

lands, where little girl babies are not much thought of, and where, unless Christian people sent missionaries to them, they lived and died without ever hearing of the blessed Jesus.

"Well, well," thought Uncle Billy, "the woman have takeu lots of pains to get up this concert, I'll give them a dollar when they take up their collection.

Then a young woman spoke of an old man whom a missionary found sick and dying. In his ravings he would wildly cry: "Why didn't you come before? O, why didn't you come before? Now I've got to die without Jesus; why didn't you come before?" Then in his calmer moments he would beseech the missionary to stay and teach his children and his grandchildren, so they need not die without Jesus, as he was dying.

"I'll give two dollars," thought Uncle Billy, crushing his shof, gray beard down on his chest—a way he had of doing when he wished to think seriously—and he fell to calculating how long it would take to send the money, and wondering, if he had given more in the past, if that old man might not have heard of Jesus before it was too late.

But the choir ceased singing, another voice took up the story, and straightened himself up to listen.

This woman told of a poor man in China who had learned about Jesus of a missionary, and was filled with a desire to help others to know Him; but he was poor and ignorant, and there seemed nothing he could do until he hit upon this plan:

One mode of punishment for certain crimes, in that country, is to place a large plank four or five feet square with a hole in the centre admitting the head, about the criminal's neck, and to fasten it in such a way that the wearer himself cannot unfasten it. The crime he had committed is written on this plank, and he is turned into the street to pick up his food as best he can, for a longer or shorter time. Every one who passes stops to read what he has done, and then kicks or spits upon him as a part of the punishment. This man sold all his poor possessions to have a similar plank made, and had as much of the gospel of Jesus written upon it as was possible, then adjusting it to his own neck, he took up his abode in the streets. People would stop to see who the new criminal was, and what was his crime, and would reach such words as these: "God is love." "Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners." "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life." "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

Uncle Billy winked hard to keep back the tears, and thrust his hand deep down into his pocket; and when the plate came around to him, a crisp five-dollar bill went into it.

He said little about the meeting that night, but the next morning, after prayer, as he was preparing to go out to his work, he suddenly asked: "How much does it take to support an orphan in one of those schools, you told me about in India?" "Twenty-five dollars," replied Aunt Mercy. "What do you say to our adopting an orphan over there and educating her for the sake of our little Mary? Perhaps, if she had lived, she would have gone there herself, so I would like to have some one else doing her work." "O," cried Aunt Mercy, clasping her hands tightly together, "that is just what I was wishing we could do!"

And something in her face made Uncle Billy go around the table and kiss the soft, withered old cheek and then hurry as if he had been called suddenly to see to his team.  
—*Heather Woman's Friend.*

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