

Sister Belle's Corner.

(For the Little Folks who read this Paper.)

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS.—My little ones have had the measles since my last Corner was written, and, while nursing them one evening I read about some sick people in India. A lady missionary, who understands medicine, has a large house where sick women and children are brought to her for help. Her chair and desk are the only furniture in the room where the patients are. They do not need chairs or benches, for their own homes contain none. The floor is covered with mats on which the sick people sit or lie. At an early hour each day this lady finds many waiting to see her. The blind, lame, maimed, aged, young, starved, leprous, rich and poor of all shades from pale yellow to shining black. Each one who can do so salutes the lady with a salaam. At first all would rush to her, coaxing and urging their right to be served first, but now they are more patient.

She says: "The first to-day is a young woman quite blind. She gropes her way, and is guided by the sound of my voice. I see that she has a cataract over each eye, and tell her that she can be cured. She cries for joy, falls to the ground, lays her head upon my feet, and prays Allah to give me wealth, health, and plenty of children. Next comes a little girl, with a broken collar-bone, the result of a fall. Then a leprous old woman, for whom I can do nothing. Then a fine-looking woman, holding in her arms a child covered with small-pox. The other patients are not at all frightened, and do not dream of danger. The mother thinks nothing of the eruption, but asks for a little fever mixture for her baby. Several come in with the intermittent fever and other diseases, caused by the hot weather. Here comes an old woman, who only wants my sympathy. Her grandson, a promising young man, who was educated in our Mission School, has died suddenly, leaving a young wife and a two-year old boy. She puts the little fellow in my lap, and, with many tears, sighs and sobs, tells me her sorrow. I do my best to comfort her, and then say: 'But, Grandmother, you may see your dear boy again.' She listens eagerly while I tell her about our Saviour and Heaven, but sadly replies: 'There can be no Heaven for me, for I am only a woman.' I have told you that the woman of India are taught to believe that they have no souls, but simply live and die like the beasts. How gladly I tell Grandmother the truths of the Gospel, and she goes away quiet and comfortable. Here is a baby, one month old, with club-feet. I tell the mother to bring it again in two months, and I will try to help it.

Do you hear a jingling, rustling noise? See that lady standing before me, with rings on her fingers and bells on her toes. From top to toe she is covered with jewels. Toes, ankles, waist, breast, fingers, arms, neck, nose, ears, forehead, and hair are shining with gold and silver ornaments. She wears green satin pantaloons, fitting tightly from the ankle to the knee, large and loose above the knee, and gathered in at the waist like a skirt; also a red satin short jacket, tight-fitting, with gold trimmings, and over her head and shoulders a long yellow 'chaddar,' or veil. She came in a chariot, with a red-closed canopy, drawn by two white bullocks, with strings of bells about their necks, and with painted horns and tails. Her husband sits outside on his elephant waiting until I have examined his wife and given her medicine."

"Here come ten little Hindu girls to pay their respects to the Doctor Sahiba."

But this lady's story will take up too much room for one month, and so I will tell you the rest of it in the May

LINK, if all is well. You will be astonished to hear what the sick people do with the medicine the kind lady gives them.

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