The Young Folk.

A MISSIONARY STORY.

BY REV. GEO. T. REA, M.A., INDIAN MISSIONARY.

(Concluded.)

AFTER he got better he became a teacher of one of the mission schools, and improved himself in the knowledge of Christianity. He was never ashamed or afraid to let it be known that he was a Christian, and as soon as he was able he began to preach in the public streets. What he said one day will be the last chapter, and we will call it

CHAP. XVII. - RAMDASS CONFESSING BEFORE MEN.

There was a large crowd of people before him, when Ramdass stood up and spoke thus:—"We do not want you to receive what we offer you on our own mere word. We have tried the power of this medicine for the sin of the world, and having found it effectual to ourselves, offer it to you. Look at me. I was formerly a great license and the same of the world of the formerly a great liar, was always deceiving and telling lies in my trade. I was little aware that when I was doing this I was committing a great sin. This Word came to me. As I received it and understood it, I learned to hate lying. Still I could not at once give it up, the habit was so strong. But as I learned still more and more, and prayed more and more, and knew the death of Christ for sin more and more clearly, I was enabled to leave off the sin. So with other sins. I do not say I am free from sin, or perfect; but I do say that I have actually left off those sins which I used to practice.

I used to practise.

"Now I never learned purity from reading about any of the wicked gods of Hinduism. I never learned to hate my sins from all my knowledge of the gods or the sacred books of India. But from this Word, the Word of Jesus Christ the Saviour of sinners, who died for us, I have learned, and hope to go on learning, till I am taken away from sin altogether. And this Word and this altogether. And this Word and this Saviour I now offer to you also."

Ramdass is not dead. He is working away like a true servant of Christ and preacher of the Gospel, as he is. Neither his father nor any of his friends ever became reconciled to him, though he did not fail to prove the noble, generous character of Christianity by pitying their sad condition, forgiving their cruelty, and trying to save them from everlasting wrath. He never got back any of his property either, though by the new law he might have got it, if he had been anxious to have it. He had found the "pearl of great price," which was to him, as it is to all who possess it, more than all the world's riches; and having food and raiment, he was content to let his friends keep his wealth. He did not forget that a good deal of his money was the profit of sin, and his new conscience would not let him have anything to de with the deal? him have anything to do with the devil's gold.

And now, my young friends, do you know how many people there are in India still as pitiably ignorant of the true way of salvation as Ramdass once was? Nearly 200,000,000. What a vast number! Try and realise the thought.

And do you know what an immense multitude of heathen people there are in China also, the darkland where poor Toochoo spilled his blood for Christ? There

choo spilled his blood for Christ? are somany, that if you had them all before you, and were to touch one with your finger every second for twelve hours a day without stopping, it would take you more than twenty years to go over them all! And if all the heathen people of India and China were standing in a row, shoulder to shoulder, how far would that great row reach, do you think? No less than about 200,000 miles. It would go eight times round the globe. And just think of all those millions of men and women dying without knowing anything of Jesus—dying and going before the judgment-seat of God unpardoned. Is it not a dreadful thought?

But they may be saved. How? By Christian men and women going away and teaching them about Him who is able to save to the uttermost. Faith cometh by hearing; but how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they have preachers except they be sent? Sent by whom? By Christian people at home, of course. Every one who reads this little story may do something in this most noble, most glorious work You may not be able to go yourselves, perhaps, but you can help to send others, and the senders and the sent shall receive the reward and rejoice together.

THE END.

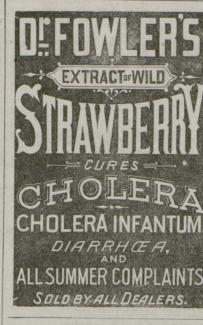
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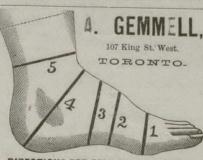
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