

Missionary.

What one Woman Did.

Several years ago Miss Bellby, a young Englishwoman who had studied medicine to fit herself for usefulness as a missionary at Lucknow, India, was sent for by the wife of the native Prince of Puna, who was ill. Puna was a long distance from Lucknow, and the journey was a dangerous one. If Miss Bellby went, she would be separated by more than a hundred miles from any white man.

Her friends urged her to refuse. The Englishwoman was young and timid, but she knew her duty. She went, remained two months, and cured the patient. When she was about to return the Ranees sent for her and begged her to go in person to Queen Victoria, with the message that Indian women, not being allowed the attendance of men physicians, died in great numbers every year for want of care. The Ranees brought paper, pen, and ink, and with tears besought Miss Bellby to write her petition to the Queen to send to them women doctors. "Write it small, Saheba," she begged, "for I shall put it in a pocket and hang it about your neck, and you must wear it until you put it into the hands of the great Ranees herself."

Miss Bellby returned to England the next year, obtained an interview with Queen Victoria, and placed the pocket, with the message, in her hands. The Queen was deeply touched, and empowered Lady Dufferin, the wife of the Viceroy of India, to form an association for sending out female medical aid to the women of India.

Many women doctors have been sent out by the association, and Indian women are now being educated as physicians and nurses. An estate with fifty acres, with large buildings, has been given by a native prince as a hospital for Hindoo female patients.

Had the timid missionary refused to undertake the perilous duty to one woman, these great blessings, which are but the beginning of help and hope for all the women of India, probably never would have come to them.

The Indian's Teacher.

John Elliot, who translated the Bible into the language of the Massachusetts tribe two hundred and fifty years ago, and who was called the "Apostle of the Indians," was found on the day of his death, in his eightieth year, teaching the alphabet to an Indian child at his bedside.

"Why not rest from your labors?" said a friend.

"Because," said the good man, "I have prayed to God to make me useful in my sphere, and he has heard my prayer; for, now that I can no longer preach, he leaves me strength enough to teach this poor child his alphabet."

A Holy Order.

The Christian conquest of mankind is not a gigantic scheme devised by the church; it is a holy order issued by the King. It is based upon the action of God himself, it is his sovereign right over his followers. Who this that orders us to surrender our comfort and our means, to give persons and property for the extension of the kingdom? If it is the human voice of the human church one may hesitate to obey it; if it is simply an official order one may ask reasons; but if going and sending are commanded by the sovereign Lord of the universe, it is not ours to question why. It is ours

but to do or die. For Jesus is Lord by the authority of the Spirit. He has power over life and means which we do not give to anyone else. Obedience to Christ is the test of life, conformity to him the pattern and measure of our Christian character. God gave to the point of sparing not his own Son. He gave to the point where the cross is the only adequate symbol of it, and we have to test our lives by that. We must go near and far; we must go and send until the world is filled with the knowledge of the cause.—Dr. W. F. McDowell.

Facts About Japan.

Missionaries publish fifteen of the seventeen newspapers and magazines printed in Japan. In no other mission field is the printed page so honored and blessed.

The work of women is more conspicuous in missionary work in Japan than in any other country.

The ordinary Japanese will agree with almost everything you say about the Gospel, but he has no desire to apply it to his own life.

Christianity has made its greatest progress in this land among the intellectual classes.

Japan is a vast archipelago of volcanic origin; contains 4,000 islands; 147,555 square miles; 3,481 miles of railway, and 4,464 post-offices.

Notes.

Winnipeg Epworth Leaguers are up to date in their methods. A missionary Study Class is held in Wesley Church at ten o'clock Sunday morning. All Epworth Leaguers throughout the city who are interested in mission work are invited to this class. The attendance is growing.

The first edition of the new Japanese hymn-book began sale in October. For the past three years a commission representing Methodists, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Baptists, and Disciples has been at work preparing a joint hymn-book which may be used by these various denominations. The new book contains 450 hymns and is being issued from the Methodist Mission Press and a Japanese press in Yokohama.

Dr. Arthur T. Pierson is the father of seven children, every one of whom is at present actively engaged in missionary work.

After five years of continuous service Dr. J. Hudson Taylor has resigned the directorship of the China Inland Mission, and will be consulting director. His influence will not be removed from the mission which he founded, but he does not desire to assume so much of the responsibility of active leadership.

President Goucher, of the Woman's College of Baltimore, in an earnest address printed in *The Christian Advocate*, says that if our churches were to send out 2,000 missionaries a year for thirty years, the world could be evangelized before the close of the first third of this century. Thirty million dollars a year would do it; and we spend twenty-two million dollars a year on chewing-gum.

The Bible, translated into the language of Tibet, is now being carried even into that forbidden land, in advance of foreign commerce and travel. The Russian Government, while hitherto intolerant of missionaries, gives the Bible itself free course among the people. It is admitted free of duty and has often been transported free of charge.

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