

they troop home. It is a great annual day with them, and the teachers say that the children talk about it for months before.

"Link" boys and girls in Ontario have sent me, to Vuyyuru, large parcels. Now, "Tidings" boys and girls may want to send some things to some of the missionaries for just such rallies. Everywhere there is a woman missionary, there is a Sunday School. And everywhere there is a Sunday School, there are little Indian boys and girls who look for prizes. A year ago, I received about fifty dolls, all dressed. Thirty of these were rag dolls, such as you see advertised in "Tidings." If the mission band girls could see how the Indian children love these soft rag dolls, their fingers would ache to dress some. Celluloid dolls are apt to get broken. When we give those, the little girls are delighted, but they put them away in a box. It is different with the rag dolls. They do not seem the least bit frightened of those. Last Christmas, I gave a little girl one. Her little brother, Samson Arthur claimed it, as his father is a teacher he took him home for Christmas. When they came back after school opened, they came to call on me. There was the doll under his arm. It was as dirty as Indian villages, Indian ox carts, boats, wagons, roads, and dust could make it. The father said that Samson Arthur carried it everywhere. In every village he displayed it with joy and pride. Only affection could still see anything in that rag doll, but he went away carrying it as if it were as clean as it had been a month before.

Then, bags. What do they do with them? Well, there are many secrets in this world. One is, what is there in a boy's pocket? I think the Indian boys and girls must use their bags for everything. They beg for bags and yet more bags, and nothing we can give them pleases them more. Surely, "Tidings" boys and girls can make bags. Everyone has scraps at home. Any size will do. Six or seven inches, some four or five are good to put candy and dried peas in. The girls can sew the bags and the boys can twist colored strings and thread the bags. Put one string in all the way. Then, from the opposite side, thread another all the way around the bag.

This will draw it up well so that nothing can fall out.

Girls can dress and stuff the dolls. Your leader will get them for you through "Tidings." All bring your clean Sunday School cards. The Indian children love them better than anything else. They like bright colored post cards, especially with any kind of gilt on them. But do not waste money on landscape and buildings, for the children do not like them.

Boys and girls both can make scrap books. New exercise books with ten or fifteen pages make good books. Cut the bright advertisement pictures out. If one would make a book about boys; another about little girls; another about a farm; another about summer; another about winter, you could have a fine collection.

If anyone wants the children to have clothes for prizes, it would be better to send the money. If you pay fifty cents for a piece of cloth for a shirt, and that much postage to send it, and when it gets there, the duty is thirty cents, you can see that is very wasteful. We can always buy cloth in India. The children are poor and often need things. If you would have a concert and send the money for candy and some cloth, it would be a good way to help with treats.

One thing, boys can do. Will "Tidings" boys do it? The Indian teachers and the people are very much excited if they can have calendars. No present pleases them better than a nice, large one to put up in their houses. One year, I received about three hundred. I wish you could have seen how popular I was. Why, everyone, even some caste farmers, asked me for calendars. Can the boys not collect some?

Now, when you have your parcel ready, address it to somebody in India on our mission field. Do not put English papers in unless you send to Waltair. You must make out a customs statement. Put wholesale prices on. If bags are made of scraps, put "No commercial value." If an undressed doll costs fifteen cents, that is the price to mark. Used cards or calendars are "Of no commercial value."

At all mission stations, even if it is a warm