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The following action which has been taken by other W. F. M. Societies with regard to "Child Marriage in India," and which we have ascertained since our annual meeting, will perhaps account for the non-presentation of our memorial to the Queen.

The Philadelphia Board of the W. F. M. Society of the Pres. Ch., also prepared and sent a memorial, but it was not presented, the friends who had charge of it being advised "that the movement must first come from the natives of India themselves." "That they were coming to understand this and preparing to take ground against the custom." The Congregational, Baptist, and Methodist societies also prepared memorials, but before sending, wrote to the "Society for Promoting Female Education in the East," asking counsel in the matter, that Society replied "That they did not see any step that would be likely to meet the gigantic evil." "That the matter was a *social* one with which the Government could not interfere" "That the case of Suttee was different, as that was murder." Lord Shaftesbury also wrote with regard to child marriage and enforced widowhood, "Nothing but the diffusion of the Christian religion can abolish or even moderate these abominations." These Societies therefore did not present their memorials. It