. convened with the Contai church the week following the mela at Santipore. Owing to the distance and to its following so closely after the mela, the attendance was small. However, thirty-two Christians gathered in the little chapel of mud walls and straw roof. The printed programme was carried out entire and the business despatched in a thoroughly Free Baptist manner. It is a constant surprise to me, the resemblance this child of yours bears to its parent in America.

On Sunday, a well-to-do man and head of a large family was baptized, making two baptisms here within the past month. One period each day was assigned on the programme for bazar preaching, and although the gospel has been preached daily in this bazar for almost two years, we were greeted daily with crowds numbering from three to five hundred people, who were interested enough to leave their trading and stand in the boiling hot sun to listen to the old, old story.

The whole city seemed moved by the presence of so many Christians, and the fact that the Bengali, Santal, and

Sahib all stood together as brothers, and among them was no class distinctions or caste. This was the subject of many complimentary remarks, for even the Hindu has a sense of what ought to be, though he does not regard it himself.

There is a strong sentiment growing in Contai in favor of Christianity. But these people, like sheep, go in droves, and whereas now we gather one here and another there, the time is coming when the accumulated sentiment of these years of Christian teaching is going to break the bounds of caste, and then the disposition of the people to go in bands will turn to our account.

Pray for the little church at Contai—for Jacob Mishra and Charles Das, our preachers there.



### A GOLDEN ENVELOPE.

Some time since a poor servant girl in London who had attended the ragged-schools and received spiritual as well as mental benefit from them, one evening at the close of school put in the minister's hand, much to his surprise a note containing a half-sovereign (ten shillings, English currency).

Her entire wages were only eight pounds a year. She offered this as a thanksgiving tribute to God for the blessings she had received from the schools, very modestly and beautifully remarking that it was "not much." "But, sir," said she. "I have wrapped it up with an earnest prayer and many tears."

Here is, indeed, a most rare and beautiful envelope. Would that our offerings as we lay them before God's altar were more generally inclosed in such golden envelopes. "An earnest prayer and many tears." Sweet child! Thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.



### TWO CONVERSIONS.

Word has just come from Miss Stephens of the conversion of two high-caste women. One was of age, and so was allowed by the police to decide to be a Christian, in spite of the mob of five hundred people who surrounded the mission, demanding that she should be returned by force to her heathen surroundings. The other was a girl of thirteen, and by the advice of the police she was returned to her parents. What her fate will be, no one can tell. Surely we should unite in earnest prayer that God will soften the hearts of her heathen relatives, so that she may be allowed, when of age, to confess Christ.



### MISSION WORK AMONG LEPERS.

There are about 400,000 lepers in India. Some of these are attended every year at our eight dispensaries. Much can be done to alleviate their suffering. During the past month I was sent for to Calcutta, 175 miles from here, to attend an English girl, a Baptist, suffering from leprosy. She is eighteen years of age, and contracted the disease six years ago. Mr. C. also appealed to me to attend his daughter, age sixteen, who got the leprosy last year, and is in danger of becoming blind through it. Now I expect to shield her from going blind, and to remove much, if not all, of her

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disease. Leprosy is contagious and hereditary! it is a matter of gratitude to God that so few Europeans contract it. Still some do get it. In one year I attended ten European lepers—three ladies, two men, and five children, besides native lepers. An English lady was suffering from leprosy, a thick film formed over both her eyes, and she became quite blind. When I saw her first she was walking in her garden, led by the hand of a Mohammedan servant. It was a very sad sight. I attended her medically. In a year both her eyes were restored to sight, so that she could read again a book, etc., and enjoy life a bit, and see the face of her husband and daughter. Much of her suffering was removed. A goodly number of the lepers have become worshippers of Christ. Christ used to heal them, and so do we. Pray for them.



### MISSION NEWS AND NOTES.

—It is said that the leading churches of Japan have been receiving from ten to twenty-five new members at each communion service, and that the work of the Young Men's Christian Association and kindred organizations is receiving constant encouragement.

—The Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States has had the banner year in its history for contributions to its missionary enterprises at home and abroad. They amount to the sum of \$1,645,223.

—Of 245,868 persons from all parts of Japan who attended the exposition at Osaka last year, 16,221 signed the cards offered by the Christian evangelistic workers intimating a desire to be further instructed in Christian principles. These cards were sent to the local evangelists living nearest to the addresses given by the signers.

—It is still less than a score of years since Bishop Hannington of the Uganda Mission in Africa was murdered, and the King of Mwanga, who caused his death, died a few weeks ago. But the one house of Christian worship in 1884 has increased to 700, the 300 Christians

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—The Salvation Army has in Japan 38 corps (stations) and outposts, 90 officers and cadets (all but 13 of whom are Japanese); a home for discharged prisoners with 40 inmates and a rescue home for women. At Yokohama the Army has a home for foreign seamen. It has also a League of Mercy, composed almost entirely of Japanese women, who for several hours each week visit the poor and sick. Experience seems to show that Salvation Army methods are particularly suited to reach the Japanese government and people alike appear to be sympathetic.

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