

what it is we shall cut off, and begin it now.'

So the two sat meditating over their problem. After a few moments the good wife said:

'I have had my heart set on going to see my sister, and I don't see how I can abandon the idea. I haven't seen her in two years; and besides, the trip will be so full of pleasure I don't feel that I can give it up.'

'No, my dear,' said her husband, 'you should, by all means, make that trip. The round trip is only forty dollars, and you certainly can afford that.'

'But the railroad fare is only a part of it,' she replied. 'If I go it will require two or three extra dresses for the occasion, and quite a good lot of accessories.'

'How much extra do you think it will require to fit you out?' he asked.

'Oh, about one hundred and fifty dollars. I think I can make out on that amount.'

'Oh, well,' said her husband, 'if that is all, then we will count that as part of the year's plans. Is there nothing else you think of, my dear.'

'Well, our surrey has been in use now two years, and the polish is about all gone. It looks as though we will just have to sell it, and buy a new one. Why, I am really ashamed to ride in it, and especially since the Highfliers have such a lovely one.'

'Yes, indeed, we must have a new surrey. I couldn't think of you driving to the club meetings in that old trap, and stopping it alongside the Highfliers' carriage. No, indeed, we'll get a new one. We can get a new one with the old one and two hundred dollars.'

'Well, we will count that settled,' said his wife. So they went over a good long list of things in which she was most interested, and found none that could be dispensed with, though some of them were pretty expensive.

They next took up the case of Brother Careful, to see what he could deny himself of, that expenses might be cut down. The trip to the grand lodge must be made. He simply could not think of cutting that out. He hadn't missed a session in six years, and though it usually cost him about seventy-five to a hundred dollars, he got his money's worth in pleasure. A long list was gone over, and nearly everything seemed to be that it 'just must be.' He could not give up his membership in the fishing and hunting club; he must keep up his lodge dues; his cigars and tobacco were necessities that could not be dispensed with, and it began to look as though the economy and retrenchment could not be inaugurated.

After some moments of silence he spoke up, saying: 'Wife, I have been thinking of our church expenses. It seems to me we have been altogether too profligate in that matter. Why, last year I paid our preacher twenty-five dollars, and gave five dollars for missions, and Brother Closefist, who is worth twice as much as I am, only gave twenty dollars all told.'

'Yes, but there was Sister Goodly, who isn't worth half as much as you, and she gave over fifty dollars.'

'I know,' he said, 'but Sister Goodly is something of a fanatic in matters of that sort, and women are not supposed to rank one in business matters.'

So the two sat and talked the matter over at great length, and finally decided to cut their contributions to the church expenses in half, and to stop their church paper, because times were so hard they 'simply could not afford it.'—*Christian Courier.*

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[For the 'Northern Messenger.']

The Victorian India Orphan Society.

The following translation of a Hindu letter, written by one of the girls in our Orphanage at Dhar, Central India, will interest many:

My dear Mem Sahiba,—I am here getting on quite well by the grace of God, and hoping same for you. We are having prayer-meeting every evening, for the blessing of the Holy Spirit, and I have given my heart to Jesus Christ. There is a new school-room building in our compound, and it has been opened by His Highness of Dhar State, and we sang three hymns, and all the people were pleased with us. And on our dear Miss Sahiba's birthday we got new saris (an outer garment), and she grant us one day leave for the picnic; our dear Miss Sahiba (Dr. Margaret O'Hara) love us very much, and we also love her very much. Now I close this with love and respects from

Yours obediently daughter,
JUGRI.

It is now four years since the present Orphanage building was opened; it stands on a fresh grant of land, the ten acres previously given by the late Maharajah being required by the Government. Speaking of the cultivation of this new ground, Dr. O'Hara says: 'I wish you could have seen the girls planting cayenne pepper yesterday. One of the boys ploughed furrows, and the girls followed, putting in the plants, in a few moments filling a row the length of the field, the mali (gardener) being there to direct them; in the four years our trees have done very well. The guavas and custard-apples are now bearing fruit; the rose bushes in bloom are a splendid show, and with the flower beds in front of the new school-building, and the pretty shade trees, cork and neem make the place very attractive. As for the children, I think we have the healthiest lot I have ever seen in an Orphanage, largely owing, under Providence, to their leading such a simple outdoor life. When the girls are not busy with other work they are all trying to finish new skirts to wear on Sunday; girls in India thinking of their dress just as their fairer sisters in Canada do A while ago three little girls, thinking they had a grievance, ran away towards their old homes in the jungle, but were glad to be overtaken and brought back. When asked what they did, as they went from village to village, they replied, 'We sang hymns and told the Gospel story,' which shows they have deep in their hearts the love of Jesus and His Word. The girls have made great progress in learning to sing by the Tonic Sol Fa method; they can sing ordinary music at sight, and have learned a number of two-part hymns, etc., taking the soprano and alto very nicely. Referring to the boys' industrial work, we are told: 'We have at present more orders for work than we can attend to, and this is only the beginning. With another workshop in prospect we have every hope that we shall do great things in this direction before long.' Will those of our subscribers who are in arrears kindly remit as soon as possible to the Treasurer, as owing to the holiday season fees have come in very slowly lately, making it impossible to send the usual remittances to

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