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THE ANGLO-INDIANS AND OUR SCHOOL.

(From a Report.)

There are over 10,000 Anglo-Indian children of school-going age not attending school. If these children grow up in the squalor of the bazaars, with no mental, moral or religious training, what chance can they have? They will become a disgrace to the English-speaking people in India and a hindrance to the evangelization of the Indians, instead of a help. It is very hard for those of us who know about them to pass by these neighbors in distress.

There are many from this community who are doing regular mission work. We have two in Cocanada—Miss Baskerville's helpers. There are two Mission Societies which engage Anglo-Indians on the same footing as Europeans. Dr. Ottmann, of Berhampore, an Anglo-Indian lady missionary under the English Baptist Board, visited us this year and addressed meetings, both for the Telugus and the English-speaking people.

The educational problem is a hard one for the Anglo-Indian to solve. He cannot live as cheaply as the Indian. His food costs more; his clothes cost more, and he must have more air-space in the house in which he lives, and, in consequence, pay higher rents. If he has to support a family he must have a good education in order to secure a position which will yield him sufficient salary. One reason why it is impos-

sible for many to send their children to school is because they themselves have not had good opportunities, and their salaries are not large enough to both keep and educate their children; for education in this country is not free, nor is it likely to be for some time to come. The schools established to help this needy class of people are doing a great work. Would that we also could help a larger number!

Our chief aim in the school is to create such a strong Christian influence in the Boarding Home and School that the children cannot but be stronger in character and have higher ideals. The reports which come regarding those who have gone out from our midst show that, through God's grace, this aim has been realized in a large measure. We would ask the sympathy and prayers of all for the Anglo-Indians, and especially for our little school.

Since I have become acquainted with this work I have been strongly impressed with its importance. It may seem small—so small as to be despised by some—but numbers do not always count for most. God often works best through the seemingly weak ones, and we believe that His power will raise up this despised community.

Yours in the Master's service,
GEORGINA MCGILL.

THE HOLIDAYS AT HOME.

For the first time in years I have spent the hot season at home, and it has been an exceptionally pleasant one.