

Have you seen the leaves of the Easter flowers
 Pure and white,
 Unfolding their petals, one by one,
 To greet the light?
 Christ the Lord is fair to see,
 Seated above in His royalty.

RESPONSE.—This does it mean, etc.

Have you sung the song for the Easter day,
 "Christ is risen?"
 The Lord hath opened the fast shut doors
 Of our prison;
 The gates of sin are all undone,
 We can enter in with the spotless One

RESPONSE.—This does it mean, etc.

When ears are deaf and they cannot hear
 The voice of the Easter bell,
 Oh, should not we, for the dear Lord's sake,
 The sound of its message tell?

When eyes are blind and they cannot see
 The leaves of the lily fair,
 Must we not bring it close to their touch,
 And part of its sweetness share?

When lips are dumb and they cannot sing
 The words of our Easter song,
 Must we not teach them the wondrous thought
 That dwells in the chorus strong?

RESPONSE.—Then shall it be for you,
 Then shall it be for me,
 And then shall it be for the heathen child
 That dwells far over the sea.

—M. S. H.

Questions About Hindu Children.

How do the children dress? Until the little girls are eight years old they wear a short loose garment with sleeves just as boys do. At that age they are dressed after the style of the women, in a long strip of cloth about seven yards long and three-fourths of a yard wide, which is put on with many folds and turnings, one end being left for drapery for head and shoulders when they go out. They have also little jackets with sleeves to the elbow. No matter how poor the clothing, the little girl will always have glass or brass bangles on her wrists. They are a necessity. The women and girls would rather go without bread than without bangles.

What do the children study in school? In the mission schools the children learn to read and write, and study arithmetic, grammar and geography, according to the different grades. In each class they have a Scripture lesson beginning with the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, in the first and lowest class. Simple questions upon the Lord's Prayer are very often the means of introducing to a child's mind the idea of one God who is a loving Father. In turn they begin to ask questions: "Mem Sahib, is God indeed our Father? Is it He who gives us bread? Why do not our mothers worship Him? Mem, Sahib, who is Yashu (Jesus)?" In the second class they have an easy Scripture Catechism, in the third a summary of Scripture doctrine, and in the fourth the Shorter Catechism. The children are affectionate and teachable, though perhaps less demonstrative than our children at home.—*Extracts from letter from Mrs. Goheen, Kolapur, India.*

A Scotch Seaman on Missions.

A seaman, on returning home to Scotland, after a cruise in the Pacific, was asked: "Do you think the missionaries have done any good in the South Sea Islands?"

"I will tell you a fact which speaks for itself," said the sailor. "Last year I was wrecked on one of those islands where I knew that eight years before a ship was wrecked and the crew murdered; and you may judge how I felt at the prospect before me—if not dashed to pieces on the rocks, to survive for only a more cruel death. When day broke we saw a number of canoes pulling for our ship, and we were prepared for the worst. Think of our joy and wonder when we saw the natives in English dress, and heard some of them speak in the English language. On that very island the next Sunday we heard the gospel preached. I do not know what you think of missions, but I know what I do."

TIBET is the only known country on earth not open to missions. It has an area of 750,000 square miles, about as large as all the territory in the United States east of the Mississippi River. The greatest length from east to west is 1,600 miles, and the population is estimated at 8,000,000. It is the stronghold of Buddhism. Lhasa, the capital, is the "Rome" of the Buddhists, and the Dalai Lama is the Buddhist pope. He is supreme in both temporal and spiritual things. One monastery has about 5,000 Buddhist priests, and there are about 60,000 in the country. Tibet is virgin soil for missions. The country is tributary to China.

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