

contributions for missionary purposes always accompanied with earnest prayer for the blessing of God upon them, such conversions might be confidently expected. And who can tell what one of these converts may be honoured to do, in spreading the "glad tidings" among a people sitting in the region and shadow of spiritual death. Think then on the blessedness and the glory that await those who "turn many unto righteousness."

—DAN. xii. 3.

One day, a person found two little girls begging in the streets of Calcutta, and took them before a magistrate. The youngest of them was a fine, healthy-looking child, and her bright eye and pretty form delighted all that looked upon her; but the oldest was weak, thin, and sickly, and seemed almost starved to death. The magistrate asked her how it was that she was so thin, and her sister so stout. "Oh!" she answered, "I do not often get much to eat; for when any food is given me, I always give it first to my little sister, and she eats her fill, and, if any is left, then I get it; sometimes it is only a very little bit I get, and often she eats it all, and then I have to go without." This simple story touched the kind heart of the magistrate, and he asked more about her history. She told him that their mother had died when they were very little, and that they did not recollect much about her, but that their father had carried them about from place to place for a long time, till at last one day he was taken ill, lay down under a tree, and soon died, leaving his little girls all alone in a wild and howling wood. The little girls wept much when they saw their father die, and could not bear to leave his body. The hungry jackals came to devour it, and they tried to drive them away, but could not. The screaming vultures flew quickly backwards and forwards above their heads, waiting for them to go, and then intending to pounce down and help the jackals to devour the body. They shouted and waved their little hands to frighten them off; but when their strength was spent, and they had seen the jackals tear the body and pick the bones clean and white, they turned away, and hand in hand, weeping as they went, set off to try to find a path out of the wood, and then to seek some place where kind people might be found to feed or take them in; and so they had wandered until the man had found them in the street, and brought them here.

The kind magistrate took them to his house, and then sent them down to the Orphan Refuge, kept by Mrs. Wilson, who very kindly took them under her care. Here they lived a long time, and very delightful it was to see their love for one another. Every night, when they lay down to rest, they did so, locked in each other's arms; and whenever food was set before them, the oldest never touched it, however hungry, faint, or tired, till her sister had had her share. Mrs. Wilson loved them much, and taught them to love that Saviour who had said, "Suffer little children to come to me." At last they were baptized. The elder was called Priscilla and the younger Rhoda.

Little Rhoda was a sweet child; but Jesus soon fitted her for heaven, and when she was only about six years old, he took her up to glory. During her last illness she never murmured, though her sufferings were very great, and often asked to have her favourite hymns repeated to her.

One of these was that beginning—

"Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched," &c.

Another thus:

"There is, beyond the sky,

A heaven of joy and love,

And holy children, when they die,

Go to that world above."

She also delighted to repeat to her companions the Infant's Hymn:

"Little children, come to Jesus,

He has kindly said you may;

When you pray to him and praise him,

He will teach you what to say.

"He will take your hands and lead you

In the way you ought to go;

He will make you good and happy—

No one else can make you so."

About a week before she died, she became quite blind, but still always said she was happy, and at last fell sweetly asleep in Jesus.

Priscilla has now grown up to a woman, has married a native teacher, and is very useful on the mission.

You see from both these stories, what a blessing the Gospel is to poor Hindu children, and how well the prophecy about Jesus Christ is fulfilled through it.

"HE SHALL SAVE THE CHILDREN OF THE NEEDY."

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