

JOHN JONES' MONUMENT IN CHINA.

LETTER FROM MRS. GOFORTH.

Chang to fu, Honan.

Dear Children's Record :—

You will perhaps be interested in hearing how the picture and story of John Jones's monument, that was in your pages some time ago, was received in this far off field.

A few days ago my little boy Paul, who treasures up his "Children's Record" most carefully, brought me the picture of John Jones's monument to see.

It struck me that it would be a good illustration to show the Chinese.

Shortly after a native Christian came in and I showed it to him.

At first he laughed and then looked sad as he pointed to the poor drunkard of about thirty, and said—"Ah, that was me, but Jesus has put me here," putting his finger on the opposite side. "I was once a drunkard, a gambler, a thief. I was the worst man in my district, but now it is so different for I'm the Lord's child."

Later, I showed the picture to several Chinese together.

They were all much taken with it, especially one old man who had led a very bad life but whose heart the Lord has changed, and who is now a zealous Christian, but very humble, because of the past.

This man looked at the picture for some time without speaking and seemed much affected; at last he gave it back to me saying with a trembling voice, "That black side is just as I was, but thank God He has saved me and I only want to save others now."

He then asked for the picture that he might use it when speaking the Gospel to his neighbors, but I had already promised to lend it to the first mentioned man.

The same afternoon a young lad of fifteen, the son of a member of our woman's station class, came in and I explained it to him, then asked him "Which road are you going to go?"

He looked up with such a bright expression saying, "I certainly shall go the Bible road." Shortly after he made application for baptism.

I would like to have a few copies of the picture, for I believe it would do good.

Many thanks for sending the Record to us. I do not know what we would do without it. I prize the Children's Record for my children's sake. Paul often reads from it to his sisters.

Praying that the Record boys and girls may not forget

HONAN

I remain yours in the

Master's service,

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THE BOY WHO SAVED INDIA!

THE streets of Delhi were thronged with native troops, who had risen in rebellion against the English. They had got possession of the arms, and now they were rushing into the houses of the Europeans, indiscriminately massacring all they could seize, and venting their hatred in the most horrible outrages and torture. The arsenal was theirs, with its almost inexhaustible stores and munitions of war. They had seized all the public buildings; but they had forgotten the telegraph office.

A brave boy perceived this, and escaping, as by a miracle, the notice of the insurgents, rushed in at the open door. All the clerks had fled. Dashing to the telegraph wires, he sent off this:—

"The native troops have got possession of the arms. They have killed"—and he named several of the most prominent—"they are in open rebellion, murdering all Europeans." He got no farther; a sea of dark, cruel faces surged around him, and he was out down.

But the message was beyond their power—it had flashed to Lahore; it was sent on to Peshawur, and instantly the native troops were disarmed. Colonel Edwardes, a well-known Indian officer, said, "Had the troops in the Punjab risen with arms in their hands, the English must have been driven into the sea." And this is what a boy did!

Now, great as was the deed and its effects, it was but the doing bravely the work God set before him. And every day He gives to each of us our task and our duty. The sooner we see this the better, for no one is so young but God may give him whom He sees "faithful in little" the message of salvation, the message of life, to speed on, telling of Christ who bore our sins on the cross, paid the debt for us, and died that we who trust in and obey Him may live. He is "mighty to save," able also to "save them to the uttermost who come unto God by Him."—*Our Own Magazine.*

Boys cannot begin too early to think for themselves. Independent thinking is what makes strong men. Learn to look on both sides of things. Ask of every undertaking: "What will be the result of this?" In a word, gather to yourself the strength that comes only from honest thought.

The habit of making a full and confidential friend of mother has saved many a young person from sorrow and shame.

Revenge is always the weak pleasure of a little and narrow mind.—Juvenal.