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INDIA'S OLD WOMAN AND HER CHILDREN.

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dispensary. Influenza came, and the Old Woman seemed to be perfectly helpless, for she could not find doctors to see even one-tenth of her sick children. We did what we could, but we could not stay death's hand, and our little ones, weakened by famine, slipped quietly into Jesus' arms, where they would never know hunger again. Oh, how we longed for a doctor! But doctors like to stay in America—all but a very few who love the Old Woman's children and know how helpless and needy they are. There are so many little ones, and grown-ups, who live out in the villages far away from a doctor, that when sickness comes they don't know what to do. They pray to their gods, of course, but these are only little images made out of clay and covered with yellow

saffron, so what help can they give? Sometimes a priest comes and beats them with a stick, or burns them with a hot iron, to drive out the demons which are causing the sickness. They do not mean to be cruel, but often the weakest of the babies die under such treatment. Although the Old Woman loves her children she has not yet learned about the Great Physician who is ready to help us all. How shall we tell her!

—Missions.

An angel paused in his onward flight
With a seed of love and truth and light,
And cried, "Oh, where can this seed be
sown,
That it will be most fruitful when
grown?"
The Saviour heard, and said as he smiled,
"Place it for me in the heart of a child."
—Sel.—Author unknown.