

The Woman's Missionary Society.

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Letter from a Friend in the Punjab.

The following letter in *The Helper* is by a lady, Mrs. Nettie Dunn Gates, formerly a Free Baptist, but who has spent nine years in India mission work as the wife of a Presbyterian missionary. She writes, in part, thus of life and work in India:

The little girls in their long skirts and scarf-like chudars seem happy enough, but so soon—at ten or twelve years old, perhaps—they are married and the play-life ends forever, and drudgery of the worst kind begins. The little childwife must be the slave of her husband and his father and mother, and must work always, must be shut up within four walls and not see a tree, or a bird, or a flower, nor the face of any but the nearest relatives. Perhaps as early as twelve years old she must begin the duties of motherhood, and the illness and misery which it often brings to these child-mothers. To-day I have looked into the face of one of these, a face full of settled sadness and weariness, as she tried feebly to comfort the tiny waif of a child in her arms. Does any one think the people of India have a chance for a place among civilized nations while this goes on, and while the minds and souls of the women are equally suppressed and debased?

We have in our station a little girl, Ansu, a poor, crippled child, with every limb bent out of shape, who was brought to the mission compound by our Dr. Miss Sahib. She had been made to do all the grinding for the family by her cruel mother. The wheat is ground between two heavy stones, and it is hard work for the women, but doubly hard for a child of seven, and the wee girlie had inflammatory rheumatism of the worst kind. She was a great sufferer, but so cheerful and patient, and grew soon to greatly love the young lady doctor who was doing so much for her, and she loved all the Christians, the children most of all. She learned quickly the Christian hymns and Bible verses that were taught her, and soon became an earnest little Christian. We all hoped that she might be cured, but it was too late, the cruel treatment had gone too long before help came; so, after a year of careful nursing and Christian teaching, the little sufferer went home to the Saviour whom she loved. She was one of the few snatched from the hard life and hopeless destiny of these people, but there are thousands, aye, millions, who are not taken from it. And we who are among them are so few.

You have all heard of the new movements among low caste people who are coming to Christ in great numbers, sometimes whole villages at a time. One of our missionaries lives in a district where he and his wife are the only missionaries among 750,000 people. There are hundreds of Christians in these villages whom they cannot possibly get time to teach, and hundreds more are waiting for baptism, and there is none to baptize or instruct them. There is almost as bad a condition in many other places. Our two Presbyterian missions in North India have sent home a request for 135 new missionaries within the next two years, and the United Presbyterians have

asked for 180 as the least possible number that can try to man the fields we occupy. If we get all these, it will only mean one missionary to 50,000 people. Would not most of you Christian workers think that a large parish to work for?

I want to say a special word to you about our mission fields in India. It is far away from our work here, but we often hear of the work in the Orissa Mission and know something of the strong, faithful, earnest work your devoted missionaries are doing there. Dear friends, you have every reason to be proud of these true men and women, who are not only holding on to and training their present Christians, but reaching out and saving many lost ones. One cannot speak too highly of these noble workers, and their thoroughly and permanently successful work. As one who loves the Free Baptist church and people at home, and also the missionaries and the people of India, let me urge you to stand by your missionaries royally. They are worth it, the souls of the people are worth it, your Master is worthy of your utmost zeal and largest self-sacrifice. And these workers of yours in India are far too few and very much alone. They need more helpers, and need them now; they need to be well sustained financially always; they need to be constantly upheld by prayer "with strong crying and tears;" such persistent, pleasing prayer as the home church has never known before. While the Indian people die without Christ at the rate of one thousand an hour, will you sit comfortably and easily down in your happy American homes and do nothing to support those you have sent here, or to send new helpers, to save the lost? Have you noticed the marginal reading of Isa. 58:10: "If thou bestow on the poor that which thy soul desireth?" What would seem to be the desire of American church members? From our recent visit, they would seem to be beautiful, thoroughly comfortable homes, refined social life, the best education, prosperity in business; and also the peace, power and holiness of strong, spiritual lives, and revival and progress in the churches. These are all good desires, but there is no reason why they should be confined to Christians at home. Will you try to give these things also to poverty-stricken, degraded, sin-cursed India?

A CHANCE FOR INVESTMENT.

Hon. John Wannamaker says: "As a result of my recent visit to India, I reached some conclusions that I would like to abbreviate sufficiently to form a telegram to every hard-hearted business man, the non-professing Christian, who may be a generous-hearted giver for education, the earnest, praying Christian man and woman, eager to do the most that can be done with money, and to every thoughtful college student and Sunday-school scholar.

"In all my life I never saw such opportunity for investment of money that anyone sets apart to give to the Christ who gave himself for us. As I looked at little churches, schools and hospitals, and inquired the original cost of buildings and expense of administration, I felt a lump of regret in my heart that I had not been wise enough to make these investments myself,—yet there are others left. I appropriated some that you cannot have, and wished a hundred times I had known twenty-five years ago what I learned a half year ago, but I can take you to as many as good, if you will."

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MISSION NEWS AND NOTES.

—The Epistle to the Hebrews has been translated into Bengali by a non-Christian native of India. He was attracted to it solely by its literary style.

—One day, in Burmah, Dr. Judson met a native woman. He could not speak a word of her language, but, touching her with his hand, looked up and pointed toward heaven. She went home and told her friends that she had seen an angel of God. The radiant face and the reverent manner had impressed her as if it had been Christ himself.

—Dr. George Adam Smith, of Edinburgh, now on his way home from India, which is his native country, and where he has spent some months in recuperating from the dangerous illness of last summer in this country, bears emphatic testimony to the value of medical missions. "I only wish," he writes, "that members of the church at home could see things as we saw them. If that were so, neither means nor men would be wanting for one of the most providential opportunities and noble efforts in Christ's work at the present day."

—An appeal for more missionaries has been sent from the Philippines by the representatives of the various missionary societies working there which should meet with a prompt response. It says: "We are convinced that it would be hard to overestimate the vastness of the opportunities to win souls among the Filipino people. At least one-third of the seven millions are severed from the Roman Catholic church. They are spiritually restless and searching for spiritual streams. Their eagerness is pathetic; their readiness to hear is astonishing and gratifying. We believe a million souls can be led to Christ in a generation if we have prompt and generous support. The next few years will definitely fix the religious status of these people."

—An interesting report was lately received by the French Bible Society from its colporteur in Indo-China. In one town, when the report went abroad that a foreigner was selling "Christian books," the people came running; children first, and parents after them. In six hours he had sold 488 volumes. One old woman bought twelve copies of the gospel to give to her husband, children, nephews and cousins. Arriving in another town during annual fair, the colporteur hired a stall and sold 1,250 volumes in one day. In a tour among the villages he sold in one place 518 volumes, in another 1,102. Surely much may be hoped from such a distribution of the Bible, or of portions of the New Testament.

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RUM AND RELIGION.—Civilization has not brought all blessings to Africa. While it has driven out some devils, it has opened the way for the entrance of others. Strong drink is Africa's withering curse, introduced by invading European civilization. The ships that carried the missionaries in the cabin carried the rum barrels in the hold. The area in which liquor may be freely imported we have happily greatly circumscribed, and in this area increasing duties have been imposed, but the curse is still there.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Mission Society of the Sixth District will be held in connection with the District Meeting at Norton, King's Co., on Saturday, July 9th, 1904.

BLANCHE P. GOSLINE,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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