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JACK AND JANET IN BURMA AND CHINA.

The twins had studied about Judson in their Mission Band at home. He went as a missionary in 1813, and endured great hardships while trying to translate the Bible into the Burmese language. A son of William Carey, the India missionary, brought the first printing press to Burma. Rangoon was first visited by the Howards, and was a great contrast to cities of India. Here were pagodas in place of temples, really monuments one might enter instead of buildings, but images of Buddha were all around. Wide stone staircases led up to the great pagoda; on each step sat sellers of fruit, flowers and other gifts that the pilgrims going up and down might purchase to offer with their prayers to Buddha. A drive through Rangoon revealed strange sights. Houses built of teakwood so the white ants could not destroy them, and raised on stilts six or eight feet high. Underneath these houses animals found shelter. Nearly half of the people in Rangoon are Telugus and Tamils from India. Jack and Janet saw an elephant working in a sawmill, tossing heavy logs around as if they were chips. Jack bought picture postcards of the great pagoda, while Janet chose a cream-col-

ored parasol, with pink and blue flowers painted on it. The Baptist Mission Schools and Colleges were crowded with students; 1,600 boys, dressed in bright-colored clothes, each carrying a gay parasol marched, two by two, to the recitation hall. The twins greatly enjoyed their singing. The missionaries told interesting stories about the Karens watching for their white brothers to bring back the Sacred Book, so they eagerly welcomed Christian teachers, with the Bible. Also, about Mrs. Ingalls and an iron dog she kept in front of her home. The heathen asked her what use it was; it could not bark when robbers came. She answered, "As much use as your gods of stone, who cannot hear or answer your prayers." And many of them then turned from their idols to the Living God. A short trip by water brought our travelers to Moulmein, where the twins attended a Christian Endeavor meeting in one of the mission churches, enjoying the service as they would their own in America. Another day a boat trip up the Irrawaddy River showed Bassein and Mandalay, with missions among the Shans, Chins and Kachins had to be hurriedly visited; then the Howards took a steamer for Singapore. Who knows where it is, and what country it belongs to! After four days here they left for Hong Kong, but found that city so crowded that they took a river boat the same evening for Canton, thinking a real Chinese city would be more interesting than an English centre like Hong Kong, or Victoria Island. Over 60,000 of Canton's people spend their whole lives on these river boats, and a large family think nothing of cramped quarters. They bathe, wash their clothes, drink tea, eat rice with chopsticks, and worship at their shrine with