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#### TWO SAD THINGS.

I have to tell the young people from  
our mission field.

One is that the little daughter of Mr.  
and Mrs. Goforth, of the Honan Mission,  
died on the fourteenth of July, aged eleven  
and a half months. You know how much  
of brightness the baby adds to our homes,  
and some of you know how lonely the  
house seems when the cradle is emptied  
and the glad baby voice is stilled. But  
how lonely must these parents be when  
this baby was the only child.

The other is, that the wife of Rev. W.  
Macrae, one of our missionaries in Trini-  
dad, died on the eighth of September,  
leaving her husband and a little child  
about two years old to mourn their loss.  
In the one case the mother loses her child,  
in the other, the child loses its mother; but  
yet neither are lost, but gone before, and  
mother and child, and, child and mother,  
shall meet again to part no more.

Pray for the sorrowing ones that, in  
their sorrow and loneliness, strangers in a  
strange land, they may find that

"God is our refuge and our strength,  
"In straits a present aid."

#### NARAYAN'S WIFE, OR, CRUELTY IN INDIA.

Mr. Wilkie tells the following touching  
story about Narayan one of our native  
preachers in India and his wife:

When Narayan became a christian a few  
years ago, his people looked upon him as  
dead, and treated his wife as a widow.

They gave her only a very little coarse  
food and clothing, made her work very  
hard and sometimes beat her cruelly.  
When Narayan wrote to them inquiring  
about her they wrote to him that she was  
dead and that he must never again come  
home, as they would in no way have any  
thing to do with one who had brought  
such disgrace upon them as to become a  
christian. For five years Narayan believ-  
ed her dead and mourned for her for he  
loved her dearly.

Then through some of his friends he  
heard something that made him think she  
was alive. He returned to his native city  
and found that she was really alive, but  
his parents and friends were determined  
that she should remain dead to him and  
would not allow him to see her. He was  
not even allowed to go near his old home.  
After a great deal of trouble he succeeded  
in getting an order from an English magis-  
trate that she should be brought into court,  
and asked whether she would go with  
Narayan or stay with her people. She  
rushed to him and Narayan returned in tri-  
umph to Indore the city in which is the  
head-quarters of our mission in India.

But five years of cruel treatment had  
done its fatal work on poor Chanoo. The  
cruelties practised upon her were so great  
that she could not recover. Slowly she  
sank, and at length passed away; but not  
before she had found the same Saviour  
that was so dear to her husband.

Such are the cruelties of heathenism,  
and as Narayan preaches to his fellow-  
countrymen that gospel that alone can  
soften their hard hearts, will you not pray  
for him that his work may be blessed.

#### WHAT IS THE TONGUE FOR.

"Since God made the tongue, and he  
never makes anything in vain, we may be  
sure he made it for some good purpose.  
What is it, then?" asked a teacher one  
day of his class.

"He made it that we may pray with  
it," answered one boy.