

Sister Belle's Corner.

(For the Little Folks who read this Paper.)

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,—Many of you have studied about the island Madagascar. It is about 300 miles east of Africa, across the Mozambique Channel. At this time about 2,500,000 people are living there. I have just been reading the history of its missionary work, and it made me thank God from my heart. Nowhere has such rapid growth been seen, so much fruit for so little labor. Newman Hall, one of the great London ministers, in a sermon he preached in Ottawa yesterday, said that "the truest missionary to bring others to Jesus was a faithful consistent Christian life." It seems to me that the wonderful success in Madagascar was largely due to the faithful lives of those who had given up their idols for Christ. A sea captain once asked a Madagascar chief what led him to become a Christian, if it was some book he had read, or some sermon preached? "No, my friend," replied the chief, "it was no book or sermon. One man, he a wicked thief; another man, he drunk all day long; big chief, he beats his wife and children. Now the thief no steal; drunken Tom, he be sober; big chief very kind to all. Every heathen man gets something inside of him to make him different, so I became a Christian to have it inside me to keep me from being bad." It reminded me of the little Irish boy in the ragged school who was asked what holiness was, and answered, "Please, your reverence, it is to be clean inside." Many hundreds of the Madagascar Christians were killed in such a cruel manner because they would not deny Christ. At one time eighteen persons were strung upon poles and carried through the streets with their mouths stuffed with rags, so they could not speak of Jesus to the watching people. Four of these were burned alive, the others thrown over the edge of a rock 300 feet high. The last was a young woman named Ranivo. They entreated her to worship idols just once to save her life. But she answered, "No! I am Christ's. Throw me over!" Even her persecutors were astonished, and so her life was spared by them. Many Christians were made to drink a poisonous cup called the "tangena," to test the truth of their religion, and thus died for Christ. War was declared against all the Christians, and one month given them "to recant" or forsake Christ. One missionary at this time preached a sermon from this text, "Save, Lord, we perish!" Many Christians spent whole nights in prayer. When you get older you will be glad to read the whole history of the work in that island. To-night, I read of a mother and her daughter there who had become Christians. They were poor people and lived chiefly on rice. The father, a heathen still, tried in every way to hinder their new life. One of his favorite ways was to try and make them break the Sabbath by buying rice on that day. He would often throw away all the rice in the house late on Saturday night, or buy some more early Sunday morning, and mix with their rice. They never complained, but patiently fasted until Monday rather than do what they felt to be breaking God's command. At last God touched the hard heart, the heathen father gave up his old life to be one with his wife and child, in serving the living God.

Dear Boys and Girls, are our lives thus preaching for the Saviour we love? Do our every day actions tell of a clean heart inside? Are our friends learning to love Jesus because His love has changed our lives? If not, we may learn a lesson from the faithful Christians of Madagascar.

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Off Again to the Foreign Field.

The Visitor says:—"The Rev. W. F. Armstrong, Mrs. Armstrong, and Miss Stark of New York, under appointment for Burmah, sailed from Halifax in the *Nova Scotian* on Monday, the 8th, for Maulmain. Mr. Armstrong goes to take charge of the English Baptist church in the city and to labor among the Telugus. The church pays into the Union's funds an amount equal to one half of Mr. Armstrong's salary. The population of Maulmain is about 95,000, twenty thousand of these are Telugus. Rangoon has a population of 1,500,000. Fifty thousand of this city also are Telugus. This is clear evidence of the English character of this people. They are an enterprising race and are fast pushing themselves in among the less enterprising people of the east. Some who have gone to Burmah were converted and members of Baptist churches before they left their homes in the West. The Baptists of these provinces can rest assured that many of the Telugus converted in connection with the labors of their missionaries will spread abroad and do work in other fields. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong have left their oldest child in Halifax with kind friends, and take their two younger children with them."

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