

LETTER FOR YOU FROM INDIA.

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

I am sure you would all like to hear about a little group of blind children who are taught in one of Miss Jamieson's schools in Ujjain. There are seven in all, one girl and six boys.

About a year and a half ago, a little girl brought a blind boy, a friend of hers, to school one morning. He was a very bright lad, for even that first day he learned all the commandments, part of a hymn, and that verse which is one of the first the boys and girls learn here, and which we all like so much, "For God so loved the world"

Miss Jamieson asked Yee-kim, for that was his name, to come to school again. That was the beginning of Miss Jamieson's work for the blind,—a work she enjoys so much, and which is doing a great deal to brighten the lives of some of these helpless, neglected children.

Yee-kim liked the school so well that at the end of three weeks, he brought another blind boy to school. This boy lives with his grandmother, a very old woman. She is called by the ignorant people of this land, a "holy woman." She spends most of her time in the temple, worshipping their gods, and begs for her living. This boy had been well taught about his own religion, so knows a great deal more about Hinduism than most boys of his age.

While Miss Jamieson was teaching the girls, Yee-kim took great delight in teaching the new boy the verses which he himself had been taught. Yee-kim says he wants to be a teacher, and I think he will be some day.

Now that Miss Jamieson had two blind scholars, she sent for books, printed in the type for the blind. She succeeded in getting the Gospels of Matthew and John. Both of the two boys now read quite readily. They seem to understand what

they read, and often have long talks about the Bible stories.

Yee-kim often sits in the shop in front of his home and reads from the Gospels to those who gather around to listen.

Besides reading, they have had lessons in geography, and they are very quick at mental arithmetic.

Both are very fond of memorizing. Yee-kim knows by heart the Sermon on the Mount, the story of the ten lepers, Christ feeding the five thousand, and many other Bible stories.

We believe that what he has learned is having an influence on his life. He tells Miss Jamieson that he never eats his food now without first giving thanks as Christ did. He says he prays every day and asks God to pardon his sins. When asked what some of his sins were, he said that he got angry with the other blind boy, and said bad words to some boys on the street who had vexed him.

The second lad is a very thoughtful boy. He is beginning to think that the gods of his people can do nothing to help him.

He had been told that if he prayed to Ram his blindness would be cured. One morning he came late to school. When Miss Jamieson asked him why he was so late he told her that he had been praying to Ram for a long time to cure his blindness, but that he had not done anything to help him yet, so he had cried so much the night before that when morning came he could not wake.

You may be sure that Miss Jamieson told him that their gods could never give him sight, but how glad she was to be able to tell him that although he would never be able to see in this world, yet if he loved and trusted Jesus he would some day be able to see in the beautiful home Jesus has prepared for those who love him. This was a great comfort to this poor blind boy, so now he loves to think and talk of heaven, where he will be able to see like other boys.