Children's Work.

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DEAR CHILDREN,—I found the following lines by Jessie H Brown in a Children's Day supplement of the *Young People's Standard*, and give them in the children's column, as a beautiful bit of history which will interest you, and will make a nice recitation for some child in each band to give at one of your meetings. There are several others which will appear from time to time.

CAREY THE PIONEER OF MODERN MISSIONS.

Almost one hundred years have passed
Since Carey blew his bugle call,
And bade Christ's soldiers hasten fast
To herald Him as Lord of all.

"Expect great things from God!" he cried;
"He will not bless a faithless host,
But they shall see a heavenly Guide,
Who dare and do for Him the most.

"Attempt great things for God! Behold
The heathen lands where Error reigns!
Then dare you pause, Christ's banner fold,
And slumber, heeding not their claims!"

Ah, Carey, God's voice spoke through you!
Your words are ringing bravely yet;
Your deeds, so nobly bold and true,
A Christian world will not forget.

Your labor more and more appears,
Your life inspires us more and more
Although your dust for fifty years
Has slept in distant Serampore.

And when we tell of those who wear
A better than a worldly fame,
'Tis with a glad thanksgiving prayer
We utter Carey's well-loved name.

The following is an extract from a private letter published in the same paper, which will tell its own story. Does it not stir our pity and arouse us up to more earnest endeavor:—Two weeks ago we took a girl into our home with the hope of saving her from evil company and helping her to grow up a good Christian woman. She is thirteen years old, a member of the church, but with no chance for Christian growth in her home. The family is wretchedly poor. The father is dead, the mother is sick with consumption. There are two younger children, and the old grandfather and grandmother in the house. The task of cleaning her up is no easy one, I assure you, and will take time. All Japanese women and girls oil their hair with a gummy kind of oil, to make it stiff and glossy. They have it dressed once in a week or so, then lie with the neck across a block at night to avoid rumpling it. The oil soils the neck and ears and clothes and makes a soft place for vermin, which all Japanese have. The girl, in view of coming to us, had tried her best to clean her head and clothes. The day she came I examined her thoroughly, subjected her to the bath, and thought she might do, but a week later was compelled to put her through a similar process. The one old, thin, many-pieced, ragged, dirty under-garment she wore here I threw away from the first, and gave her new ones. All her clothes must go the same road. She begged to take them home for her little sister. With several washings her head promises better things, though it will take time to rid her entirely of the occupants. It requires some of my time and attention every day. But we hope to do her good. We have just heard of a baby whose parents put it out on the street because they are too poor to keep it. It is not three months old. The government officers have taken charge of it for the present. I think we must try and do something for it, though we do not quite think it best to take it into our house and keep it. We have a good woman in the church who would be glad of the opportunity. I could not afford to give my time to the care of it, even if I knew how to care for it. As it is a boy, we are sure it is an extreme case of poverty that prompted them to cast him off. If it were a girl they would not think so much of it. J. E. L.

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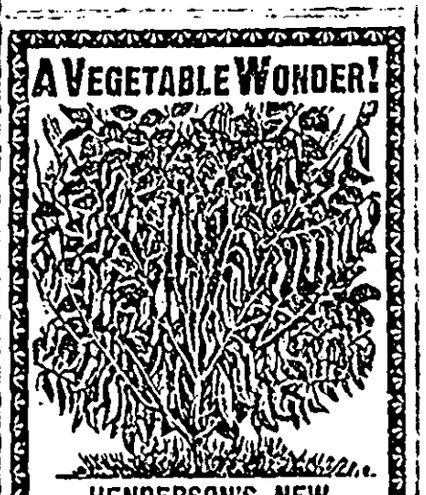

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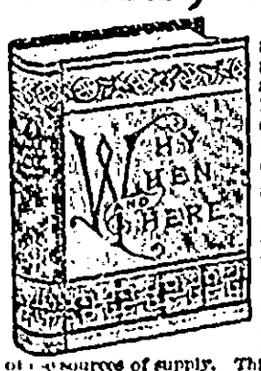

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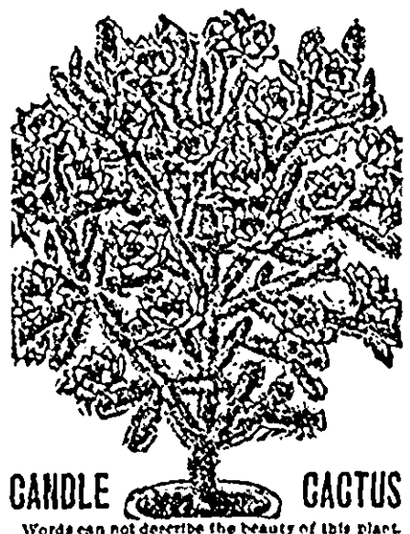

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