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### CHILD WIDOWS.

Let me tell you something of how the children suffer in the places where they have not the Bible. In India little girls are betrothed, sometimes before they are able to walk or speak; that is, a girl's parents make an agreement with the parents of some boy that she will marry him. If he happens to die in childhood, she is called a widow. And they believe that it is because of some sin in her that their god caused the husband to die. Then to punish her for this, she is beaten and abused, and gets very little clothing or food, and both of the coarsest kind. She has to do all the rough hard work and as long as she lives she suffers this kind of treatment. She is never allowed to marry again.

Let me give you part of a letter that one of the lady missionaries that went from Canada has written. She says:

"It is said by natives of India, on the decease of a husband that his death is caused by some fault or sin of the wife, and therefore she must bear the punishment. She is the author of the calamity in their opinion.

"Poor helpless girl; starved, and beaten—made the household drudge, with scarce-

ly clothing enough to cover her body. I have in my mind at present, a pale, pinched face, with a look of unspeakable woe in the dark eye. She is an inmate of a zomana, and though now scarcely in middle life she has been a widow for eighteen long years."

Thus you see that when we send the missionaries to India it is not only to tell the people the way to heaven but by shewing them where they do wrong, they make happy the sad lives of the millions of these wretched little girl widows.

### FINGERS, TOES, AND MISSIONS.

How many fingers have you on each hand, boys? how many toes on each foot? "Five," you say, "but what has that to do with missions?"

Two lessons it has for you.

*First.* Remember that our church has just as many Foreign Mission fields as you have fingers on a hand or toes on a foot, viz.: One in the North West among our own Indian tribes; one in the West Indies, chiefly in Trinidad, among people who have come from India to labor there; one in the New Hebrides, one in India, and one in the Island of Formosa, China. Now can you tell where our "Five Foreign Mission Fields" are?

The other lesson for you is this: Are these fingers and toes doing all they can for the heathen? The fingers can help you earn money and the toes can carry you on errands to get something to help this mission work. Sometimes the toes carry boys and girls rather often to toy shops, and the fingers hand over a great many cents for candy and playthings, while they put very few into the mission box.

### FRENCH CANADIANS.

Who are they? Where do they live? Why are they called by that name? They are people living in Canada whose forefathers came from France. They live chiefly in the Province of Quebec, and are for the most part Roman Catholics. They are taught to confess their sins to the