

Children's Department.

Brave," Bright, and "Bonny
THE STORY OF THREE INDIAN BOYS

Most of you have heard of A. L. O. E., and have many of her nice books on your library shelves. You know, too, that she is a missionary in India, and you have read the stories she has sent home, telling the readers of the *Children's World* about the Punjab, the part of India where she works.

We have lately read an account in the *Punjab Mission News*, an Indian missionary paper, which she has written about three little Native Christian boys, whom she calls not by their proper Indian names, but by the names of "Brave," "Bright," and "Bonny."

I wish we could give you a picture of the very boys of whom she writes, but that is not possible. However, if you look at a picture of Bengali boys, who though they come from a different part of India are still like the Punjabis in some ways, I think you will understand how A. L. O. E.'s three little friends could deserve the names of "Brave," "Bright," and "Bonny."

They all three, unlike our Bengal boys, belong to a low caste, which is much despised by the proud Brahmins, or priests. The boys called "Bright" and "Bonny" are brothers, children of a nurse. "Brave" is the adopted son of a Bible-woman.

Why does A. L. O. E. give him the name of "Brave"? Listen to this about him, and then judge whether he does not deserve it. "Brave" has sometimes to go on an errand into a part of the town where it is rare to see a Christian. Heathen boys older than himself tease him on account of his religion. One day they tried to induce him to worship an idol, but the child was firm.

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"No," he said, "I will not do *pūja* (or worship). I love the Lord Jesus Christ."

He was next told to sing a *bhajan*, or wild kind of native hymn. The Christian child obeyed, but instead of singing about idols there in the street, in the midst of the heathen, he sang of the Saviour who loves. He was then offered a *pice*, a small piece of money if he would worship the idol. But even this bribe could not tempt him to deny his Master. He said:—

"If you will worship the Lord Jesus Christ I will give you a *pice*, but I cannot worship idols." Then, in order to prove that in refusing to do *pūja* he was but obeying God, he repeated the Second Commandment.

Is not the name of "brave" a good one for this little Indian lad? How many English boys would be so bold in confessing their love for the Lord Jesus if they were surrounded by those who did not believe in Him?

"Bright" is a merry little fellow of five years of age, and very fond of play. But even he, though he is so young, is trying to please the Saviour who loves little children. A man who had been baptized, but who afterwards, instead of following the Lord Jesus, had been sinning against Him, was at work one day near the Mission House. "Bright," who knew of his wrong-doing, went up to him and said,—

"Why did you go away from the Lord? It was very bad of you. I am a Christian, I will never leave Him."

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