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This is the first number of the second volume of our childrens own newspaper. This time, last year with some fear as to the result, but after much thought, we issued a specimen paper in which we stated "that it was our design to tell in simple language of the missionary efforts of our Church, to present to the children an object of missionary labor, to speak a word of kindly counsel, and in short to make our little sheet a welcome visitor to the Christian family and an attractive journal for the Sabbath School." "We hoped to speak a word in season to the children of our Church and to do somewhat towards attaching our young readers to their Church." Whether we have, however feebly, redeemed any of these promises, it is for others to judge, but this much, we can say, that we have labored earnestly to accomplish them: and have, moreover, always desired to keep in view the higher duty of striving to "feed the lambs" of the flock. We are gratified to state, that our missionary effort has prospered beyond our expectations, and that 18 orphans are now supported in India by our schools. May the work continue to prosper and may a blessing rest upon it. Our