

### CHRIST AND CASTE.

A missionary in India once saw a man lying on the roadside, his mouth in the mud, his blue lips covered with froth, and the rain beating upon him. He asked, "Are you sick?" "No." "Are you drunk?" "No." "Well, what is the matter?" "I am cold." He was dying from exposure; and yet thousands of people were passing by him on the way to a religious festival, and not one would help him because he was not of their caste.

On another occasion he saw a man who had fallen from a building and was seriously hurt. He said to the people, "Why do you not take this man to the hospital?" They shrugged their shoulders and said, "How can we touch him? He is not of our caste." These things happened in far-away India.

Here is something that happened in America. A poor boy was thrown from a train and badly injured. He was picked up and put in the baggage-car. A little motherly woman quietly went to him, and, tearing her handkerchief into strips, bound up his wounds and gave him her shawl for a pillow.

Now the people of India have human hearts and human feelings as well as the people of America. What causes such a difference in conduct? It is *caste* that rules the Hindu, and Christ who rules the Christian. Let the Hindu break from *caste* and follow Christ, he will then be as kind and tender as Christians are.

It is our duty to send and to tell them of Christ. His last command was, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

### ONLY A PIN.

"Only two or three days ago an overseer in an English mill found a pin which costs the company nearly a hundred pounds."

"Was it stolen?" asked Susie. "I suppose it must have been very handsome. Was it a diamond pin?"

"Oh, no, my dear! not by any means. It was just such a pin as people buy every day. Here is one upon my dress."

"Such a pin as that cost nearly a hundred pounds!" exclaimed John. "I don't believe it."

"But mamma says it is a true story," interposed Susie.

"Yes, I know it to be true. And this is the way the pin happened to cost so much. You know that calicoes, after they are printed and washed and dried, are smoothed by being passed over heated rollers. Well, by some mischance, a pin dropped so as to lie upon the principal roller, and indeed became wedged into it, the head standing out a little from the surface.

"Over and over went the roller, round and round went the cloth, winding at length upon still another roller, until the piece was measured off. Then another piece began to be dried and wound, and so on until a hundred pieces had been counted off.

"These were not examined immediately, but removed from the machinery and laid aside. When at length they came to be inspected, it was found that there were holes in every piece throughout the web, and only three-quarters of a yard apart. Now, in every piece there were from thirty-five to forty-five yards and at ninepence a yard that would count up to about one hundred and eighty pounds.

"Of course the goods could not be classed as perfect goods, so they were sold as remnants, at about half the price they would have brought had it not been for that hidden pin.

"Now, it seems to me that when a boy takes for his companion a profane swearer, a Sabbath-breaker, or a lad that is untruthful, and a little girl has for her playmate one who is unkind and disobedient, or in any way a wicked child, they are like the roller which took to its bosom the pin. Without their being able to help it, often the evil influence clings to them, and leaves its mark upon everybody with whom they come in contact.

"That pin damaged irreparably 4,000 yards of new print, but bad company has ruined thousands of souls for whom Christ died. Remember, 'one sinner destroyeth much good; therefore, avoid evil companions.'"—*Echo*.

### THE DEADLY CIGARETTE.

A few weeks ago, in Philadelphia, a fourteen-year-old boy laid a wager as to how many cigarettes he could smoke in half an hour. He was lighting the twentieth when the half hour was up. As a result he took sick that night and died in a few hours.

Many a boy is stunting his growth, and injuring his health by the use of cigarettes.